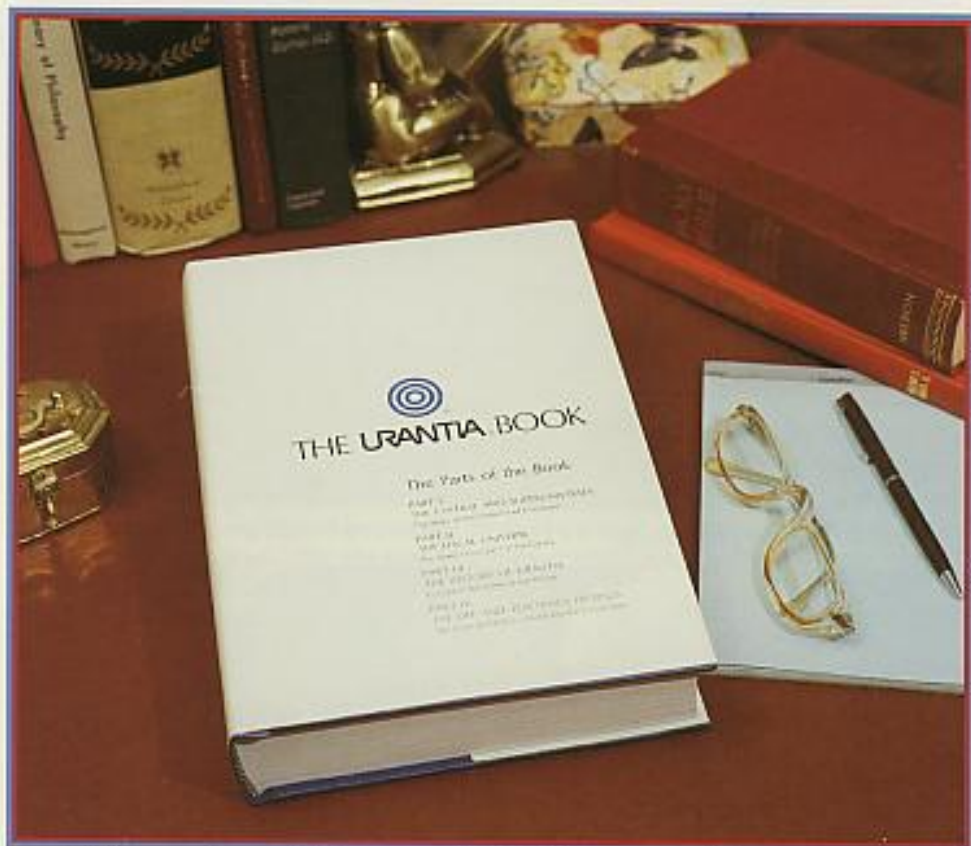


# ***The Urantia Book*** **is a 20th century revelation** **integrating science,** **philosophy and religion.**



## **These teachings will help you discover:**

- How to grow closer to God
- Ways you can become a more loving person
- New truths about the universe and life after death
- What to do when trouble overtakes you
- Lessons from the rise and fall of lost civilizations
- How to live the religion of Jesus

**INTRODUCTION**

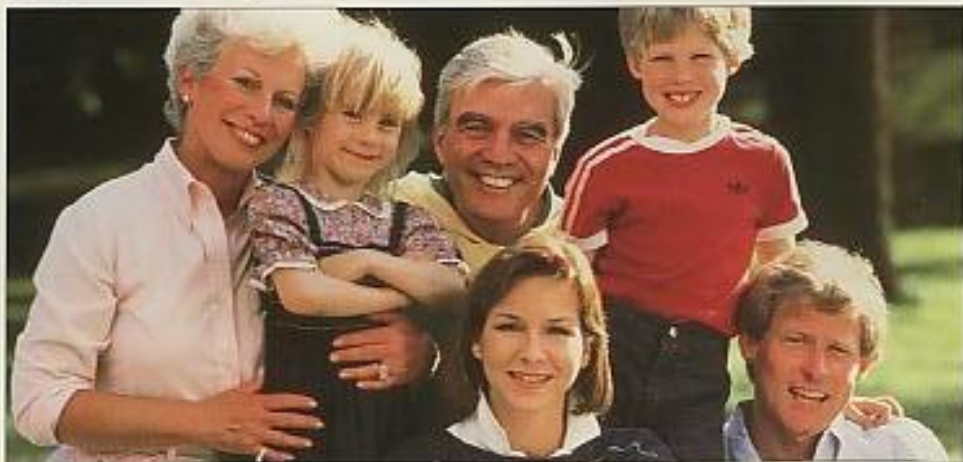
# A New Spiritual Vision

Are there days when you wake up and ask yourself, "What am I doing with my life and why should I get out of bed?" When crisis hits do you wonder, "What is the purpose for my suffering?" Or do you feel confused when religious ideas directly conflict with scientific facts?

There is a new book that offers you fresh solutions to age old problems, reassurance about the future, and personal peace of mind. It's called *The Urantia Book* (Urantia means Earth). *The Urantia Book* is a treasury of spiritual truth and intellectual insights. Within its masterfully written pages you'll find an integrated picture of life unified by science, religion, and philosophy. Rooted in history, clarified by facts, and illuminated by spiritual wisdom, its teachings address your problems and your needs.

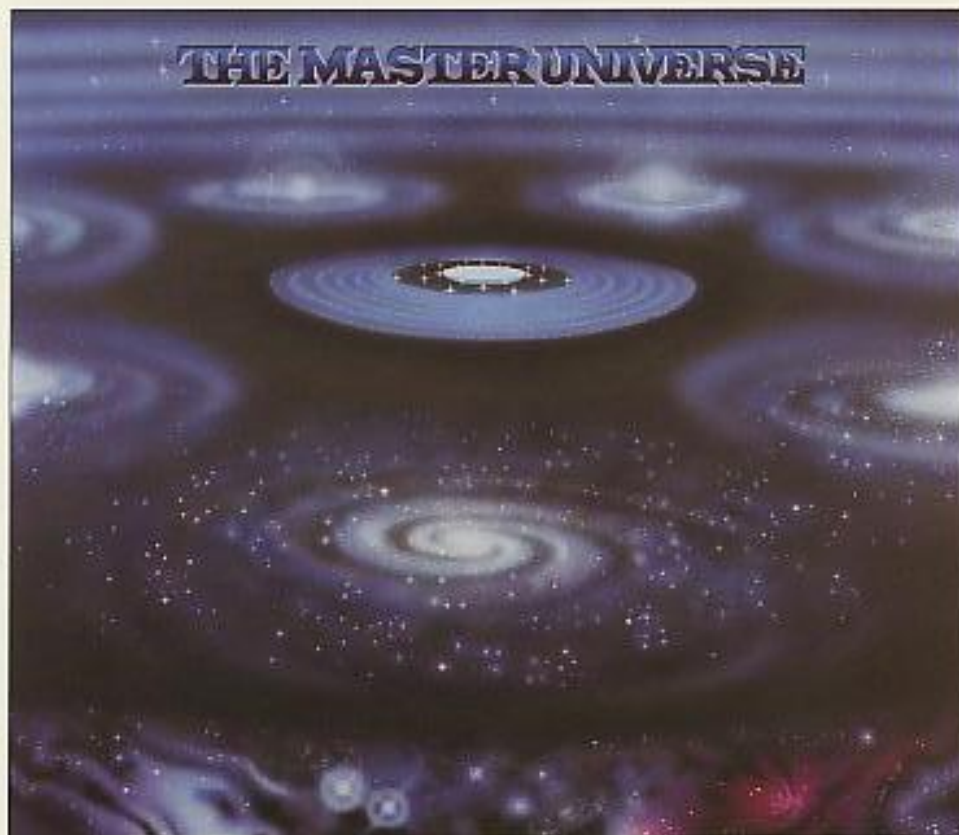
*The Urantia Book* offers useful answers to life's most perplexing questions:

- Why do evil and suffering exist?
- How can we achieve lasting world peace?
- Is there intelligent life on other planets?
- Is there life after death?
- What is heaven like?
- Can people learn to love each other?
- How can you become a happier, more fulfilled, and more serving person?
- What does the future hold for your family?
- Who is Jesus? What did he teach? Where is he now? Will he come again?
- What is God's purpose for your life?



*The Urantia Book's* teachings offer hope and renewed strength for your family. Family love forms the cornerstone of the universe and shapes the building blocks for a better world.

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Our world, Urantia, registered as a newly inhabited planet, rotates on the fringes of the seventh superuniverse. We are one of a trillion inhabitable planets whose capital flourishes near the center of the Milky Way Galaxy.

## Contents of *The Urantia Book*

The 2,097 pages of *The Urantia Book* are divided into four parts with each part being subdivided into papers (chapters). There are a total of 196 papers.

The first seventeen pages, constituting the forward, provide you with the definitions for terms and concepts you will encounter in the text, concepts such as God, the Trinity, personality, spirit, mind, Paradise, and reality.

## Part I

### The Central and Superuniverse

You are not alone, says Part I of *The Urantia Book*. The cosmos teems with trillions of inhabited planets, heavenly worlds, and spirit personalities.

You are not here by accident. Divine intelligence created the human race for divine purposes. "The myriads of planetary systems were all made to be eventually inhabited by many

different types of intelligent creatures, beings who could know God, receive the divine affection, and love him in return. The universe of universes is the work of God and the dwelling place of his diverse creatures." *The Urantia Book* (21: 11-14)

You live in a friendly, highly organized, and well-administered universe. You are part of a plan in which the Heavenly Father perfects you for enhanced and exhilarating service. Your life on earth initiates you into an eternal adventure. "There is in the mind of God a plan which embraces every creature of all his vast domains, and this plan is an eternal purpose of boundless opportunity, unlimited progress, and endless life...The goal of eternity is ahead!...certain victory will crown the efforts of every human being who will run the race of faith and trust..." (365:24-27)

This is Part I, galactic, mind-expanding, and new! Yet its reassuring wisdom echoes deep within our inner being like the oldest truths on earth.

The story of the universe portrayed in *The Urantia Book* starts with an explanation of the nature and attributes of the Universal Father. Your knowing about God forms the basis of all understanding. God shines forth as a loving and caring personality who relates to every human being as a trustworthy Heavenly Parent. Your closeness to the Creator Father is predicated on your willingness to open your inner life to his guidance and unconditional love. If you are willing, you may be a faith-born child of the Heavenly Father and share his immediate presence.

### By the end of Part I you'll learn:

- Who God is, and where God resides
- How the Paradise Father can transform your life
- The nature and role of the spiritual hierarchy (the Trinity, angels, archangels, Ancients of Days)
- Where the universe originates, where it is going, and how you fit into it
- How the universe is organized and administered
- General concepts about life after death
- Why God grants you free will

## Part II

### The Local Universe

Part II describes our local universe of 10 million inhabitable planets. In this section you'll learn about the personalities and events in our local space region that directly affect your future.

As our world contains nations, a superuniverse contains local universes. Local universes are the fundamental geographic, administrative, and spiritual building blocks of the heavens. We live in the local universe of Nebadon which is ruled by our Creator Son Michael, known on Earth as Jesus of Nazareth.

Nearly two thousand years ago, from the headquarters of Nebadon, this "only begotten" Michael Son left his supreme leadership post to live on Earth as Jesus. He repeatedly told his apostles that he was not of this world and that he had come from the Father.

### In Part II you'll discover:

- Who Jesus was before he lived on Earth, where he lives now, and how he affects your life throughout eternity



**The human species is only one order of God's creation. The universe abounds with angels and many other spirit personalities. There exists a vast spiritual hierarchy living in and administering the universe. The number and diversity of these intelligent spirit personalities stretch beyond our imagination.**

- How the local universe is administratively and astronomically organized
- The nature and role of celestial personalities, including your guardian angels
- Who Satan and Lucifer are, and what happened in the Lucifer rebellion
- Why earth struggles in confusion
- What human life is like on advanced worlds
- Where you go after you die and what happens following your resurrection
- How you will meet loved ones and friends in the next worlds
- How love and fairness function within the heavens

## Part III

### The History of Urantia

After reading Part I and Part II of *The Urantia Book*, reading Part III might make you feel like an astronaut returning to earth from a long space voyage. Part III depicts the history of life on earth since its origin more than four and one-half billion years ago. It traces the story of human existence from the birth of the first two human beings, Andon and Fonta, nearly 993,500 years ago.

Beyond plotting our physical evolution, this section describes the development of civilization, industry, government, religion, and family life. The records of human tribulation and progress indicate that we are moving toward a better world.



The ascent of man from the biological struggles of primitive ages is a testimony to the progressive nature of science and evolution.

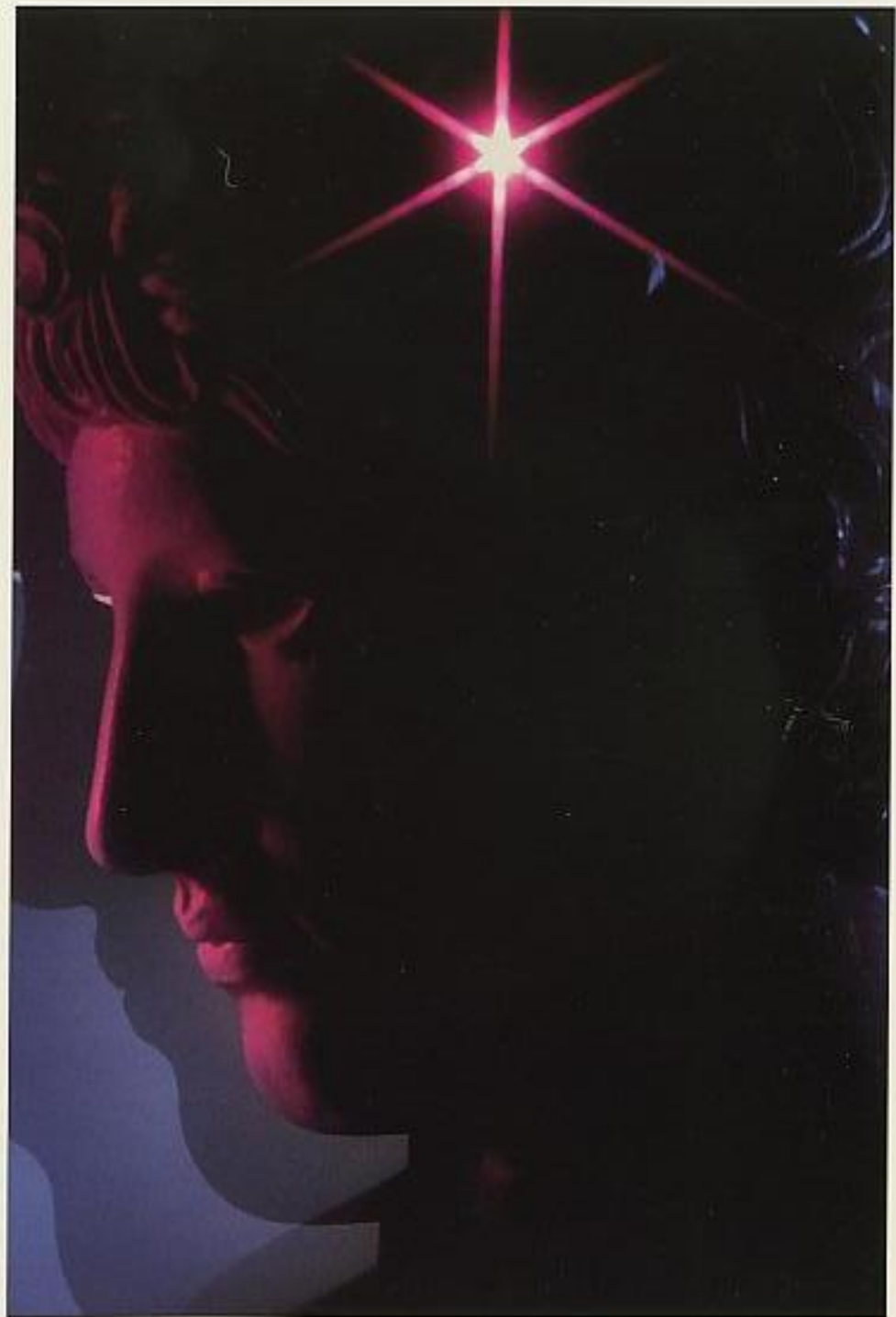
### Here's what you'll learn from Part III:

- A scientific explanation of the origin of our solar system and our world
- The stages of a divinely guided evolutionary process
- The ages of fishes, birds, dinosaurs, and primates

- How and why human life evolved on earth
- The story of the first two human beings
- The triumphs and tragedies of Amadon, Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses, Van, Lao-tse, Confucius, Ikhnaton, and other heroes of planetary history
- The rise and fall of ancient civilizations
- The bleak years of the Lucifer rebellion
- The evolution of government and the path to world peace
- Principles for successful marriages and good families
- How personal religion brings you lasting happiness
- How the indwelling Spirit of God works to ensure your eternal survival
- How to pray and worship more effectively
- How to overcome evil and suffering



Sin is not hereditary, God is not vengeful, and the "devil" has no power to enter your mind or corrupt your soul. Most evil and suffering comes about accidentally, from mistakes of past generations, or from your own wrong choosing. You have the God-given power to improve your life and make the best of your situation.



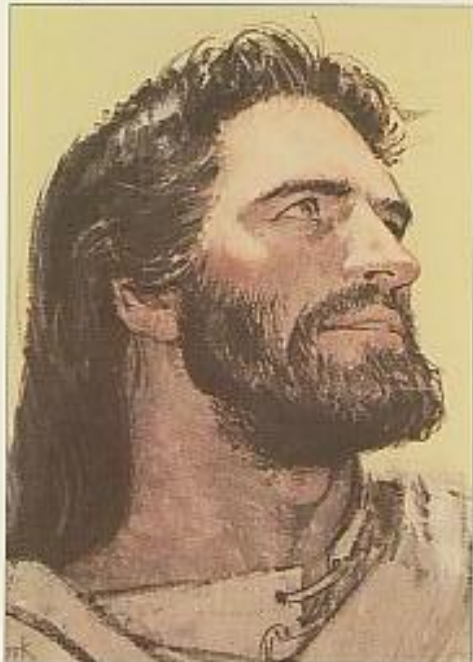
Within each human being lives —a light— an actual fragment of the Heavenly Father. This "God within" adjusts your thoughts as it guides you toward Paradise and perfection.

## Part IV

# The Life and Teachings of Jesus

Part IV is an inspiring biography of the life of Jesus. This 775-page narrative spans his life from his birth in Bethlehem to his death in Jerusalem. The authors describe his childhood, his struggles to overcome teenage problems, his travels and adventures, and his fascinating episodes of personal and public ministry.

While *The Urantia Book's* presentation of Jesus generally corresponds with the Bible, it stands



"Modern culture must become spiritually baptized with a new revelation of Jesus' life and illuminated with a new understanding of his gospel of eternal salvation." (2084: 5-6)

unique, packed with new information and fresh insights. This detailed portrayal of Jesus emphasizes the religion of Jesus rather than the religion about Jesus. If you love Jesus as portrayed in the Bible, you will gain an even greater admiration and understanding of his life and teachings from Part IV of *The Urantia Book*.

Jesus was a strong and courageous man. His sincerity, warmth, good cheer, love of people, and devotion to truth are an inspiration for all ages. "Jesus was the perfectly unified human personality. And today, as in Galilee, he continues to unify mortal experience and to co-ordinate human endeavors. He unifies life, ennobles character, and simplifies experience. He enters the human mind to elevate, transform, and transfigure it. It is literally true: 'If any man has Christ Jesus within him, he is a new creature; old things are passing away; behold, all things are becoming new.'" (1103: 27-31)

### Highlights of Part IV include:

- The missing years of Jesus' life
- The premature death of Jesus' father
- Jesus helping to raise his seven brothers and sisters
- Rebecca's proposal of marriage
- Jesus' work as a carpenter, boat builder, scribe, teacher, and caravan conductor
- His journeys to Egypt, Rome, and the Caspian Sea
- His life with the apostles
- Stories of the hundreds of people Jesus helped
- Healing the sick
- The dark days preceding the crucifixion



The religion of Jesus is based on faith, love, and service. His message of eternal life through faith in our Heavenly Father is for all men and women of every nation, race, religion, age, and economic status.

- Jesus' resurrection and appearances
- The power of the Spirit of Truth
- The mysterious nature of the human and divine Jesus.

In the Bible, Jesus is well known for several sermons and parables. In *The Urantia Book* you will read more than sixty-five parables of Jesus', as well as his life-changing discourses on love, reality, anger, wealth, angels, self-mastery, self-respect, true religion, balanced character, science and philosophy, material success, spiritual freedom, divine forgiveness, tact and charm, temptation, the light of the world, the new commandment, and more.

## The Search for Truth

Every religion contains truth in its teachings and can facilitate the individual's quest for God. Yet no religion, book, or age has all the truth nor a monopoly on any part of it. The sincere search for truth always leads to God, for without God there is no truth.

*The Urantia Book* presents new information and positive insights that will be beneficial in your quest. It has inspired some to search for God and has

been instrumental in bringing others closer to God. Since its publication in 1955, the book has attracted tens of thousands of readers. It has proven to be one of the most promising sources of creative thought in philosophy and religion for our contemporary world.

Although *The Urantia Book* has been in existence for many years, no formal religion has yet sprung from these teachings. The spiritual insights of the book are used by teachers, ministers, and lay persons of many faiths to enrich the highest values in their own traditions.

If you read *The Urantia Book* with an open mind, you will find your quest for truth enhanced, no matter what your religious tradition may be.

## Origin and Source

*The Urantia Book* was written in 1934-1935 and published in 1955. The book proclaims to be authored by numerous supermortal (angel-like) beings as a **Revelation** to our world. It is the first **Epochal Revelation** since Jesus and the fifth since the beginning of human life on Earth. No humans are associated with authoring *The Urantia Book* and the technique whereby the papers were transcribed is unknown.

Like all other religious books, the contents should be evaluated by the fruits of the spirit which the teachings produce, not by any claim of authorship. You may want to treat this book as fascinating literature until the spiritual quality authenticates its message in

your soul. The final judge of its validity must be the "indwelling spirit of God" within you.

## How to Start Reading *The Urantia Book*

Because *The Urantia Book* is lengthy and covers a broad range of subjects, you might begin by studying its table of contents and then turning to subjects that catch your interest.

If you have a Christian background, you might start by reading the Life and Teachings of Jesus, pages 1323-2097. Or start where the New Testament story begins on page 1496. If you have a Jewish background, you might find pages 1014-1026, 1052-1076, and 21-72 particularly interesting. The subject of religion is addressed on pages 1086-1142.

Other examples of specialized subjects and their locations within the book include: history, science, and human evolution (pp. 651-1319); the formation of the earth (pp. 651-663); the first human family (pp. 707-717); prayer, worship and the inner life (pp. 65-66, 994-1002, 1176-1224, 1638-1641, and 1848-1849); and marriage and family life (pp. 913-943).

Some people read *The Urantia Book* from start to finish. Cover-to-cover reading gives you a thorough understanding of its teachings. When you examine the various sections of the book, you will discover that each successive part becomes easier to read. The further you read, the more comfortable you will become with the

logical flow of its contents.

The Foreword, Part I, and Part II can be difficult to read. Don't be discouraged. These sections deal with the immense issues of the organization of the universe, the spiritual hierarchy, and life after death. Although the concepts may *seem* beyond your comprehension, perseverance in your reading will be worth the effort. The *Urantia Book's* language is clear and the descriptions are beautiful.

***The Urantia Book* is available in libraries and book stores.**

Information about study groups near your home can be obtained from:

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## Seven *Urantia Book* Truths

1. God is the greatest experience in human existence. All of us can experience God because we are all children of the Heavenly Father.
2. If you have faith in God you will receive eternal life.
3. Love is the most powerful force in the universe. You are asked to love and serve others as Jesus loves and serves you.
4. An actual part of God lives within you.
5. You live in an inhabited, intelligent, and loving universe.
6. Human life has a divine purpose. There is meaning in our planetary history, lasting values in our present condition, and hope for future generations.
7. The most important knowledge in the world is knowing the religious life of Jesus. The most important spiritual practice is living the religion of Jesus.

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## What Readers Say about *The Urantia Book*

"Finding *The Urantia Book* at age 78 has made the past 4 years the most significant of my life."  
—Conrad Sommer, St. Louis, MO

"After many years of teaching college courses in philosophy and religion, I came to the realization that our culture urgently needs spiritual foundations which are large enough, solid enough, and have the visionary potential to give stability and guidance to the new age which is struggling to be born. I believe *The Urantia Book* has the greatest potential for serving in this capacity of any philosophical-religious resource now available to humankind."

—Meredith Sprunger, Ft. Wayne, ID

"Religion has always admonished us to make spiritual choices; *The Urantia Book* has supplied me the wherewithal to choose intelligently and the reward has been that 'peace that surpasses understanding'."

—Nancy Johnson, Mesquite, TX

"I had rejected my religion but never God. *The Urantia Book* gave me the positive, life-transforming answers I had been looking for. I am not a miserable sinner fearing judgement in a nebulous 'here after' but a child of light who can claim my partnership with God now."

—Leanne C. Flickinger, Anchorage, AK

"What an incredible book of knowledge! Living faith has taken on a new meaning and a more exciting challenge."  
—Anthony Finstad, Bothell, WA



"I believe so strongly in the *The Urantia Book* that I would give my life for it!"

—John Hay, Boulder, CO

"I thought all religion was male centered. *The Urantia Book* showed me that women and men are equal in the eyes of our Heavenly Father."

—Victoria Schoolcraft, Miami, FL

"I always believed in and loved God but I had so many unanswered questions. The teachings in *The Urantia Book* have answered them all, brought my life into perspective, and helped me to really know God and love him more than ever."

—Ticky Harries, Lawrenceville, GA

Since publication, nearly 200,000 *Urantia Books* have been sold. Its positive teachings bring fresh new hope to our world.