

TO NEW READERS OF THE URANTIA BOOK . . .

We welcome you into the growing fellowship of readers of The URANTIA Book. It is a pleasure to share with you one of the great epochal revelations of all time and the sublime beauty of the language in which the revelation is presented.

We hope your experience with the URANTIA teachings will enhance and deepen your relationship with God and your fellow man, and provide renewed hope, comfort, and reassurance in your daily life.

As you read, do not let the size of this book, or in some places its complexities, discourage you. We assure you that slowly but surely comprehension will grow if you will give it a chance.

We warmly welcome all sincere seekers of truth and stand ready to assistyou in any way possible inyour understanding and appreciation of the supernal teachings of *The URANTIA Book*. Perhaps you will eventually wish to contact other readers in your area. Let us know if we can be of help.

In fellowship,

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ABOUT URANTIA BROTHERHOOD . . .

URANTIA Brotherhood was founded in 1955 as a fellowship of believers in *The URANTIA Book*. The singular concern of the Brotherhood is the spiritual regeneration of all mankind.

On a personal level, members of the Brotherhood attempt to achieve progressive mastery of the URANTIA teachings through lifelong study and application—living the teachings according to the highest levels of individual comprehension, practicing the presence of God in daily life.

On an organizational level, our task for many years ahead is to form thousands of study groups meeting in individual homes, gradually to prepare ourselves for the time when the majority of men and women begin to hunger for truth, thirst for beauty, and quest for goodness, the age just ahead in which the revelation will flower with spiritual brilliance upon the earth in the lives of each individual.

Our method for disseminating these teachings is entirely by word of mouth, a quiet person-to-person approach which proceeds without fanfare, focusing as Jesus did upon the spiritual progress of each individual.

The organizational building blocks of URANTIA Brotherhood are URANTIA Societies, which emerge from stable and mature study groups and function with great autonomy. These Societies, when formally chartered by the Brotherhood, elect delegates to the Triennial Delegate Assembly, who in turn elect the 36 members of the General Council, the governing body of URANTIA Brotherhood. "That which the world needs most to know is: Men are the sons of God, and through faith they can actually realize, and daily experience, this ennobling truth." (p. 2052)