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WELCOME *O LIVRO DE URÂNTIA*!

In July, Portuguese joined the growing family of *Urantia Book* translations! Urantia Foundation is pleased to announce the publication of *O Livro de Urântia*, the Portuguese-language edition of *The Urantia Book*. This translation is now available on computer CD-ROM for a suggested retail price of $14.95 (ISBN 1-883395-24-0).

The CD-ROM contains the text in HTML format, which is universally accessible on computers using any web browser software. (Internet access is not required.) As an added bonus, the CD-ROM contains reference copies of the authentic English text and the Spanish translation, *El libro de Urantia*.

Following its U.S. release in July, the CD became available for worldwide distribution on August 21, 2003. Readers who gathered in Brazil to celebrate the bestowal life of Jesus of Nazareth were the first to receive copies of this much-awaited work. We hope that publication of this CD version of the translation will stimulate interest and financial support for the printed edition. Brazilian readers launched the printing fund by collecting over $700.

The publication of *O Livro de Urântia* will give nearly 200 million Portuguese speakers the opportunity to study *The Urantia Book* in their native language. Even prior to this publication, we witnessed a growing interest in *The Urantia Book* among native speakers of Portuguese. Readers in Brazil recently formed an affiliate of the International Urantia Association, a worldwide association devoted to studying *The Urantia Book* and disseminating its teachings.

Urantia Foundation now publishes *The Urantia Book* in English, Dutch, Finnish, French, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish, with fifteen additional translations in progress. In addition, Urantia Foundation offers a variety of workbooks and study aids that are popular with students of *The Urantia Book*. The Foundation has published over 600,000 copies of *The Urantia Book* worldwide. Its publications and services are identified with the trademarks URANTIA and the Concentric-Circles Symbol.

Readers gather in São Paulo to celebrate the release of *O Livro de Urântia*

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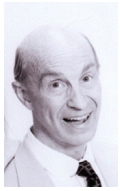
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: REMOVING THE WEDGES

By Richard Keeler



Perhaps the simplest of all tools is the wedge–a tapered piece of wood, metal, or stone used to pierce and split wood or stone and to lift heavy loads.

Members of the Contact Commission said they were warned that Caligastia's favorite technique for disrupting spiritual unity is to drive wedges of suspicion and misunderstanding between personalities. The time has come to take the crowbar of courage and start prying out the wedges that have generated unproductive division.

We know that unique personalities never agree on all things, but we can and should work together in love, understanding, and tolerance.

Consider this quote from page 234:05: "*Not long since on Uversa we recorded a universal broadcast of a conclave extraordinary on the eternal Isle of one hundred fifty thousand Creator Sons assembled in the parental presence and engaged in deliberations having to do with the progress of the unification and stabilization of the universe of universes.*"

With spiritual unity and cooperation we can help each other and all humankind to fulfill our highest potentials as children of God and as brothers and sisters.

As in the macrocosm, so in the microcosm.

The trustees and staff of Urantia Foundation earnestly desire to foster "the progress of the unification and stabilization" of Urantia, and we desire to work with all fellow readers of *The Urantia Book* worldwide in accomplishing this mighty mission.

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"Peacemaking is the cure of distrust and suspicion." (1575:03)

IUA NEWS

Brazil. Another light was lit for the Revelation in São Paulo, Brazil on June 1, 2003. Associação Urântia de Brasil is now a Local Association of the International Urantia Association. The formation of this new association came just weeks before the completed Portuguese translation, *O Livro de Urântia*, was delivered in CD format to the translation team and presented to Brazilian readers at their celebration of Jesus' birthday on August 21.

Urantia Foundation President Richard Keeler, IUA President Gaétan Charland, and IUA Administrator Cathy Jones were warmly received by *Urantia Book* readers from São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro for the inauguration ceremony. Cathy commented, "On the highest mountain overlooking the city of Rio de Janeiro, visible to all, there stands a huge figure which has been viewed by thousands of people. This is a statue of Jesus, with outstretched arms. This welcoming, symbolic replica of Jesus and his all-encompassing love seemed to be saying, 'Thank you for bringing the fullness of my message to the truth-seeking children of the world'."

The largest communities of Chinese and Japanese people living outside of their countries live in São Paulo. Brazil is famous for its multi-cultural population. So it will be fertile soil for many of the upcoming *Urantia Book* translations.

"To become acquainted with one's brothers and sisters, to know their problems and to learn to love them, is the supreme experience of living." (1431:1)

Great Britain. After many years of slow and steady growth, *Urantia Book* readers in Great Britain, the second largest English speaking nation, have decided to join the ever-growing family of IUA. In July, at their annual Summer Meeting on the Isle of Wight, the attendees discussed the pros and cons of formally organizing themselves. They agreed that the revelation would benefit in their country if they formed an association and joined the global community of readers dedicated to the study of *The Urantia Book* and the dissemination of its teachings. We are pleased to announce that an inauguration ceremony for the Urantia Association of the British Isles was held on October 12, 2003. We welcome our brothers and sisters from the British Isles into IUA service.

Ecuador. Ecuadorian Readers are forming an Association of IUA. Thanks to Rodrigo Miño Colina, the Foundation's Representative in Ecuador, the new association will be a not-for-profit organization established in full compliance with Ecuadorian law. Cathy Jones has been in close contact with Rodrigo, and they are making plans for an inauguration gathering.

New Member-at-Large Category. The revised IUA Charter provides that a reader may become an IUA Member-at-Large if he or she lives in a country where there are not yet enough people to form an association. This allows isolated *Urantia Book* readers to join in the growing global family of IUA and to actively participate in its service programs.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Have you taken a special dish or dessert to a Jesus Birthday Celebration or other gathering of readers of *The Urantia Book*? Do you have photos of the gathering? Do you have a story about the gathering and the recipe of that special dish? The Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association is looking for recipes, stories, and photos for a fundraiser cookbook to contribute toward seed funds for future IUA and UAUS Conferences. They anticipate having the book available for the International Urantia Conference in 2004, and therefore would appreciate your submitting recipes in the near future! We'll include some recipes from past Christmas Open Houses and other special events. If you have questions or if you would like to submit your recipes, stories, and photos for consideration, please contact Sheila Schneider at sheila@urantia.org, include "cookbook" in the subject line.

URANTIA 2004 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Urantia Book describes some of the great conclaves and fraternal gatherings that await us throughout our universe career. Those fortunate enough to have experienced a Urantia conference have had a foretaste of these *"reunions of the struggles and triumphs of the ascendant career."* (199:3) These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and to gain a more diverse and in-depth perspective on the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Individuals from around the world will gather in Chicago from July 28 through August 1, 2004 to attend the International Urantia Association's biennial conference. Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association is hosting the 2004 International Conference in cooperation with the United States Urantia Association. IUA international conferences accommodate individuals of many different languages and cultures.

Individuals from around the world will gather in Chicago July 28 through August 1, 2004 to attend the International Urantia Association's biennial conference.

The theme of the conference, "The Mind Arena of Choice," provides a rich source of programs exploring this important and intriguing subject. Attendees will have a choice of study paths, designing their conference course according to interests and experience levels with *The Urantia Book*. A variety of interactive workshops, instructive lectures, quiet reflection, and engaging social and recreational activities will be offered. You can enjoy Chicago's world class cultural attractions and tour the historic Urantia Foundation Headquarters at 533 Diversey Parkway.

Please join the International Urantia Association as it welcomes its worldwide members to the friendly Midwest of the United States. Make plans now to attend this international event. We urge international visitors to apply early for any necessary US visas. If you are not already an IUA member and would like to receive conference registration information, please contact urantia2004@urantia.org or write to Urantia 2004 at 533 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL 60614, USA. IUA Members receive a discount on registration fees. Space is limited. Please register early for the best room selections and special discounted rates.

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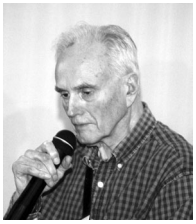
FORMER TRUSTEE TOM KENDALL (1925 - 2002)

Thomas Alden Kendall was introduced to the Forum in June 1952 by his future wife, Carolyn Bowman. After the customary interview by Dr. William S. Sadler, he attended study groups regularly for over fifty years.



Tom was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1963 and served as President from 1973 to 1983. He traveled frequently on behalf of Urantia Foundation, meeting with translation groups in Finland, France, and Italy. Joel Rehnstrom of Finland spoke of his efforts: "Tom was such an agreeable, charming and well balanced person to deal with." He was the first to promote a Spanish translation to the other Trustees.

Tom worked with legal counsel to renew the copyright of *The Urantia Book* in 1983. He actively communicated with Urantia Societies to help explain how trademark licensing agreements would help maintain the safety of the name Urantia and the Concentric-Circles Symbol for the benefit of future reader-believers. He was always approachable to anyone seeking clarification of Foundation actions and policies.

Tom was also dedicated to the Brotherhood. He served on the General Council for a total of 29 years. Tom completed the Brotherhood School program in the late 1950s and was awarded Certified Leader and Ordained Teacher certificates. He served on the Domestic Extension of the Brotherhood for 20 years, 19 of those as its chairman. Later, he was a member of the Judicial Committee for six years.

In recent years Tom assisted the Foundation by providing personal files, historical background, and advice to current Trustees and their legal counsel. He served on the fundraising and advisory group known as the Matthew Project as his health permitted.

Tom died at home October 13, 2002, leaving his wife Carolyn, five children, and seven grandchildren. Urantia Foundation has cast a memorial plaque as a "tribute in recognition of and with deep appreciation to Tom for his twenty years of service as a Trustee of Urantia Foundation," which now hangs at 533 Diversey. We thank Tom for his many years of devoted service and for the inspiration he has provided to those who continue this work today.

In the eternal ages men and angels will co-operate in the divine service as they did in the career of time. (1249:0)

THE MATTHEW PROJECT MEETS MANHATTAN

More than fifty readers of *The Urantia Book* gathered in Midtown Manhattan on Sunday, July 27, 2003 to socialize, share stories, and learn more about the Matthew Project, an endeavor initiated by devoted readers dedicated to developing financial resources to support the long-term success of Urantia Foundation's mission.

Urantia Foundation President Richard Keeler "warmed up" the crowd with one-liners, and Executive Director Tonia Baney rallied the guests with an impassioned appeal for aid. Carolyn Kendall inspired everyone with her unique and far-reaching perspective on the history, current state, and destiny of the fifth epochal revelation.* A panel session followed allowing for valuable interaction. Trustees Richard Keeler, Georges Michelson-Dupont, and Seppo Kanerva, former Trustee Neal Waldrop, Associate Trustee Carolyn Kendall, and Urantia Foundation staff members Tonia Baney, Jay Peregrine, and Victor García Bory addressed areas within their individual expertise. Afterwards many of the attendees had dinner together at a family-style Greek restaurant a few blocks away.

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(* A copy of this speech is available by contacting Urantia Foundation or visiting www.urantia.org/news_info.html.)

CHRISTMAS AT 533

Everyone is invited to come and share some holiday cheer at the eighth annual *533 W. Diversey Christmas Open House* on Saturday, December 13, 2003. The event is co-sponsored by Urantia Foundation, Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association, and First Society of Readers of *The Urantia Book*. These festive gatherings are enjoyed by young and old alike.

Please plan to arrive at 3:00 p.m. for a short program followed by a reception and buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. We'll sing some carols, listen to some inspiring readings from *The Urantia Book*, share insights, renew old friendships, and make some new ones. This is a great opportunity to see the headquarters building of Urantia Foundation beautifully decorated for the holidays.

If you are planning to attend please RSVP to the Chicago office so that we can provide enough refreshments for everyone.

Guests share in Christmas festivities at 533 Diversey

[N]o man is a stranger to one who knows God. In the experience of finding the Father in heaven you discover that all men are your brothers, and does it seem strange that one should enjoy the exhilaration of meeting a newly discovered brother? (1431:1)

NEW *URANTIA BOOK* STUDY AIDS

Urantia Foundation is pleased to announce that *The Urantia Book Workbooks* series will soon comprise a total of eight workbooks with the addition of four new ones available this holiday season. The new books include:

Volume V: Theology (ISBN 0-942430-95-6), with an in-depth study of *The Urantia Book's* concepts of divinity;

Volume VI: Bible Study (ISBN 0-942430-94-8), including a history of The Bible as well as detailed studies of each of its books;

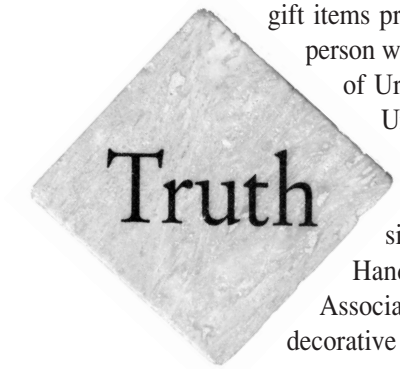
Volume VII: Terminology (ISBN 0-942430-93-X), a quick reference dictionary of terms as defined in *The Urantia Book*, compiled over the years by translators of *The Urantia Book*; and

Volume VIII: Worship and Wisdom (ISBN 0-942430-92-1), a collection of inspirational quotations compiled by some of the earliest readers of *The Urantia Book*.

All eight volumes of *The Urantia Book Workbook* series are now on sale for the holidays! Please see the order form on pages nine and ten of the newsletter for prices and ordering information for these valuable study aids.

GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE

At Christmas, people around the world celebrate the gift of the bestowal Son, Jesus of Nazareth, by sharing in the spirit of giving. In that spirit, Urantia Foundation is offering, as our gift to you, special discounts on selected items for holiday giving. Your order of gift items produced by Urantia Foundation means you give twice–once to the person who receives your gift, and once to benefit the programs and services of Urantia Foundation. Sales of these gift items subsidize the work of Urantia Foundation and enable us to keep book prices low.



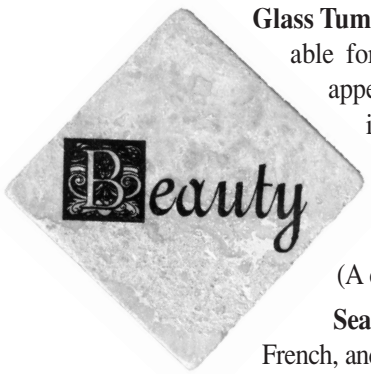
New this Year! **Truth, Beauty, & Goodness Tile Coasters**. Made of Italian tumbled stone, each set of three tiles is beautifully silk-screened with the words "Truth," "Beauty," and "Goodness." Hand crafted by members of Southern Kindred Spirits Urantia Association, these 3-7/8″ x 3-7/8″ tiles are great as beverage coasters or for decorative use. Just $15.00 per set. **Limited offer for Christmas.**

Sweatshirt with Urantia Emblem. The Concentric-Circles Symbol and "Urantia" are embroidered over the heart on this hooded cotton-polyester gray, zippered sweatshirt, suitable for the entire family. Holiday price is $34.95.

Inevitabilities T-Shirt #3. These T-shirts bear the Concentric-Circles Symbol and "Urantia" on the front and a quotation from page 51 on the back. They are specially priced at $10.00 each.

Caps with Urantia Emblem. Your choice of colors: Khaki with blue brim or white with black brim–both are embroidered in front with the Concentric-Circles Symbol and "Urantia." Just $12.50 each.

The God of universal love unfailingly manifests himself to every one of his creatures up to the fullness of that creature's capacity to spiritually grasp the qualities of divine truth, beauty, and goodness. (27:0)



Glass Tumblers. A limited number of glass tumbler sets are available for holiday giving. Designed to express the universal appeal of the book, this set of four beautiful glass tumblers is etched with the name for *The Urantia Book* in many different languages. Just $20.00 per set. **Only a few sets remain!**

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Searchable CD-ROM contains *The Urantia Book* in English, French, and Finnish, with versatile search engine. Regularly $19.95 –now $9.95. (Not compatible with some versions of Windows XP.)

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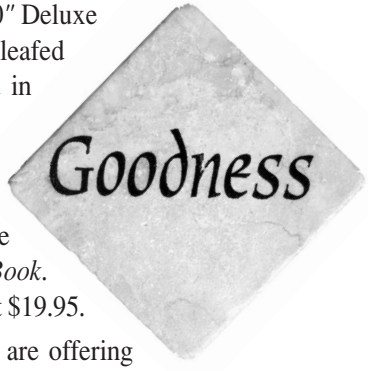

***The Urantia Book* Concordance** is an alphabetic listing of page references for every occurrence of any word in *The Urantia Book*. Regularly $34.95, this terrific study aid is priced for holiday giving at $19.95.

***The Urantia Book Workbooks* Volumes I through IV**. We are offering special holiday prices for these workbooks, reprints of those produced by the earliest students of the *Urantia Papers*. The next four volumes are available for pre-orders, which will be filled by Christmas (see separate article).

Keyword Index. This handy reference index is just $6.00.

LATIN AMERICAN LIBRARY PLACEMENT

In the last issue of Urantia News, we reported that there was a large quantity of *El libro de Urantia* available for distribution as gift books from a print run undertaken in Colombia. The books contain the complete text of *El libro de Urantia*, but they have uneven page margins. They fail, therefore, to meet Urantia Foundation's quality standards for sale in the book industry. We called for assistance distributing these books in Latin America, where people are hungry for the Urantia teachings.

Since then, Urantia Foundation Staff, Foundation Representatives, and numerous other volunteers in Latin America have been working together to coordinate a major library placement program in Mexico and in Central

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Life is but a day's work-do it well. The act is ours; the consequences God's. (556:13)

and South America. Nearly fifty volunteers in fifteen countries are involved in this dissemination effort. This has presented a wonderful opportunity for readers to serve their local communities and to plant the valuable seeds of the fifth epochal revelation.

This project is complicated by the fact that each country has different import regulations and library networks. Volunteers in various countries in Latin America have been helping the Foundation to find efficient, reliable, and economical methods to distribute large quantities of books tagged for non-commercial purposes. These volunteers have also been studying the national library systems in order to find the most efficient means to distribute these books to local libraries in each country.

Foundation Representative Ramón Ortiz & Yolanda Ballesteros, Coordinators of the Colombian Library Placement Team

Foundation Field Representative Mark Bloomfield, who has placed thousands of books in libraries throughout India and Asia, has volunteered to work with volunteers in Latin America to place books in libraries from Mexico to Chile and Argentina. His technique has been to personally visit with local librarians, to explain the book, and to highlight the value it could have in their country.

Many people have told us that they first found *The Urantia Book* in their local library. We hope this Latin American Library Placement Program will help our unseen friends to lead their wards to those places where they may find the book.

WHICH "*URANTIA BOOK*" WILL FUTURE READERS HAVE?

Readers play a vital role in ensuring that the authentic *Urantia Book* remains readily available in bookstores. By purchasing *The Urantia Book* locally, you encourage bookstores to stock the book so that it will be available for discovery by the next spiritual explorer and truth seeker!

By purchasing only the original, identified with the Concentric-Circles Symbol, you can help ensure that it will not be left to market forces to determine the content of the *Urantia Book* available to the world in the years to come. Insist on editions published by Urantia Foundation.

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No professed revelation of religion could be regarded as authentic if it failed to recognize the duty demands of ethical obligation which had been created and fostered by preceding evolutionary religion. Revelation unfailingly enlarges the ethical horizon of evolved religion while it simultaneously and unfailingly expands the moral obligations of all prior revelations. (1115:2)

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Special discounts are available for orders of the *Urantia Book Workbooks*. Volumes I-IV are currently available and we invite you to pre-order volumes V-VIII which should arrive in time for the holidays! If you have any questions, please contact our office at +1-773-525-3319.

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