



URANTIA FOUNDATION
533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60614

February 1, 1974

Mr. Charles R. Arterburn
Flippin, Kentucky - 42132

Dear Mr. Arterburn:

We appreciate your letter of January 28, and I am happy to learn that you know Jeffrey Wattles. He is a very good friend of ours.

As you requested, we are pleased to enclose a page on the URANTIA Foundation showing its aims and functions, also a page describing our sister organization, the URANTIA Brotherhood.

The story of the origin of the book is given in the book itself. You will find many references on the back of the dust-jacket, but there are many others. The first three sections of the book were completed in 1934. The Life and Teachings of Jesus, Section IV, were completed in 1935.

When you have completed your readings of the book, we are certain your questions will be fully answered.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) E. L. Christensen
Secretary

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The URANTIA Foundation is a tax-exempt, common-law trust operating under a Declaration of Trust filed in the Recorder's Office of Cook County, Illinois, under date of January 11, 1950.

The URANTIA Foundation publishes The URANTIA Book and holds the copyright thereto. The Foundation has also trademarked and registered the name URANTIA and the three concentric circles. The following quotation from the Declaration of Trust sets forth its Principal Objects:

"The object for which this Foundation is created is the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the true teachings of Jesus Christ; and for the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man--in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, through the fostering of a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development.

"CONCORDANT OBJECTS: The concordant objects for which the Foundation is created are to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of THE URANTIA BOOK and to disseminate the principles, teachings, and doctrines of THE URANTIA Book."

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees who serve for life, and they are:

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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

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The URANTIA Brotherhood is a voluntary and fraternal association of believers in the teachings of the URANTIA Book, functioning in various URANTIA Societies, each of which is made up of ten or more dedicated individuals.

The 36 founders constitute what we know as the General Council of the URANTIA Brotherhood, which directs the affairs of the Brotherhood through the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Brotherhood together with the chairmen of the nine functioning committees - a group of fourteen. The Executive Committee meets the first Monday of each month.

The original 36 founders of the URANTIA Brotherhood (or their successors) directed the organization for the first nine years from the date of its organization on January 2, 1955. Thereafter, the Brotherhood was, and is now, governed by a new General Council selected by the action of a Triennial Delegate Assembly composed of delegates from the various URANTIA Societies. The first Triennial Meeting was held in 1964.

Societies are chartered by the URANTIA Brotherhood and are composed of 10 or more interested, dedicated readers who meet regularly to study the book and who pledge themselves to disseminate its teachings. Usually societies start as small reading groups, later growing in size to the point where they can be organized as official societies of the Brotherhood.

The aims of the Brotherhood are expressed in the excerpts from the Preamble and Purposes set forth in the constitution as follows:

Inasmuch as it is our solemn conviction that the comfort, happiness, and well-being of man will be enhanced by the creation of an organization of people working together for a common cause, we do hereby unite together as a voluntary association and fellowship under the name URANTIA Brotherhood, and we do hereby adopt and establish this constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood.

The purposes of this organization will be the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the universe, through the fostering of a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with man's intellectual and cultural development.

Since the URANTIA Brotherhood is not a corporation - not a legal entity - the Executive Committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood caused to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois in the name of URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation. This corporation is the fiscal agent of the Brotherhood and, in a general way, takes care of the various financial and legal interests of the Brotherhood.

Money donated to the Brotherhood is used for operating expenses, such as rent, equipment, stationery, postage, telephone, mimeographing, etc.

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