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To:

Hi Paula Thompson at Jesusonian told me that you were interested in the introductions to The Urantia Book that we've been doing in Boulder. I'm sending along a few items that we've used, and I'll try to summarize our efforts and results for you as well.

To begin with, we're still in the experimental stage. We're getting ready to do our third or fourth large introduction next week, and it's different in many ways than the ones we've done before. As you can imagine, it's difficult to be all things to all people and do it in less than two hours. The first time we did an introduction, we had four people take ten minutes each to describe one part of the book. What do you say in ten minutes? We managed to intrigue quite a few people enough that they investigated it more, but we also overwhelmed them with information that we thought was pertinent but, to them, didn't make a whole lot of sense.

However, we always offer a four-week, in-depth study of the book after the short introductions, so that helps sort things out a bit.

The second introduction we did was similar to the first, but we focused more on personal testimony. Each of the four presenters told the story of how they found the book, and talked about one or two areas in their assigned part that had personal meaning for them. I think we were on the right track, but, at the same time, it lacked over-all continuity. Again, we did a four night, four week study.

This last time, we're approached it differently again. We again had four presenters, but we presented it this way: we described the book based on 4 personal benefits from reading the book. This way, we hope to connect with the listeners on a "What's it going to do for me?" basis. The first benefit has to do with developing a personal relationship with God and hence, with each other. The second has to do with receiving a broadened perspective on our place in the universe - cosmic citizenship. The third highlights the philosophy of living that ensues from reading the book, the integration of philosophy, science and religion. The fourth has to do with being introduced to the real life and teachings of Jesus.

After this part, we showed a slide show that we've shown each time, a 7 minute show with pictures of three different readers who talk about what the Urantia Book has done for them. The audio part has been done in a studio, with good background music for a

professional presentation. Then, we had a dessert table and encouraged the old readers to mill around and start conversations with the new readers.

Based on how many people are coming, it's a good idea to have some Urantia Books available for perusal. At our first intro, we talked Jesusonian Foundation into "loaning" us 50 books (we had 65 reservations from the ads we had run in the paper) and we took off the jackets, placed a book under each chair, and asked people to be very careful with them, as they were for sale. We sold about 20 books, put the jackets back on the remainder, and I only had to buy one from JF because the jacket was damaged, which I think was pretty good. This time, we all ordered our whopping 3 books from the Foundation before they completely closed down, and we've got about 30 books that we'll have for sale. It helps to have them put their hands on the book, look through the Table of Contents, etc. We didn't have enough to pass out this time, but there were plenty of our own books for looking through and plenty for sale.

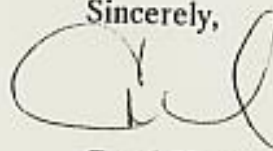
For this introduction, we did very little advertising, making it a "Bring A Buddy" introduction. The info on that is also enclosed.

We are also working on putting together more presentations that have a specific theme in contrast to the overall, general theme introduction. That way, people with specific interests can explore The Urantia Book according to a topic such as angels, philosophy or personal growth, for example.

Doing introductions can do two things for a community: it can bring in more readers, possibly opening up a "New Readers' Group" study group, and it really energizes the existing community. We have yet to have a bad experience. I think introductions are well worth the effort.

Please call me if you have any questions. And let us know if you do an introduction - we'd like to hear about your experience. Good luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carol Hay', written in black ink.

Carol Hay

URANTIA BOOK ACTIVITIES IN BOULDER

MONDAY NIGHTS:

INTRODUCTORY COURSE ON *THE URANTIA BOOK*

John and Carol Hay
1002 Mapleton
442-1606

4 Weeks - Mondays, 7 - 9 pm
July 8th - July 29th

This course provides an overview of the four parts of *The Urantia Book* with special emphasis on the nature and attributes of God, God's relation to the universe and the individual, personal spiritual growth, and the life and teachings of Jesus. Bring your questions!

Course leaders are: Steve Rohrbach and Joan Batson Mullins, both taught at The Boulder School for Students of *The Urantia Book*.

STUDY GROUP

Joan and Larry Mullins
1363 Northridge Court
449-1263

Beginning August 5th - every Monday, 7 - 9 pm

We are starting a sequential reading of *The Urantia Book*, beginning with Paper 1.

Larry and Joan invite you to a relaxed atmosphere of studying the book with them in their living room. Larry has been reading *The Urantia Book* for 23 years and Joan has been reading it for 14 years. Larry is the author of *Jesus, -God and Man* and other works based on *The Urantia Book*. **NEW READERS ARE WELCOME!**

Directions: North on Broadway, past Iris and Linden, to Norwood. Right on Norwood, one block to 14th and turn left. Your next left is Northridge Ct., a cul-de-sac. 2nd house on right. May need to park on adjacent streets.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

STUDY GROUP

John and Carol Hay
1002 Mapleton Avenue
442-1606

Wednesday nights offer a smorgasbord of Urantia Book activities to enjoy.

All 3 groups start at 7:15 pm:

An Introduction for individuals who are curious about the book and are looking for some information. This introduction is led by long time readers who are capable of providing answers to your many questions about the book and an overview of its contents.

New Readers Group is currently doing a sequential study of Part IV of *The Urantia Book*, the life and teachings of Jesus. This study group is designed around an easy-going format with plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Regular Study Group is open to all who wish to attend. It is based on a topical format, with different readers leading each week's study. People who attend this group have been reading the book from just a few months to twenty years.

All three groups finish at 9:00 pm when we come together for dessert and socializing in the kitchen. It's a lively group and we welcome your participation.

THURSDAY NIGHTS:

SALON

Steve and Tracy McLaosh
743 Pine Street

Beginning July 25th
Last Thursday of every month, 8 - 10 pm

A round table discussion group or "salon" will be held to stimulate intellectual exchange and provocative conversation. Subject matter will include political, social, religious, and philosophical issues from various sources. Topics will vary, but emphasis will be on the discernment of meanings and values. RSVP at 937-0112.

WELCOME!

We're pleased that you've taken the opportunity to investigate this fascinating book.

We've assembled some materials for you to look through this evening and take home with you. These materials are provided to stimulate your curiosity about the book but they are certainly no substitute for actually reading even a part of it. We have attempted to summarize the book as follows:

About The Urantia Book

The Urantia Book synthesizes philosophy, science and religion into a logical explanation of the nature of the universe and our progressive spiritual careers. Authored by a commission of celestial personalities and first published in Chicago in 1955, the 2,097 pages of *The Urantia Book* cover an enormous depth of information and inspiration regarding: the complete history and evolution of our planet, the structure of the vast universe, the affairs of our "local universe" and the diversity of beings who inhabit it, and, most importantly, the nature of God and the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

A casual reading of any one of the 196 Papers in *The Urantia Book* provides an intellectually challenging, loving presentation of powerful ideas crafted in some of the most elegant yet straightforward prose found anywhere in the English language. Readers of *The Urantia Book* around the world often experience a profound joy that comes from a broadened perspective on our place in the family of the cosmos.

Here in the Boulder/Denver area, readers attend informally organized study groups. Local groups are autonomous and self-organizing—there is **no** "Urantia Church." There is, however, a central "fellowship" that facilitates the organization of conferences around the world and communication between study groups. Urantia Book readers come from all walks of life and all religious backgrounds. *The Urantia Book* is complementary of all genuine spiritual experience. Many readers still attend the churches or synagogues in which they were raised.

A number of study groups thrive in the Boulder/Denver area and the readers enjoy coming together for worship services, socials and conferences. We hope you will visit the study group for new readers on Wednesday nights at 1002 Mapleton at 7:15 and join us in exploring this most interesting book. (See "Urantia Book Activities in Boulder" in your folder).

The Urantia Book is available at the Boulder Library and can be found at the Jesusonian Foundation, 447-2418, and the following Boulder bookstores:

The Emerald Rose (938-9855, next to Harvest Restaurant)
Cover to Cover (499-5544, Table Mesa Shopping Center)

You can also order it at:

Lighthouse Bookstore (939-8555)
Stage House Bookstore (447-1433).

Introduction to The Urantia Book Feedback Questionnaire

Please help us become more effective at summarizing and introducing The Urantia Book by taking two minutes to fill out this questionnaire. Thanks.

1. After the introduction in which you just participated, are you now more or less interested in reading The Urantia Book? Please check one:

More Interested Less Interested Interest Unchanged

2. Did the introduction provide (please check one):

Too much information Not Enough Information The right amount

3. Were your initial questions about The Urantia book answered? Yes No

If no, what questions remain unanswered? _____

4. Would you like to have read more from the book itself? Yes No

If so, what would you have read? _____

5. How could we improve the introduction? _____

Please place this anonymous questionnaire by the door on your way out. Thanks for coming, we hope to study The Urantia Book again with you soon.

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ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST "BRING A BUDDY" URANTIA BOOK INTRODUCTION

February 16, 1993

Not really!

Dear Friend:

On February 6th, the Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship is hosting an introduction to *The Urantia Book*, and we would like you to come and bring your friends. It will be held at **The Clarion Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, 1345 28th St. (just south of Arapahoe) on Saturday evening, February 6th from 7 to 8 p.m. in The Century Room.** It's an opportunity for all of us to do some personal outreach in our local area.

We all have a friend or two with whom we've had a conversation about *The Urantia Book*, or who has met some of our other reader friends and is curious to find out more. This introduction is for them.

It's a chance for those friends to explore *The Urantia Book* a little further, to hear what other readers have to say about it. The introduction will be friendly and well-presented. You can assure your friends that there will be no pressure whatsoever to join any organization or buy anything.

We will also be hosting 36 General Councilors of F.E.F. from all over the U.S. and Canada who will be meeting that same weekend in Boulder. They will be attending this introduction as well. So we've got a great opportunity to inspire other *Urantia Book* readers and leaders from around the country to try these outreach efforts in their own hometowns.

I myself have already thought of half a dozen people that I plan to invite to this "Bring a Buddy" introduction. I can't think of a better way to be a friend to someone than to introduce them to the universe they live in, to show them their own exciting future, and to help them get to know the true Jesus and be inspired by his life and teachings.

We've included several "invitations" for you to give to your friends to remind them of the time and date, and to let them know that they are indeed welcome to this very special event. We plan to have 50 - 100 new readers, so please come and bring someone! We'll have refreshments and social time after the presentation. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

John D. Hay, President
Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship

Read Any Good Books Lately?

We'd like to introduce you to a little-known book called *The Urantia Book*. Although there are thousands of people around the world who love this book, it is a rather personal thing — it concerns spiritual matters, but it is not a religion. Most people who are familiar with it heard about it from a friend or discovered it while browsing a library or bookstore shelf.

The Urantia Book is difficult to categorize or label. Indeed, it takes a while to explain. We have included some excerpts to stimulate your curiosity, but they are certainly no substitute for a really reading even a part of the Book. Our motivation is simply to fill this fast-moving work out of obscurity. *The Urantia Book* will easily become one of the best books you'll ever read.

Authored by a commission of celestial personalities and first published in April 1955, the 2,000 pages of *The Urantia Book* cover an enormous depth of information and interpretation regarding the complete history and evolution of our planet, the structure of the infinite universe; the affairs of our "local universe"; and the diversity of beings who inhabit it; and, most importantly, the nature of God and the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Urantia Book does not claim to be "the only truth or the only way." It is complimentary of all genuine spiritual experience.

"Human things must be known in order to be loved, but divine things must be loved in order to be known."

The Urantia Book, page 1733

regardless of its source. It does not present negative admissions or specific rules of conduct. The information goes far beyond vague spiritual platitudes yet it is not dogmatic. It appeals to the mind and the heart.

A careful reading of *The Urantia Book* will reveal an intellectually challenging, loving presentation of powerful ideas crafted in some of the most elegant yet straightforward prose found anywhere in the English language. Readers of *The Urantia Book* around the world often experience a profound joy that comes from a new and new perspective on our place in the family of the cosmos. *The Urantia*



"When I was the observer, *The Urantia Book* made me love the lives of the people who read it. That is how I read the book for myself."

—Lynette C. Cook, Sept 1, Actress, *Guiding Light*

Book is available through libraries and book stores, and through many foreign translations. French and Spanish have been completed.

Here in the Booked Home area, readers attend in-home study groups. Diskette workshops are also held on Sundays during the summer. People who read *The Urantia Book* in their professions, academics, mechanics, home wives and house husbands, liberals, conservatives and people of every kind of opinion. Many readers utilized the churches or synagogues in which they were raised. Many also have found the well-authenticating; they don't read it because it claims to come from supernatural sources, but in spite of such claims. The following excerpts are not meant to summarize the key teachings of the book, but rather to give a literary sampling of this most interesting work.

The Urantia Book On Humor [p. 509]

"When we are tempted to magnify our self-importance, if we suppose ourselves to be the infinity of the heavens and president of our Maker, our own self-phantasy soon becomes suddenly ridiculous, even creeping on the human. One of the functions of humor is to help all of us take ourselves less seriously. Humor is the divine

On Science and Religion [p. 1319]

"Science is the universe of facts, and minds cannot operate without facts. They are the building blocks in the construction of wisdom which are cemented together by life experience. Man can find the love of God without facts, and man can discover the laws of God without love, but man can never begin to appreciate the infinite symmetry, the supernal harmony, the exquisite repleteness of the all-inclusive nature of the First Source and Center until he has found divine law and divine love and has experientially unified these in his own evolving cosmic philosophy."

"It is not so important that you should know about the fact of God as that you should increasingly grow in the ability to feel the presence of God."

The Urantia Book, page 1733

The Personal Nature of Religion [p. 1231]

[During one of his talks with his apostles, Jesus of Nazareth made the following remark about religion.]

"I have called you out of the darkness of authority and the lethargy of tradition into the transcendent light of the realization of the possibility of making for yourselves the greatest discovery possible for the human soul to make — the supernal experience of finding God for yourself, in yourself, and of yourself, and of doing all this as a fact in your own personal experience. And so may you pass from death to life, from the authority of tradition to the experience of knowing God; thus will you pass from darkness to light, from a racial faith inherited to a personal faith achieved by actual experience; and thereby will you progress from a theology of mind handed down by your ancestors to a true religion of spirit which shall be built up in your souls in an eternal endorsement."

"When you once begin to find God in your soul, presently you will begin to discover him in other men's souls and eventually in all the creatures and creations of a mighty universe. But what chance does the Father have to appear as a God of supreme loyalties and divine ideals in the souls of men who give little or no time to the thoughtful contemplation of such eternal realities? While the mind is not the seat of the spiritual nature, it is indeed the gateway thereto."

On Our Spiritual Ascent [p. 4]

"It would be just as easy for the Universal Father to make all mental perfectionists, to impart perfection by his divine word. But that would deprive them of the wonderful experience of the adventure and training associated with the long and gradual upward climb, an experience to be shared only by those who are unfortunate and happy at the very bottom of living existence."

"Your planet [Urantia] is a member of an enormous cosmos; you belong to a well-nigh infinite family of worlds, but your sphere is just as precisely administered and just as lovingly fostered as if it were the only inhabited world in all existence."

The Urantia Book, page 484

The Urantia Book On Angels [pp. 1241, 1264]

"The teaching about guardian angels is not a myth; certain groups of human beings do actually have personal angels. It was in recognition of this that Jesus, in speaking of the children of the heavenly kingdom, said: 'Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones, for I say to you, their angels do always behold the presence of the spirit of my Father.'"

"Angels are so near you and care so deeply for you that they figuratively 'weep because of your willful indifference and stubbornness.' Seraphim do not shed physical tears; they do not have physical bodies, neither do they possess wings. But they do have spiritual emotions, and they do experience feelings and sentiments of spiritual nature which are in every way comparable to human emotions."

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Join Us For A Free Introduction To
The Urantia Book
7:30PM Sunday, June 28th, 1992

THE URANTIA BOOK

The Parts of the Book

PART I
THE UNIVERSE AND ITS CREATION
PART II
THE LOCAL UNIVERSE
PART III
THE HISTORY OF EARTH
PART IV
THE LIFE OF JESUS OF NAZARETH
PART V
THE LIFE OF THE UNIVERSAL FATHER

On Art and Music [pp. 551, 509]

"The high mission of any art is, by its illusions, to throw shadow a higher universe reality, to crystallize the emotions of time into the thought of eternity."

"If Adam and Eve had only survived, then would you have had music in reality, but the physical harmony, so large in the masses, has been nullified by strains of anomalous tendencies that only once in a thousand mortal lives is there any great appreciation of harmony. Do not be discouraged; some day a real musician may appear on Urantia, and whole peoples will be enthralled by the magnificent strains of his melody. The such human beings could however change



"I have read *The Urantia Book* so much that I only wish to tell you the world."

—Lynette Cook, Theatrical Designer for *Boyz n the City*

"The Urantia Book inspired me from an intellectual Catholic to a self-fulfilling participant in a new life."

—Susan Hamilton, Human Services Administrator, *Booked Home*

the course of a whole nation, even the entire civilized world. It is literally true, "he who has power a whole world to transform." Forever, music will remain the universal language of men, angels, and spirits. Harmony is the speech of Urantia."

The Urantia Book On Itself [p. 100]

"The Urantia Papers, of which this is one, constitute the most recent presentation of truth to the mortals of Urantia. These papers differ from all previous revelations, but they are not the work of a single universe personality, but a composite presentation by many beings. But no revelation short of the utterance of the Universal Father can ever be complete. All other celestial ministrations are no more than partial, transient, and psychically adapted individual conditions in time and space. While such ministrations as they possibly deter them in the immediate future and for the benefit of the relation, the time has arrived on Urantia when it is advisable to make such final statements, even at the risk of weakening the future influence and authority of this, the most recent of the revelations of truth to the mortal races of Urantia."

You Are Not Here By Accident!

Where This Universe Originates, Where It's Going, And How You Fit Into It

The Urantia Book

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science,

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An Introduction to *The Urantia Book*

- The entire life and teachings of Jesus.
- Useful answers to life's most perplexing questions.
- New truths about the universe and life after death.
- Lessons from the rise and fall of lost civilizations.
- How we can achieve lasting peace.
- Is there intelligent life on other planets?
- Reassurance about your future.

Do not miss this opportunity - ATTEND

Saturday - February 6, 1993

7:00 P.M to 9:00 PM

**Clarion Harvest House - Century Room - 1st Floor
1345 28th Street**

Boulder, Colorado 80302

For more information or to make a reservation

Call Paula (303) 581-0429

We include these types of things, as well as a few Mustard Seeds & the long version of Springer's "Origin of the UB" along with a newsletter in a folder which we pass out to people after they register at the door on the evening of the Intro.

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