

URANTIA FOUNDATION

Meredith:

Here are some excerpts you may put in your personal file: "Supercilious scientists will ridicule us and some may even charge us with collusion and fraud. Well-meaning religionists will condemn us as enemies of the Christian religion and will accuse us of defaming Christ himself. Thousands of spiritually hungry souls will bless us for the message of the book, and thousands of others will condemn us for disturbing their theologic complacence.

"Are we ready for the baptism of joys and sorrows which will certainly attend upon the early distribution of the Urantia Book?

"Many strange isms and queer groups will seek to attach themselves to the Urantia Book and its far-flung influence. Our most trying experiences may well be with such groups who will so loudly acclaim their belief in the teachings of the book and who will so persistently seek to attach themselves to the movement. Great wisdom will be required to protect the Brotherhood from the distracting and distorting influence of these multifarious groups and from equally **xmax** distracting and disturbing individuals, some well intentioned and some sinister, who will strive to become a part of the authentic constituency of the Urantia Brotherhood. "Our troubles will be greatly lessened if we avoid all discussion of the origin of the book We should be determined to know but one thing: the soul-surviving message of the book."

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Paper given by "33rd Lieutenant" (Seraphim) - "Boss of URANTIA Book Project" (You can use these notes but don't quote me.) August, 1942

Government-Organization-Control

The best government governs least...it prevents government and gives individual freedom.

Warring groups would arise without controls.

Prevents preditor groups from interferring with liberties of people. Protests against wicked minorities.

When all are spirit led, we won't need government - like in Havona. That organization which is best prevents all other organizations. Beward of people who say we do not need organization because we are

led by our Thought Adjusters. It would be the height of folly to follow them.

You would have 50 other organizations all claiming to be the original and true Brotherhood.

Give as much liberty as possible but do not be misled by people who say we need no organization.

Jesus had a simple social organization. It kept Christianity alive. Jesus' and John's disciples at Gilboa spend three weeks hammering out a workable organization - p. 1624. (Reference made to this)

Do your best. Give each the right to his own belief and interpretation but prevent confusion, disruption, and disgrace.

Organization prevents competing groups and gives true freedom.

Human nature requires control, It is better that control be in the hands of friends.

Give Godspeed to all who will have no organization. Jesus had an organization even though Judas was a part of it.

You have to fight for liberty if necessary.

If you have no organization, selfish people would use URANTIA Book for their own edification.

Organization prevents confusion and ordains justice; it safeguards majorities against wicked minorities. Prevents deviltry that may be done.

Organize as little as possible.

Brotherhood

Failure to organize would result in terrible flop of URANTIA Book and allow all manner of designing groups to spring into existence and use the name "URANTIA" to prostitute the teachings of The URANTIA Book and dictate policies, etc.

The universe is very well organized. Abner was right but what happened to him?

Idealists vs Ideaists

Don't argue with idealists; they are right. When mixed with egotism they are the most dangerous people on earth (Devilish)(Lucifer) Seraphim agreed with Abner but worked with Paul.

Gandhi is wrongest man on planet today. He not an egotist, a martyr. Idealists ¢ ideaist should work together. They should cooperate.

The Thought Adjuster is an idealist & an idealst; the higher up you go in the universe, the more these go together.

Idealists rarely change.

Seraphim of Progress are ideaists. Been in Progress Corps 600,430 yrs. Let idealists do their thing. They are like comets; you cannot depend on them - but they can raise a million dollars any time!

Idealists are inconsistent - don't want organization but also don't trust Spirit. You can't argue with idealists; they operate on the spiritual level; they are right.

After about 50 years of age idealists are easier to manage. Patience will do much for idealists; they have some specialty; try to win them. Idealists want to do as they please; respect them but do not have faith in them. (over)

URANTIA Book Potentials

- Not since the coming of Jesus has there been a dynamic spiritual nucleus around which so many competing and divisive groups would arise.
 - Safeguard the name for one generation so that the name "URANTIA" cannot be preempted.

Carefully register it; see that it is protected in common law. After 50, 75, or 100 years it will be relatively safe.

Brotherhood Constitution

- One of best, most liberal and fairest plans ever devised. Idealists won't like mechanisms to discipline members; they want no one limiting them.
- We are going to try out your organization; it is not perfect. It should have as few teeth as possible but it should prevent confusion and be able to control.

Human brain organized - 10 billion cross references, etc. etc. New people do not know what has gone on before - James, Jesus' brothe:

(Christy said to me 2/6/78 this was one paper she would not destroy when she goes to the mansion worlds.)

Excerpts from a talk by E. L. Christiansen on January 27, 1963

- Of all the emergency corps of mortal selectmen on Urantia, none is charged with a more solemn obligation than your group.
- 2. You who hear this message are the men and women who have been called to take the first steps in offering the new light to a frustrated church and a distracted world. You are the salt of the Urantia revelation, the first light to illuminate the path of deliverance from the chaos, confusion, and darkness of the present planetary dilemma.
- As individual Urantians you each have your part to act in the immediate reorganization of human society. As a group you are entrusted with a great and unique responsibility, the custody, safeguarding, and dissemination of the Urantia Book.
- 4. I commend your loyalty, but I am somewhat amazed at your relative indifference to the importance of the mission which has been entrusted to your hands. I admonish you ever to be alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust which has been placed upon you.
- 5. You who have dedicated your lives to the service of the Urantia revelation and the ensuing Urantia Brotherhood of men, little realize the import of your doing. You will live and die without fully realizing that you are participants in the birth of a new age of religion on Urantia.
- 6. You are a pioneer group; you are trailblazers.
- 7. And may you all become valiant soldiers of the circles -- wholeheartedly enlisted in the solid ranks of those mortals who shall go forth in this coming battle for truth against error under the unfaltering leadership of the mighty seraphim of progress.
- 8. One of the first lessons you must learn is trustworthiness -- confidential capacity. The ability to carry secrets, if necessary, to your grave. Jesus many times admonished his apostles: "See that you tell no man."
- 9. Your responsibility consists in becoming so saturated with the fragrant truths of this revelation that all persons coming in contact with you will feel that you are truth lovers and spiritual explorers, that you are cosmic citizens engaged in the fascinating adventure of searching for God and dedicated to the supreme passion of doing his divine will.
- You are called to a great work and yours is the transcendent privilege of presenting this revelation to the peoples of our strife-torn world.
- Good humor and the smile of happiness are among the most powerful and influential of the human assets of religious propagation.
- 12. The Master's teachings will sometime prevail. The brotherhood of man will someday begin. As a part of our future effort to save America, I am sure you we see the place destined for the Urantia Book.

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It seems appropriate, a second time, to bring to the attention of the Executive Committee certain wise comments and advices which have been gathered over a period of years and which pertain to the future problems of the URANTIA BOOK. These advices could be well presented under the general captions

THE TIMING OF THE USANTIA BOOK

We regard the Urantia Book as a feature of the progressive evolution of human society. It is not germaine to the spectacular spisodes of spochal revolution, even though it may apparently be timed to appear in the wake of one such revolution in human society. The Book belongs to the era immediately to follow the conclusion of the present ideological struggle. That will be the day when man will be willing to seek truth and rightecourness. When the chaos of the present confusion has passed, it will be more readily possible to formulate the cosmos of a new and improved era of human relationships. And it is for this better order of affairs on earth that the Book has been made ready.

But the publication of the Book has not been postponed to that (possibly) somewhat remote date. An early publication of the Book has been provided so that it may be in hand for the training of leaders and teachers. Its presence is also required to engage the attention of persons of means who may be thus led to provide funds for translations into other languages. We who have dedicated our lives to the service of the Book and the Brotherhood can little realize the import of our doings. We will doubtless live and die without fully realizing that we are participating in the birth of a new age of religion on this world.

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The future is not open to our mortal comprehension, but we will do well to diligently study the order, plan, and methods of progression as they were enacted in the earth life of Michael when the Word was made flesh. We are becoming actors in an ensuing episode when the Word is made Book. Great is the difference in these dispensations of religion, but many are the lessons which can be learned from a study of the former age.

We must again study the times of Jesus on earth. We must carefully take note of how the kingdom of heaven was inaugurated in the world. Did it evolve slowly and unfold naturally? Or did it come with sudden show of force and with spectacular exhibition of power? Was it evolutionary or revolutionary?

We must learn to possess our souls in patience. We are in association with a revelation of truth which is a part of the natural evalution of religion on this world. Overrapid growth would be suicidal. The Book is being given to those who are ready for it long before the day of its world-wide mission. Thousands of study groups must be brought into existence and the Book must be translated into many tongues. Thus will the Book be in readiness to confort and enlighten the pooples of many languages when the battle for man's liberty is finally won and the world is once more made safe for the religion of Jesus and the freedom of mankind.

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