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Dr. Jim Mills, Dr. Meredith Sprunger, and Don Guimond work URANTIA Book booth at the American Academy of Religion



3,000 professors and instructors attended the AAR/SBL Trade Show



At least a thousand religion teachers passed by the booth over 3 1/2 days



Dr. Duane Faw looks on as Dr. Meredith Sprunger introduces another truth-seeker to the Revelation

**OUR 50 YEAR OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING AT LEAST 1,000,000
INDIVIDUALS INTO A CLOSER PERSONAL FAITH
RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER THROUGH
SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCING THEM TO AND NURTURING
THEM AS URANTIA BOOK READER-BELIEVERS.**

GREETINGS TO ALL STUDENTS OF The URANTIA Book

It is generally recognized that we live in one of the pivotal eras of history. Over forty years ago, Harvard Professor, Pitirim A. Sorokin gave lectures at the Lowell Institute entitled *The Twilight of Sensate Culture* in which he declared that unless we are rescued by a new spiritual renaissance, Western Civilization will disintegrate. A little over a decade later, The URANTIA Book was published. The saving purpose of the fifth epochal revelation is to restructure our planetary and universe views of reality and inspire us to new levels of material and spiritual growth. One of the most important objectives and opportunities of our planet today, is to wisely bring this new spiritual vision to people throughout the world.

The Jesusonian Foundation is a non-profit organization

The Jesusonian Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1984 to share in this objective. This great task is a many-faceted ministry which will require a long period of time and the joint efforts of many diverse working groups to carry the teachings of The URANTIA Book to the world. URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood serve key roles in this mission. The Jesusonian Foundation is structured not only to cooperate with the URANTIA Foundation and the URANTIA Brotherhood's objectives but also to serve in areas where these two central organizations do not function. We would

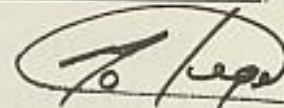
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hope that all of these constituencies will serve in unity of purpose.

This newsletter gives you some idea of the beliefs, mission, projects, and aspirations of the Jesusonian Foundation. We invite your suggestions and cooperation in developing programs. Much work needs to

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be done and there is tremendous latent dynamics in the Urantia movement. We pray that you will help us channel energy, vision and wisdom into outreach services of the fifth epochal revelation which will contribute mightily toward bringing about one of our world's "most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment." The URANTIA Book, P. 2082



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Jesusonian Foundation Beliefs and Mission Statement

The Individual's Relationship with God

We believe that the primary and essential aspect of religion is a personal experience between an individual and the Heavenly Father. The social repercussions of personal spiritual experience often result in worthwhile religious groups, organizations, and institutions. Religious

institutions, however, are but material shadows of the spiritual reality. The pursuit of a personal relationship with the Heavenly Father constitutes the supreme quest and the most fulfilling activity of every human being.

The URANTIA Book

We believe that The URANTIA Book is the Fifth Epochal Revelation to our world. It provides a profound new vision of the relationship between God and humankind, portraying the friendliness, unity and harmony of the cosmos. The URANTIA Book gives a vitally insightful presentation of our planetary history and an inspiring

portrayal of the life and teachings of Jesus.

The Jesusonian Foundation believes that the worldwide promotion and distribution of The URANTIA Book and its great teachings are key factors in the eventual spiritual and cultural transformation of our entire planet.

The Religion of Jesus

We believe that the time is here for the religion of Jesus, - distinguished from the religion about Jesus, - to be presented afresh to the world. We believe that the Master's appealing gospel will win the minds and souls of all people.

We believe that a new personal spiritual

movement based on the religion of Jesus as portrayed in The URANTIA Book, is in its formative stages. Therefore, we go forward in trust and allegiance to our beloved leader, Christ Michael, to help evolve the spiritual kingdom on earth which He initiated centuries ago.

One Worldwide Family

We believe that all people are part of one worldwide family of our Heavenly Father and that The URANTIA Book was written for men and women of every nation, race, economic and cultural strata, and religion. We encourage the growth of a diverse

global movement of faith believers who live, share, and autonomously adapt the revelation's teachings to their own native cultures and according to their own individual preferences.

The Nature of The Jesusonian Foundation

The Jesusonian Foundation, while actively encouraging progress in scientific, political, economic, and cultural

areas, is solely dedicated to a spiritual ministry emphasizing a balanced spiritual growth of the mind, the soul, and the total

personality. We are a non-profit, service organization, committed to the dissemination of the teachings of The URANTIA Book. The policies and

actions of our foundation are directed towards positive, steady, predictable, well planned, and wise growth.

Relationships with Other Organizations

The Jesusonian Foundation is devoted to the leavening of contemporary world religions while simultaneously contributing to the foundations of a dynamic new-world religious and philosophical movement.

The Jesusonian Foundation is fully dedicated to love, understanding and good

will with all people. Furthermore, we are committed to cooperative work and loving association with all individuals and organizations advancing the insights, activities, and religious growth stimulated by the spiritual truth found in or harmonious with the Fifth Epochal Revelation.

Relationships within Our Organization

We believe that in order to carry out our mission, we must be totally dedicated to the endless quest for personal and professional excellence in the service we endeavor to accomplish.

We strive to establish policies that encourage individual and team efforts which produce quality results and personal satisfaction. Our doors are open to individuals willing to serve in honesty, openness, dependability and hard work towards peaceful and loving cooperation.

We are committed to the professional

development of our people by identifying, selecting, training, and advancing those individuals who show the commitment and abilities to move the foundation's work forward.

We believe in fostering a service environment which promotes creativity and encourages possibility thinking. We plan our work to be satisfying, productive, and challenging. We encourage intelligent risk taking while tempering our zeal with group wisdom.

Relationships with Families

We believe that sound families can and should be the most valuable, loving, stabilizing, and pleasurable of all social groups. Family life is the strength and foundation of civilization, the channel through which the river of knowledge,

culture, and religion flows from one generation to another. The Jesusonian Foundation believes that the world needs happy and productive families and we encourage and promote positive family life.

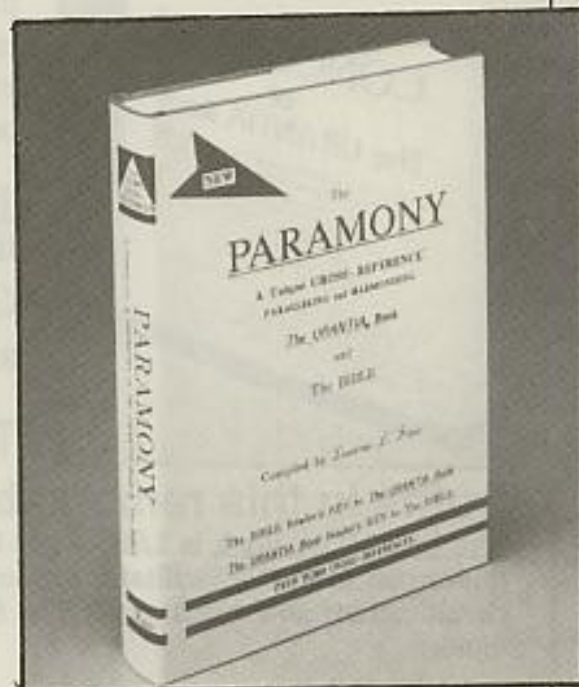
Growth

Because of our deeply-held conviction that the world will be transformed by the spiritual teachings of The URANTIA Book, we believe that the Jesusonian Foundation will be a growing organization when it diligently attends to the dynamic mission of helping fill spiritual needs by

our living and disseminating the teachings of The URANTIA Book. While it will take many centuries for the unfolding of the Fifth Epochal Revelation, we believe that there is a great deal of work to be done now.

At last, you can quickly match your favorite "gems of truth" from the Bible to The URANTIA Book Announcing the New *Paramony*

How many times have you wished there were a cross-reference between the Bible and The URANTIA Book? Now, thanks to the six years of scholarly efforts of Dr. Duane Faw, the *Paramony* has been created. The *Paramony* is a parallel and harmony between the Bible and The URANTIA Book. The *Paramony* allows easy cross-reference between these two great books because it contains over 25,000 parallels, harmonies, and references.



The *Paramony* helps you by:

- ⦿ Highlighting stories, incidents and teachings found in both books;
- ⦿ Comparing teachings on the same subject found in each book;
- ⦿ Revealing the similarities and differences between the facts and the philosophy of these two classic religious works.

Now, a cross-reference tool between the Bible and The URANTIA Book exists!

OVER 25,000 CROSS-REFERENCES!

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- ___ cases of 5 *Paramony* at \$35.00/case (\$7.00/book) + \$5.00 shipping (add \$5.00 outside USA)
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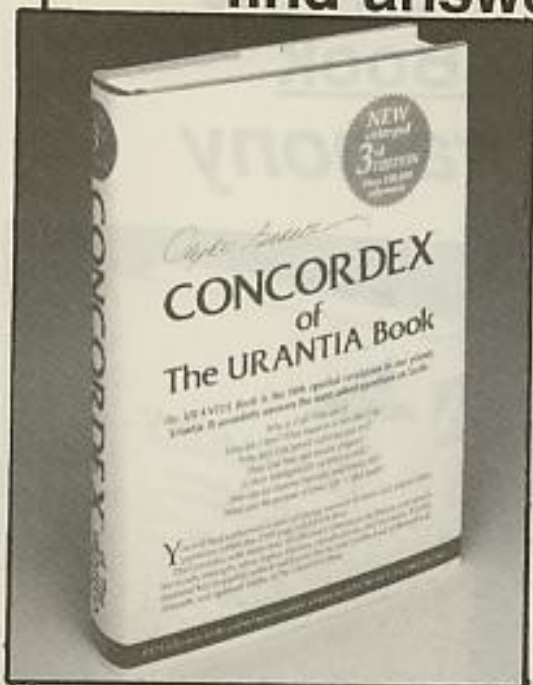
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Let the *Concordex* help you easily find answers in The URANTIA Book



New answers are found in the pages of The URANTIA Book. The URANTIA Book is new, yet old, building upon the best in our spiritual heritage. The URANTIA Book is a spiritually uplifting integration of science, philosophy and religion. Its presentation of life after death is commensurate to modern growth in scientific understanding. And best of all is its superb story of the life of Jesus.

The URANTIA Book answers most of life's toughest questions and the *Concordex* helps you find those answers quickly.

The *Concordex* unlocks the truths in this remarkable book because:

The URANTIA Book is 2,097 pages long and does not have an index. The *Concordex* (index/concordance) facilitates the search for words, concepts, ideas, topics, themes, classifications and much more! The *Concordex* has thousands of references on critical topics:

8,975, on the life of Jesus	1,625, on God	105, on war and peace
89, on sex	260, on prayer	70, on marriage
240, on evolution	95, on education	400, on mind
130, on suffering and evil	140, on energy	215, on love
70, on healing and health	250, on Paradise	and thousands more!!!

THE NEW *CONCORDEX* HELPS

- Discover new truths
- Plan study group meetings
- Do topical reading and research on many subjects
- Recapture your favorite gems of truth, "lost" in 2,097 pages
- Locate 8,975 references of the life and teachings of Jesus

The new enlarged 3rd edition of the *Concordex*

Over 110,000 references

Now on Sale with the *Paramony*

Our Mission

Our mission is to evolve the most dynamic service organization possible by bringing individuals to a more meaningful personal faith relationship with our Heavenly

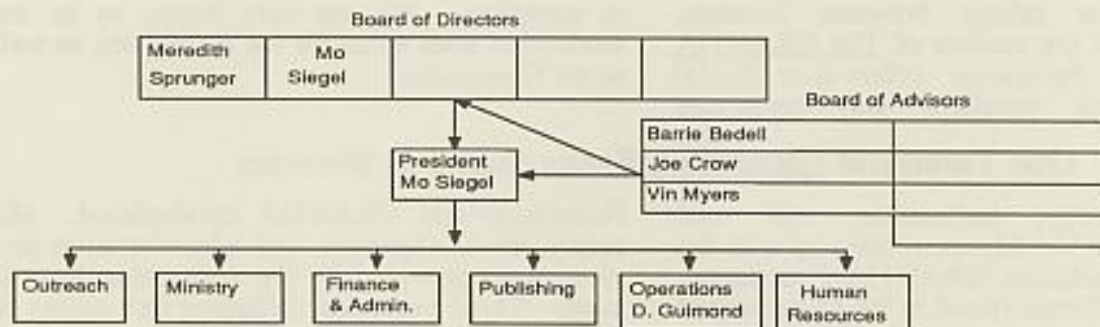
Father through successfully introducing them to The URANTIA Book, and nurturing them as URANTIA Book readers and believers.

Long Range Objective

Our fifty-year objective is to bring at least one million individuals into a closer personal faith relationship with our Heavenly Father by successfully intro-

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The Structure of Our Organization



The Board of Directors

The Jesusonian Foundation is governed by an outside Board of Directors. Except for the President, all B.O.D. members are free from day to day responsibilities. The Board is designed to guide policies, set directions, and ensure that the inside management team is on track. This formal separation of power should contribute to the foundation's objectivity and guard us against

some of the mistakes that have hurt other religious organizations. There are five possible board seats. Two seats are currently filled by two of the original founders - Dr. Meredith Sprunger and Mo Siegel. We are looking to fill two more seats within the next 18 months. All Board positions are unpaid.

The Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors (B.O.A.) is an outside team designed to give candid suggestions to the B.O.D. and to the internal staff. Three of the seven seats are filled and two more seats will be

filled within the next eighteen months. Board of Advisors positions are unpaid. The three advisors are Joe Crow, Vin Myers, and Barrie Bedell.

The Internal Staff

The internal staff is growing. We are now staffed by Mo Siegel - President; Don Guimond - V.P. Operations; Christilyn Biek - Sales; Jane Roper - Special Projects for Operations and Publishing Services; and Hélène des Rosiers - Executive Secretary and Bookkeeper. Staff pay is contingent upon need. The presidential

position is unpaid. Our central offices are at 620 12th St. in Boulder, CO 80302. Our offices are small but cost efficient. Our intent is to spend every available dollar on outreach services while spending as little as possible on administrative expenses. We are a service station, not a destination.

Current Projects

The 3rd edition of the *Concordex*

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Clyde Bedell and his son Barrie, the third edition of Clyde Bedell's *Concordex* to The URANTIA Book went on sale in 1986. This edition comes with 10,000 new entries, carefully edited revisions in the first 50 pages, edited revisions in the reference section, and 110,000 total references. With all the improvements, the third edition of the

Concordex did not show any price increase. Clyde's monumental labor of love took thousands of hours to be completed and stands as the most important independent study aid to unlock the treasures of The URANTIA Book. The Jesusonian Foundation is part owner and worldwide distributor for the *Concordex*.

Duane Faw's *Paramony* featuring 25,000 cross-references between the Bible and The URANTIA Book

If The URANTIA Book is to leaven the current world religions, then Duane Faw has just built the first major bridge between Judaism, Christianity, and the readers of The URANTIA Book. Duane's *Paramony* offers over 25,000 cross references, parallels, and harmonies

between the Bible and The URANTIA Book. This needed scholarly work took Duane 6 years to complete. We are very happy to be the worldwide sales agent for the *Paramony*, as well as the *Concordex*.

One Thousand URANTIA Books placed in libraries

Abounding energy, enthusiasm, and total dedication drove Vin Myers to team up with the Jesusonian Foundation, URANTIA Foundation, and URANTIA Brotherhood in the placement of 1000 URANTIA Books in libraries in 1986. Vin's efforts were supported by generous donations of free books by URANTIA

Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood. His salary, travel expenses, and administration services were provided by the Jesusonian Foundation. These expenses, including free copies of the *Concordex*, are the majority of the cost of the library placement project.

The American Academy of Religion

After Dr. Meredith Sprunger and Dr. Jim Mills presented papers on The URANTIA Book at the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) in 1985, it became apparent that establishing credibility within the academic community was an essential step in the acceptance of The URANTIA Book in our culture. Scholarly evaluation of the book by professors of philosophy and religion is the process through which The URANTIA Book will become a legitimate source of study in

contemporary education.

The Jesusonian Foundation purchased and staffed a booth at this year's Scholars' Press Exhibition at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. The URANTIA Book, the *Concordex*, and the *Paramony* was displayed. The booth was staffed by people with doctorates in higher education and extensive knowledge of The URANTIA Book and its teachings.

Mapping the universe

Thanks to the original design and development efforts of Lenny Cowles; the writing and artistic services of Larry Mullens and John Byron; and the editorial improvements made by supporters of this project, a full-fledged effort is being made to map the universe according to the Urantia Papers. This project has been in process since Feb. of 1984 and if all goes well, the completed project will emerge during 1987.

Our objective is simple: to illustrate the glad tidings of life after death in terms that are easily

understandable by non readers yet commensurate with The URANTIA Book's cosmological teachings, Jesus' teachings, and modern science. We believe that this presentation has the possibility to bring many believers into the spiritual kingdom since most people are keenly interested in what happens to them after they die. Besides spear heading this projects, the Jesusonian Foundation will be publishing the maps and booklets.

Protecting the copyright and trademark of The URANTIA Book

During the past 18 months, top copyright and trademark attorneys have been employed to review and ensure that the *Concordex*, *Paramony*, and our other printed materials do not violate the URANTIA Foundation's vital

protection of the copyright of The URANTIA Book. Thousands of dollars have and will continue to be spent in this effort to protect the trademarks and copyright.

Reaching out to bookstores

We have launched sales efforts to increase the distribution of the *Concordex* and *Paramony* into bookstores. We firmly believe that The URANTIA Book and secondary works which increase understanding of The URANTIA Book need to be widely available in bookstores. When religious books are not on display in bookstores,

the general public tends to assume that they are lacking in quality or have cult connections. Our bookstore efforts includes sales calls, attending book industry trade shows, and testing different promotional methods of increasing distribution at the bookstore level.

Miscellaneous Activities

Numerous other projects have been completed, are in process, or are on the drawing board. These projects range from seeding URANTIA Books into the Orient, publishing numerous

brochures in English and French, and quietly testing outreach methodology. Our recent enhanced computerization capabilities has dramatically increased our ability to serve.

Projects for the Near Future

1. We would like to increase our sales efforts in the book industry.
2. If more copies of The URANTIA Books become available, we would like to place at least 4,000 copies of both The URANTIA Book and the *Concordex* in English and French libraries.
3. If seeding books in foreign countries appears to be effective, we would like to step up this activity with special emphasis on India, France, Canada, Australia, Japan, and England. One must remember that giving free books to public libraries and individuals in some foreign countries could make a great difference. The URANTIA Book generally costs over \$60 in foreign countries. The average wage earner in India makes \$200 per year. Our efforts can make a difference!
4. We would like to identify and test, in a conservative way, different techniques of presenting The URANTIA Book and its life-giving teachings to individuals that might be interested. While realizing that most people in the world are not ready for or interested in these

teachings, we would like to find and contact those who are ready.

5. In the coming years, we would like to encourage and support top quality secondary works that do not violate the copyright and trademarks of the URANTIA Foundation. We are committed to secondary works because the embodiment of epochal revelation has always inspired great literature and art. Significant books, paintings and music are the catalysts of creative development in civilization and culture. We now have three new creative projects in process.

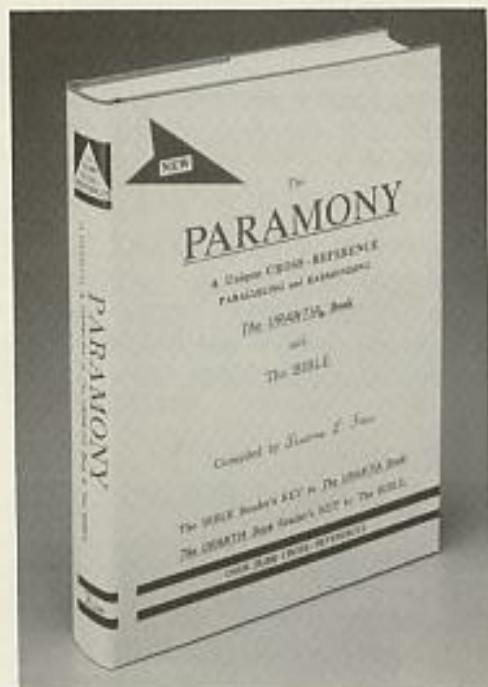
6. During the next few years, we would like to support at least one purely spiritual outreach service that is solely concentrated on the spreading of the glad tidings of the teachings of Jesus.

7. Although we do initiate projects, our general philosophy is to encourage, assist and support those active and creative people who are engaged in effective service. This process will be accelerated in future years.

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To receive our free mailings, just send us their names and addresses.**

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Now you can easily cross-reference
the Bible and The URANTIA Book
ANNOUNCING THE NEW *PARAMONY*



***A powerful cross-reference between
The URANTIA Book and the Bible***

The URANTIA Book has quotes from the Bible in virtually every paper. The actual number of quotes is several thousands. Thanks to six years of scholarly effort by Duane Faw, it is now possible to find where in the Bible they are located. The *PARAMONY* is set up in such a manner that one can reference from the Bible to The URANTIA Book or from The URANTIA Book to the Bible.

The *Paramony* helps you:

- Compare the teachings of both books on the same subject
- Reveal the similarities and differences between these two great works

Over 25,000 Cross-references

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