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Dear Friends of *The Urantia Book*,

During times of crisis and despair people often look to spiritual inspiration for answers to their many questions about life, death, and the world to come. Dedicated students of *The Urantia Book* are frequently in a position to offer inspiration and answers deeply satisfying to the modern soul. To more widely share the insights gained by a thorough study of this supernal book, Urantia Foundation has set its goals high: to translate and insure the availability of the book to the majority of the literate peoples of the world. We understand at the same time that we are planting seeds; the harvest awaits another generations.

With reduced income due to economic conditions beyond anyone's control, and the resultant reduction in staff and consultants, we who remain are working harder than ever to bring *The Urantia Book* to the world. Urantia Foundation has successfully completed, or is about to complete, several important projects this year.

- *Urantijos Knyga*, the [Lithuanian](#) translation of *The Urantia Book*, was printed in August 2004 and introduced into the Lithuanian book market in January 2005. It is selling briskly. Fifteen-hundred were printed, and, since January, nearly 400 have been sold.
- The [English](#) paperback and small hardcover editions were reprinted for the third time to meet the demands of the North American book market.
- A third revision of *Knuza Ypanmuu*, our Russian language translation, has been recently printed in St. Petersburg. Due to a backlog of orders and steadily increasing sales in Russian, most of the print run of 5,000 books will go directly to our distributor there and then into bookstores.
- Soon *Urantijos Knyga* will be joined by *Das Urantia Buch*, the [German](#) translation. A dedicated couple is on their way to Germany to help seed the book's spread there, and arrangements are being made to facilitate our ability to work seamlessly with book distributors in Europe.
- *O Livro de Urântia*, the [Portuguese](#) translation already available in a CD version, is nearing the point where we can send the galleys to the printer, thanks to the effort of a team of proof-readers in Brazil. We will need to develop reliable distribution channels in Portuguese-speaking countries in order to get this translation into their bookstores at an affordable price.

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- *Il Libro di Urantia*, the Italian translation, was a labor of love that two dedicated Italian readers of *The Urantia Book* generated over the past decade. It is now formatted and ready to be printed. Committed volunteers have raised the funds we need for the first printing in record time. As with our other translations, we are working now on securing distribution channels for the Italian book.

With each new accomplishment comes greater responsibility. Printing a translation is just one step in the process of dissemination. Thousands of books sitting in a warehouse do no-one any good! Upon publication, the great effort of translating, formatting, and printing the new translation must be met with an equal effort of securing distribution channels for the new text throughout those countries and communities where the language is spoken. In the coming year much time and energy will be put into contacting and contracting with distributors and bookstores throughout [Germany](#), [Austria](#), [Switzerland](#), [Italy](#), [Portugal](#), and [Brazil](#).

Like a student in the hands of a good teacher or a child under the guidance of a loving parent, *The Urantia Book* has been placed as ward into the arms of readers throughout the world. As our stable of translations grows, so do our responsibilities, and so must our efforts. Jesus warned most truly: "Remember, much has been given to you; therefore will much be required of you." [1824:6]

In the fifty years since *The Urantia Book* first came off the press, Urantia Foundation has been the focusing lens of our communities' efforts to present *The Urantia Book* to the world. We ask for your help to continue in our charge.

Were you aware that in any given year, a mere six percent of those on our mailing lists contributed to the work of Urantia Foundation? In 2004, that number equaled 800 dedicated individuals. If you have given in the past, we wholeheartedly thank you and invite you to continue your support of our efforts. In an attempt to increase our donor rolls, we instituted the "[Dollar-A-Day Club](#)" to provide a convenient method for readers to contribute, as well as to provide for consistent funding which will aid in our long term planning. If 2,500 new "second-milers" would join the "[Dollar-A-Day Club](#)" donation plan, we would have the funding to meet our goals.

As concerned readers of *The Urantia Book*, there are many causes throughout the world which call for our economic assistance. As a young man, Jesus "increasingly measured every institution of society and every usage of religion by the unvarying test: What does it do for the human soul? Does it bring God to man? Does it bring man to God?" [1388:5] While making your budget for charitable donations, would you consider making room for the work of Urantia Foundation?

Sincerely,

[The Trustees of Urantia Foundation](#)

P.S. More money will be left to non-profit and religious institutions through estate planning and wills in the next 25 years than ever before in the history of the U.S. Would you consider leaving a portion of your estate to Urantia Foundation? For more information about, or an informative brochure on, the many ways to accomplish this goal while retaining an income stream during your lifetime, contact Jay Peregrine or Gard Jameson at Urantia Foundation.