

GUIDES FOR ANSWERING THE URANTIA FOUNDATION TELEPHONE
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GENERAL

1. Be friendly and courteous -- don't let the caller or his questions get your dander up!
2. Get the name of the person calling. It might also be wise to ask a few questions yourself, such as: I'm curious, how did you happen to call? Find out if he has seen the book and who interested him in it. Then you will have a basis for discussion.
3. Jot down the questions asked and the answers you give. This will be very helpful in answering future calls.
4. Stress the non-profit nature of the trust (Foundation).
5. Avoid using such expressions as "superhuman origin" or "divine revelation" but stress what the Book says about itself. In other words, don't give your opinion but refer to the Book.
6. If the questions get too tough, defer the discussion and make an appointment with WSS. Can say, "I think you had best discuss that with Mr. Sadler, the spokesman for the Foundation. He will be in the office on _____. Please call at that time -- or some such statement.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

What is the Foundation: It is a non-profit common law trust. (It was established Jan 11, 1950.) May give names of Trustees if specifically asked. If detailed questions asked, say the Trust Agreement establishing the Foundation is of public record -- it is recorded in the Recorder's office of Cook county. Be sure to stress Non-Profit - the Trustees and officers serve without compensation; they are otherwise gainfully employed.

WHAT CONNECTION DOES THE FOUNDATION HAVE WITH THE BOOK? It published the Book.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION? To publish the Urantia Book. (Of course, it is also interested in fostering the book and its teachings.)

IS THE FOUNDATION A RELIGIOUS GROUP? No. Repeat, it is a non-profit common law trust established to publish the Urantia Book. May say, however, that it is not anti-religious. (The Trustees may have varying religious backgrounds.)

IS THE FOUNDATION NON-PARTISAN? Yes. It is not political. (It is respectful of all beliefs and creeds -- except communism.)

HOW DID THE URANTIA FOUNDATION GET THE MATERIAL FOR THE BOOK? The plates from which the book was printed were given to the Foundation by anonymous contributors, on whose behalf the trust was established.

WHO WERE THE CONTRIBUTORS: They wish to remain anonymous.

WHAT IS THE URANTIA BOOK -- WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT? IS IT A NEW RELIGION OR PHILOSOPHY? As the table of contents indicates, it is about a lot of things. It deals with philosophy, religion, metaphysics, history of the world, science, (astronomy, physics, geology, anthropology, etc.) -- a wide gamut of subjects from theology to geology. Caution: Don't pin it down to religion only.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK? In its broadest sense, it is educational and cultural. It is very xx broad. May say it was designed to help all peoples of all races and believes to gain a better understanding of the world and the cosmos and man's realation thereto -- to help him better realize and appreciate the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man (his children) and to enlighten him concerning his eternal destiny.

WHO WROTE THE BOOK? CAUTION: Avoid using "superhuman." The authors of the Book are given in the front of the book.

YES, BUT THAT DOESN'T TELL ANYTHING ** WHO ARE DIVINE COUNSELORS, ETC? The book tells who they are -- see the Table of Contents for chapters.

WHERE DID THE MANUSCRIPT COME FROM --HOW WAS IT PRODUCED? That also is discussed in the Book. (Give specific references from printed cards if asked.)

WAS THE BOOK WRITTEN BY ANY ONE RELIGIOUS OR PHILOSOPHIC GROUP? (One-xxx specific question was asked: Did a bunch of philosophy professors or religious teachers get together and write the book?) The Authors are listed in the book. It was not written by an particular religious or philosophic group.

IS THE BOOK NON-PARTISAN? Yes. It is not political. It discusses and recognizes many beliefs.

DOES THE BOOK REPRESENT ANY ONE RELIGIOUS OR PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWPOINT? No. It recognizes and discusses many viwepoints. It is very broad. But it is consistent within itself. If you were to pin it down to one viewpoint it might be: The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and the survival and eternal progress of all God's children who honestly seek survival.