

June 29, 2017

Cover Letter to Unity Treatise Petition

Thank you for taking the time to consider this petition. We appreciate that the issues surrounding this petition to Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International are complex, time consuming, and cut to the core of who we are as religious people. We are circulating this petition out of our commitment to our Heavenly Father, Michael, and the fifth epochal revelation to Urantia. Please know that your willingness to consider our efforts is very much appreciated.

This cover letter comes to you from three Urantia Book reader-believers. We met through our mutual appreciation for a treatise on unity circulated by Nicholas Scalzo towards the end of 2016. One of the greatest benefits already to have come from the circulation of this document is that it is bringing together a wonderful collection of committed Urantia Book reader-believers.

Meetings and email lists have started to develop to help people get to know each better and to make plans for working together now and on into the future. Signing onto the Petition is great. Getting to know and work with the people who sign the Petition is even better!

You can sign onto the petition in one of three ways. 1) You can give your overall support to the Unity Treatise. 2) You can give your support to as many of the specific items on the Unity Treatise Petition as you wish. 3) You can give your overall support to the petition as well as all the specific items listed.

To sign the Petition, send an email to Halbert Katzen (halbert137@icloud.com) indicating your preference(s). Write something like: "I, [your name], would like to give my overall support to the Unity Treatise." If appropriate, add, "And I would also like to give my support to all the specific items on the Petition." Or, if only want to support specific items, write something like, "I would like my name added to the following number(s) in the Statement of Partial Support: [specify number(s)]."

We understand that this is a process and that people are doing a lot of soul searching. We understand that people have a wide variety of dispositions and that minds may change as time goes on. We want this petition to reflect reality. As people add their names, the petition will periodically be re-released with a new date and names. We, of course, understand that learning who has signed on is a part of the process. If you change your mind about signing on or want to be added to more parts, this is no big deal. Just send a new email indicating your current wishes.

Unless you specify that you do not want to be on it, Halbert will add you to the email list when you sign the petition. You can, of course, unsubscribe at any time.

For convenience, an Appendix to the Petition includes some material referenced in the Treatise.

We encourage you to forward this Petition to other individuals and groups who you think will benefit from awareness of this Petition. When you do, please include all three of pdf's to ensure that related materials are kept together:

- 1) The Unity Treatise Petition, includes: Petition cover letter, the Petition, excerpts from Carolyn Kendall's paper about the original instructions and Mandate, and excerpts from the charters of Urantia Foundation, Urantia Brotherhood, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International.
- 2) The three cover letters sent out by Nicholas Scalzo along with the Unity Treatise.
- 3) The Unity Treatise

We look forward to hearing from you.

In Michael's service,

Carolina Greene
Halbert Katzen
Tony Ma

Introduction to Unity Treatise Petition

Purpose:

This is a Petition (with signers in alphabetical order) to the leadership of the three main Urantia Book-related organizations—Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International. The intention of this Petition is threefold:

1) Petitioners want to encourage these organizations to take certain measures by August 21, 2017. These measures are for the purpose of creating social unity and institutional harmony consistent with the mandated instructions and relationships originally intended to exist for and between Urantia Foundation and Urantia Brotherhood. As well, these measures are designed as a way for Urantia Foundation to demonstrate to the community of Urantia Book believers and to the world that, on an institutional level, it knows what it means to forgive and to honor the teaching, “Always we may have diversity of intellectual comprehension and interpretation, even varying degrees of socialization, but lack of spiritual brotherhood is both inexcusable and reprehensible.” (170:5.20)

2) Petitioners want to provide themselves with an opportunity to learn how to work together effectively and grow as a group, which is, of course, its own rich reward whether or not certain events come to pass by August 21, 2017.

3) Petitioners want to provide the Urantia Book reading community with an opportunity to see more clearly where the leaders and readership stand on the various issues related to this Petition.

Petition Management:

This Petition is rooted in the serious and ongoing concerns that people have about the three main Urantia Book-related, governmentally regulated, not-for-profit organizations. The matters pertaining to this Petition are public matters; this is a public Petition.

The Petition will be submitted periodically by email to Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International. Naturally, in order to attract and inspire signatures, the Petition needs to be circulated; expect to see it in both closed and public facebook groups, UBRON, email lists, etc.

This Petition will be managed by email as follows:

Halbert Katzen is the primary custodian. Carolina Greene and Tony Ma are the backup custodians. In order to have your name placed on the Petition, send an email to Halbert (halbert137@icloud.com), indicating your signature preference(s). Halbert will add you to the Petition, archive your email, send a copy to Carolina and Tony, and send you a confirmation email.

On a monthly basis, starting February 21st and ending in August, Halbert will forward a

copy of the updated Petition to Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International.

Inspiration For and Scope Of the Petition:

This Petition is an expression of interest taken in a 25-page treatise on unity, dated August 21, 2016, which was first circulated by Nicholas Scalzo, accompanied by some cover letters (the “Treatise”). (Halbert can provide a copy of the Treatise upon request.)

The measures sought in this Petition relate to a variety of issues. This Petition provides an opportunity to support the Petition as a whole or in part(s).

Notwithstanding that significant issues are related to the fact that the Treatise is not written from a human perspective but rather from the perspective of celestial authority authorized to provide perspective, guidance, critique, and correctives to the three main Urantia Book organizations, this Petition does not address that issue directly. The Petition does not call on people to assert whether they believe the Treatise has a nonhuman origin.

The Petition is organized around deriving the best possible meanings and values from the Treatise on a “truth from any source” basis. However, because the source of the Treatise is such an important issue, there is a statement pertaining to this immediately after the opportunity to show overall support for the Treatise.

The Unity Treatise Petition

Statement of Overall Support

With an eye towards deriving the best possible meanings and values from the Treatise on a “truth from any source” basis, the undersigned wish to express their general support for the perspective, guidance, critique, and correctives found in the Treatise:

Paul Rw Anthony, James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Joe DiMaggio, JenAlise Englade, Cristiano Figueroense, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, Jess Hansen, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Devon Landis, Roberto Lara, Thiago Eldon Lotino, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, John Piazza, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Jim Watkins, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

Total number of signatures: 32

Statements of Partial Support

1) *The Channeling Issue*: Given that:

A) the only information about the human source of the document is that Nicholas Scalzo says he got it from a “trusted friend” who wishes to remain anonymous,

B) there is no information whatsoever coming from Nicholas Scalzo, the trusted friend, or within the Treatise regarding the technique by which the trusted friend received the Treatise,

C) the Treatise has nothing to do with a proclamation about all human beings now being able to communicate with celestial personalities because of a completed adjudication of the rebellion, and

D) the Treatise clearly has some material that sources the evolving concepts and writings of various people in the Urantia community (not just Nicholas Scalzo),

the undersigned call upon the three main Urantia Book-related organizations (and all individuals) to be intellectually fair and honest about comparisons to the Teaching Mission or channeling. The nature of the Treatise unquestionably has more in common with the origins of *The Urantia Book* than it does with the Teaching Mission and channeling. Because the relevant facts on this issue are plain to see and because of the gravity of the issues involved, the undersigned wish to emphasize to those who would categorize the Treatise as being associated with the Teaching Mission and/or channeling that their own reputations for being intellectually honest participants in these matters are seriously undermined by such categorizations. We, therefore, call upon everyone to not be associated with such meritless disparagement and to renounce such associations if and wherever they have been already made.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriell Zadravetz

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2) *Failure of Leadership*: In light of the commentary made in number one above and with the understanding that the broader community of Urantia Book readers had to learn of the Treatise through a mass emailing done by Nicholas Scalzo because Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International ignored it after it was sent to them, given the reasonableness of the recommendations for a return to the original structures, names, intentions, and purposes of the founding institutions and the setting aside of past differences amongst trustees, the undersigned wish to express to the leadership of these organizations that we consider the failure to bring the Treatise forward for Urantia community discussion and debate to be a failure of leadership. The effort to suppress discussion AND delay the community's opportunity to address such a time-conditioned communication makes the leadership look guilty of everything they are being accused of in the Treatise and, for this reason, we call on the three main organizations to apologize officially to your respective communities for this failure of leadership.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriell Zadravetz

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3) *Father Centeredness*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International should add a new provision to the Constitutions of their respective organizations reflecting their commitment to strive to put the Universal Father in the center of their personal lives, and then together strive to put the Universal Father in the center of their organization as they govern it.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriell Zadravetz

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4) *Unity and Cooperation*: The undersigned affirm their support for the resurrection of Urantia Brotherhood and for the recreation of the original relationship between Urantia Foundation and Urantia Brotherhood as expressed in the Treatise. We call upon Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International to express their intention to achieve this by August 21, 2017.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Sharon Sadler, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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5) *Seeking Disenfranchised Readers*: Consistent with #11 in the "SIMPLE PLAN" section of the Treatise, the undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation and a resurrected Urantia Brotherhood should prioritize seeking out those groups of readers who have been disenfranchised from the movement because they sensed default within the organizations and lovingly introduce them to the new Urantia Brotherhood.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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6) *Teachers and Leaders*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation should develop policies, practices, and cooperative partnership with a resurrected Urantia Brotherhood for the official training of teachers and leaders. Such policies and practices would, of course, need to include the necessary checks and balances for the decertification of teachers and leaders. The undersigned call upon all to stand up for the wisdom of training teachers and leaders and call up the three main organizations to reconstitute themselves and their relationships in a manner congruent with what the Treatise says about this issue.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary

Reedy, Dick Reim, Sharon Sadler, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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7) *Remove "personal"*: The undersigned applaud the wisdom in the perspective that "an institution gives to another institution what is institutional" (Treatise p14) and affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Association International should remove the word "personal" from their Charter, where it appears in paragraph 1.1 before "religion, philosophy, and cosmology" and in any other places where it may similarly appear.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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8) *Fostering Institutions*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International should reconstitute themselves and their relationship so that Urantia Foundation and a resurrected Urantia Brotherhood can foster institutions of religion, philosophy, and cosmology (through the training of official teachers and leaders, among other things) as discussed in the Treatise.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Sharon Sadler, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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9) *One Publisher*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that economic efficiency, social unity, and institutional harmony would be best expressed to the community of reader-believers, companies involved with book sales and distribution, and to the world by having Urantia Foundation as the sole publisher of *The Urantia Book*.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Vincent Myers, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl

Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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10) *No Institutional Competition*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation should not be in competition for funding and community involvement with the social groups; that Urantia Foundation's solicitations for funds to individuals needs to be stopped immediately; and that funding should be secured from a combination of sales, unsolicited contributions, and harmonious cooperation with social groups. We call upon Urantia Foundation to immediately engage this new policy on securing funds.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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11) *Translations*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation should prioritize expeditiously getting *The Urantia Book* fully translated into all languages.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Sharon Sadler, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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12) *Study Groups*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Association International should reconstitute themselves and their relationship so that Urantia Foundation and a resurrected Urantia Brotherhood can develop policies, practices, and cooperative relationships to foster the creation of thousands upon thousands of Study Groups.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary

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13) *Reinstate Myers and Choi*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation should reinstate Martin Myers and Kwan Choi as trustees, either through the creation of additional seats on the Board of Trustees or in coordination with the resignation of existing trustees, or as a matter of record, should they express in advance their desire to decline the seat, if offered.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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14) *Reinstate Kendall*: The undersigned affirm their support for the proposition that Urantia Foundation should posthumously reinstate Tom Kendall as trustee as a matter of record.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Vincent Myers, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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15) *Reasonable Time Frame*: Given the seriousness of the issues involved and given that the structural changes called for can be effected expeditiously if there is the political will to do so, the undersigned wish to express their support for the date of August 21, 2017 as a reasonable timeframe for coming to terms with the issues addressed in this Petition and to come into compliance with the "SIMPLE PLAN" section of the Treatise.

Signers include: James Baxter, Donald John Beauchamp, Gerald Dalton, Dave Gonzalez, Carolina Greene, Marty Greenhut, David Johnson, Halbert Katzen, Michael Kubik, Roberto Lara, William Lucas, Tony Ma, Luis Marco, Cheryl Phillips, Gary Pratt, Carl Ramm, Gary Reedy, Dick Reim, Nicholas Scalzo, Todd Scarborough, Linda Sergio, Buzz Weitz, Zabriel Zadravetz

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Appendix

The following excerpts, presented with minor punctuation and editorial changes, are available in the full and original form at:

http://ubhistory.org/Documents/HB19660401_KendallC_07.pdf:

**PLAN FOR THE URANTIA BOOK REVELATION
BY CAROLYN KENDALL
[wife of removed trustee, Tom Kendall]
April 1996**

ASSIGNMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The following instructions were read to the Forum in November 1951. They were directed “to the Contact Commissioners (the Custodians of the Urantia revelation) from the personal regent of the acting Planetary Prince of Urantia:

“I desire to inform you concerning certain decisions and rulings formulated by the planetary government which pertain to the affairs of *The Urantia Book* and the ensuing Urantia Brotherhood. Today, I am calling into being a supreme planetary conclave to signalize my creation of the Supreme Court of Urantia. I have recently had a meeting with all persons and groups concerned with the Urantia revelation. As a result of this conference, I have made certain decisions and am handing down the following rulings:

“1. For five hundred years from February 11, 1935, the overall welfare and direction of *The Urantia Book* is placed in the hands of the Seraphim of Progress.

“2. The immediate fostering of the Urantia revelation — from decade to decade — (at least for the next one hundred years) will be entrusted to the Seraphim of the Churches. I have instructed this group to create a special commission to carry on this work.

“3. The human aspects of *The Urantia Book* will be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, subject to the advisory suggestions and veto powers of the Revelatory Commission of the United Midwayers of Urantia.

“4. For the time being, mediation between the overall and superhuman supervision of this commission and the directly human functioning of the Trustees of Urantia Foundation shall be vested in the Midwayer Commission, the successor of the original Urantia Revelatory Commission. This Commission shall continue to function as advisor to both the Seraphic Overseers and the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, but their veto powers shall extend only to the decisions and acts of the human Trustees.

“5. In the absence of Midwayer intervention after February 11, 1954, the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation shall proceed in accordance with their own judgment.” (Nov. 22, 1951)

“This communication represents my ruling up to this date respecting your Forum, the Seventy, *The Urantia Book*, the Urantia Foundation, and the proposed Urantia Brotherhood.

“1. Your Forum shall continue under the supervision of the Contact Commission as directed June 24, 1933.

“2. The Urantia Brotherhood — The plan of organization as it exists on this date is hereby provisionally approved for the inauguration of the Brotherhood. The plan provides for its own subsequent amendment.

“3. The Starting of the Brotherhood — The launching of the Brotherhood shall be left to the decisions of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation. They shall act personally — unofficially — and no record of such action shall appear in the transactions of the Urantia Foundation. They shall assume all and full responsibility for the organization and inauguration of the Urantia Brotherhood.

“4. *The Urantia Book* — By mandate of the Supreme Court of Urantia, . . . the full custody of *The Urantia Book* has been placed in my hands. I now make the following rulings:

“a) I, and I alone, will direct the time of the publication of *The Urantia Book*.

“b) If I do not provide such instructions on or before January 1, 1955, then the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation should proceed with plans for future publication in accordance with their own judgment.

“c) I approve of your plan to publish the Index of *The Urantia Book* in a separate volume.

“5. The Seventy — This is a project which will terminate with the launching of the Brotherhood. I would continue the present supervision. If for any reason this supervision should be terminated, I direct the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, acting unofficially, to appoint a new leader to act pending the inauguration of the Urantia Brotherhood.

“I share in your aspirations, concur in your longings, minister to your shortcomings, and wholeheartedly bless your undertakings.” (August 21, 1952)

**THE TIMING OF *THE URANTIA BOOK*
[commonly referred to as the “Publication Mandate”]**

In April 1955 William S. Sadler, Jr., prepared a paper, “Timing of *The Urantia Book*,” for the files of the Executive Committee drawn from “certain wise comments and advices.” It was known that these “wise sayings” were originally written communications addressed to the contact commissioners. We had heard them read in 1951 in their original form. Bill had adapted the language for “public” consumption, and he also read this paper to the Forum:

“We regard *The Urantia Book* as a feature of the progressive evolution of human society. It is not germane to the spectacular episodes of epochal revolution, even though it may apparently be timed to appear in the wake of one such revolution in human society. The Book belongs to the era immediately to follow the conclusion of the present ideological struggle. That will be the day when men will be willing to seek truth and righteousness. When the chaos of the present confusion has passed, it will be more readily possible to formulate the cosmos of a new and improved era of human relationships. And it is for this better order of affairs on earth that the Book has been made ready.

“But the publication of the Book has not been postponed to that (possibly) somewhat remote date. An early publication of the Book has been provided so that it may in hand for the training of leaders and teachers. Its presence is also required to engage the attention of persons of means who may be thus led to provide funds for translations into other languages.

“You who dedicate your lives to the service of the Book and the Brotherhood can little realize the import of your doings. You will doubtless live and die without fully realizing that you are participating in the birth of a new age of religion on this world.

“The future is not open to your mortal comprehension, but you will do well to diligently study the order, plan, and methods of progression as they were enacted in the earth life of Michael when the Word was made flesh. You are becoming actors in an ensuing episode when the Word is made Book. Great is the difference in these dispensations of religion, but many are the lessons which can be learned from a study of the former age.

“You must again study the times of Jesus on earth. You must carefully take note of how the kingdom of heaven was inaugurated in the world. Did it evolve slowly and unfold naturally? Or did it come with sudden show of force and with spectacular exhibition of power? Was it evolutionary or revolutionary?

“You must learn to possess your souls in patience. You are in association with a revelation of truth which is a part of the natural evolution of religion on this world. Overrapid growth would be suicidal. The book is being given to those who are ready for it long before the day of its world-wide mission. Thousands of study groups must be brought into existence and the book must be translated into many tongues. Thus will the book be in readiness when the battle for man’s liberty is finally won and the world is once more made safe for the religion of Jesus and the freedom of mankind.” (August 21, 1952)

From the Urantia Foundation Declaration of Trust:

ARTICLE II: OBJECTS

2.1. **PRINCIPAL OBJECT:** 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.

2.2. **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.

ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

3.1. **PRESERVATION OF TEXT OF The Urantia Book:** It shall be the primary duty of the Trustees to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of The Urantia Book, and the Trustees shall use and employ such means, methods, and facilities and apply and expend as much of the Trust Estate as in the judgment of the Trustees shall be necessary, proper, or appropriate, for the preserving and the safekeeping of copies of the original text of The Urantia Book, duly authenticated by the Trustees, from loss, damage, or destruction and from alteration, modification, revision, or change in any manner or in any particular.

3.2. **EFFECTING PRINCIPAL OBJECT:** It shall be the duty of the Trustees to use and employ such means and methods as they shall from time to time devise and develop and to apply and expend the Trust Estate to promote and effectuate the general purposes as set forth in paragraph 2.1.

3.3. **PRESERVATION AND CONTROL OF REPRODUCTION OF The Urantia Book:** It shall be the duty of the Trustees to retain absolute and unconditional control of all plates and other media for the printing and reproduction of The Urantia Book and any translation thereof, to make or cause to be made such additional plates and other media as shall from time to time be required to print and reproduce The Urantia Book and any translations thereof, to retain the absolute and unconditional control of the possession, custody, use, and disposition of all such plates and other media for the printing and reproduction of The Urantia Book and translation thereof, and to apply and use the Trust Estate therefor.

3.4. **DISSEMINATION OF TEACHINGS OF The Urantia Book:** It shall be the duty of the Trustees to disseminate the teachings and doctrines of The Urantia Book and to devise, to develop, and to effectuate means and methods for such dissemination, and to apply and use the Trust Estate for the accomplishment of that end.

From the Constitution of Urantia Brotherhood:

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purposes of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD are the study and dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*; 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 life and teachings of Jesus Christ; and 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 individuals and as a member of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and of all countries wherein URANTIA BROTHERHOOD may extend.

From The Urantia Book Fellowship Constitution:

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purposes of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP are the study and dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*; 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 humankind and our relation to God, and of the life and teachings of Jesus; and the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of All -- in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well-being of all people, as individuals and as members of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with humankind's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and of all countries wherein THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP may extend.

Charter of Urantia Association International excerpt:

ARTICLE 1

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mission: To foster study of The Urantia Book and to disseminate its teachings.

1.1 The Urantia Association International (UAI) is a nonprofit, service organization formed to disseminate the teachings of The Urantia Book in order to promote, improve, and expand comprehension and appreciation among the peoples of the world of cosmology, of the relationship 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. In so doing, UAI shall endeavor 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 personal religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology commensurate with man's intellectual and cultural development.

1.2 UAI shall foster in-depth study of the complete text of The Urantia Book through the development of activities such as study groups, seminars, conferences, periodicals, derivative works, study aids, and other dissemination activities. UAI shall create opportunities for the development of teachers and leaders through the natural evolution of learning through doing, and shall encourage forums for the exchange of ideas and experiences pertaining to The Urantia Book.

1.3 The watchwords of UAI are teamwork and service:

1.4 All activities of UAI and its constituent Associations shall be guided by the teachings of The Urantia Book. The efforts of UAI to disseminate these teachings shall be based on principles of service and attraction, including the efforts of the members of UAI, as individuals, to incorporate the teachings of The Urantia Book into their own lives on progressively higher levels.

1.5 Although a separate entity, UAI supports the Principal and Concordant Objects of the Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia Foundation and considers itself to be interdependent with Urantia Foundation.

Limitations

To ensure UAI remains focused on its mission UAI has adopted the following limitations on its activities:

1.6 UAI shall not express opinions, form policies, or otherwise take positions on political, social, or economic issues and shall not identify itself with any nation, race, or religion. However, nothing in this Charter, the UAI Bylaws, or the Bylaws of any constituent Association of UAI is intended to prevent or discourage members of UAI, as individuals, from expressing their personal opinions on these matters or from personally participating in such activities. In addition UAI shall not be nor shall it form a church or an organized religion.

1.7 Understanding and interpretation of The Urantia Book is an individual matter. Therefore, UAI shall not present any official interpretations of The Urantia Book.

1.8 UAI welcomes people of all faiths, races, and nationalities and shall foster spiritual fellowship among all the peoples of the world. However, UAI should not be confused with the spiritual Brotherhood of Mankind under the Fatherhood of God.