

ORGANIZATION

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B.F. While the URANTIA Book tends to attract persons who are free-thinking individuals having attained the levels of comprehension rendering dependence upon ecclesiastical authority unnecessary, a great many of active Urantians still maintain direct relationships with numerous churches and spittual organizations ever seeking to plant spittual seeds of living truth in the lives of the evolutionary congregants.

It is in this manner that the growth of our organized URANTIA Brotherhood will keep in touch with the religions of time until that future generation where there will be one God being worshiped, and one brotherhood being experienced. The URANTIA Book, an aggregate of wood pulp, ink, string and cloth weighing about three pounds, will definitely perform an important service in preparing progressive individuals for this more ideal order of planetary affairs, but more importantly, the new enlightened social structure will be manifested by the acts of spiritually energized individuals who place supreme importance on the divine plan of having evolutionary experience as the concomitant of revelation.

It can be understood that men do not need the URANTIA Book immediately in their library in order for the brotherhood of man to be realized. Men need the living experience of the Fatherhood of God in their

daily religious living along the lines of the Jesus pattern of personality comforted by the truth discerning insight of the Holy Spirit.

The enhanced portrayal of the teachings of Jesus as presented in the URANTIA Book belong to all generations and not just the time in which we chance to be alive.

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The most stable and effective method of presenting the teachings today is for the transformed sons of God to allow the mind and spirit of Jesus to live again in our lives as a living manifestation of the Father's will. There are risks for the future due to an over-rapid spread of the URANTIA Teachings, especially if such unwise and immature actions are openly associated with law-breaking or are divorced from the foundations of true friendship. Friends do not seek places of superiority or arbitrary authority over their associates and our organization of united Urantians should exist as an expression of our mutual love so that we may be more effective in the task of serving our fellow man.

There is no room for activities or dictates which serve only a closed system resulting in spiritual stagnation. We are called to recognize the sacredness of evolutionary experience and that we have no right to assert the arrogance of revelation in order to influence the unwilling. Revelation is a free-will gift that must be asked for. All of us have experienced the folly of trying to prove the sovereignty of the URANTIA Book to an antagonistic ear. To barrage the world with unsolicited books and copious information will both confuse our potential friends and numb their senses such that the work of the

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more spiritual type of individual seeking strength through friendship and equality will be thwarted.

In the not too distant past, men were seen burning books by the thousands because a select few had decided that these works were a threat to the continuence of their form of civilization. There are uqually disturbing cases of books being altered, edited and banned so that the truth is molded to fit an isolated and partial view of history and destiny. The thought of there being several versions of the URANTIA Book each different from the other in size, content and appeal frightens my sense of justice and my love of the future for me to feel strongly the importance keeping the text whole and uniform to avoid sectarianism and confusion in the years to come.

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A Divine Counselor, when discussing the nature of the Trinity Teacher Sons on page 215, stresses the importance of approaching cosmic philosophy from the infinite perspective towards the finite as an unbroken process in order to grasp the Father's primacy and come to a spiritual comprehension of destiny. Partial, incomplete and finite-oriented philosophies may reveal a form of finite knowledge but can never lead to the unity of the God of all time of whom we are seeking to serve and reveal.

There is no real need to "Urantiacize" the planet, but there is a need to spiritualize it. Must we pay the price of sacrificing the unity of future Urantians for a project of dubious merit in the present? What crime is it to cultivate our evolutionary progress a little longer while we wait upon our Father's hour to arrive? Let us focus our patience and accept in faith the methodology of the URANTIA

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It would be a shame to have to present our accounting of our stewardship of the URANTIA Papers by explaining that we gave the teachings away and lost them with no return. Just as bad would be to bury the book and return it to the Master unchanged and unopened. How much more beautiful would it be to have ready for the return of Michael an undistorted text with a unified group of transformed new-age leaders ready to embark on the spiritual reconstruction of our troubled and isolated planet!

Each agondonter should take these matters seriously and immediately recognize the importance of ~~protecting~~ ^{PROTECTING} the text while living the teachings. We are to stand at watch for individuals who would presume to act prematurely by preoccupying themselves with the teachings of themselves at the expense of the teachings of Jesus. Adam and Eve little thought that their unwise short cut would result in the default of an epochal revelation and we need to recognize that the "Book" will not survive on its own but through the lives of sincere leaders and dedicated workers whose vigilance and unity in this fargile beginning will be a service to all future generations and even to the Supreme Being himself.