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Dear Urantians:

In compliance with your request for readers to send in their experiences of coming upon the URANTIA Book I am sending you my double introduction to the wisdom of its two thousand some pages.

It was in the summer of 1956, and my husband and I had bought season tickets to Margo Jones Theatre in the Round. We regularly attended the performances with another couple. On this particular night Agnes and Bob Stamets said, "You must stop in after the show and see 'this crazy book that a friend of Bob's sent him from Australia'." Clyde Bedell, who was living with his family in Australia at the time, had mailed Bob a URANTIA Book with a note saying, "This book has meant so much to me and my family that I would like for you and Agnes to have a copy." Even though our friends had skimmed through the book at random and come up with such items as green and orange people, a superhuman Adam and Eve who were a "little more than eight feet in height," and various authors of the papers called "Archangel", and "Brilliant Evening Star", I was tremendously impressed with the quality of the book itself.

This was my first introduction to the book - the second occurred less than two weeks later. Another friend of mine, Helen Roter, was executive to George Bannerman Dealey, at that time Mr. Dallas Morning News. The News was one of several accounts that Bill Sadler visited periodically in connection with his management consulting firm. For sometime Helen had been telling me of this fascinating man who would come in town from Chicago. She was in charge of arranging all appointments for Bill on his visits. We had a date for dinner one night and she mentioned that Bill was in town again and she had been requested by her boss to ask him a rather personal question on behalf of the management of the News. Between his visits to Dallas, the death of his son Billy had occurred and the staff at the News wanted to know if there were some organization or Foundation to which the News could give a donation in memory of Billy. Bill said, "Well, yes, there is, the URANTIA Foundation."

Most sincerely,

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