

"The Urantia Book calls itself a new revelation to our world. It is spread from friend to friend with no publicity whatsoever and studied mostly in private homes all over the world. " Then the questions come and I answer as best I can relying on the Spirit of Truth to guide and direct me! Light 'n Life

Jane Roper

The Urantia Book is the story of man's nature origin and destiny, and offers an expanded and appealing God concept which is not only reasonable *and* inspiring but is also far more accessible to the higher philosophic needs of the human mind of this era than anything I've been able to find anywhere else. The book helps us to find a god we can love and trust, and whom we could want to follow.

The detailed description of life after death and our entire eternal adventure not only provides hopeful and inspiring visions of the future, but gives us a foundation for a far more fearless, happy and satisfying life right here and now.

The Urantia Book defines the meaning of *real religion* as finding faith in a personal relationship with God (unique and individual) and tells us that the best way to conceive of him is as our loving heavenly father. This same God is not only the source of each of our one-of-a-kind personalities ("unique in all eternity and irreplaceable in all infinity") but also sends a fragment of himself to reside within our mind to guide us *if* we, through a free will moral choice, ask for his help to us guide our life forward, onward and upward.

So, regardless of the adversities and challenges we face, we need never face them alone. We have a far greater understanding (and acceptance) of the reasons why these apparent difficulties are a necessary part of our long term educational process of learning how to adapt, in order to grow in character, faith, courage, altruism, wisdom and experience.

This expanded perspective view presented of God and the meaning of the universe, is filled with such positive, encouraging inspiration as well hopeful, reasonable and satisfying answers to most of life's most perplexing problems.

Lastly the language with which this book is written is superb, so supernal, beautiful, and enriching beyond human imagination, that it rings of living truth and stimulates and elevates the human imagination beyond the boundaries of current concepts of reality.

The Urantia Book is the most worthwhile investment of time and attention required to read it.

Christilyn Biek Larson

1. Know your audience...try not to pick hot topics that might be controversial.
2. Like Jesus did, ask them what are they most interested in such as: "what happens to us when we die", " religion is our personal relationship with God". Are they interested in science, gov't, Ethics, morality, family life? What about those young people that have no children here? They will have the experience in the nursery worlds.

They may ask about reincarnation so be prepared for that answer. Just whet their appetite for truth. I found when you give too much too soon it becomes overwhelming and could turn them off.
Love and Good Luck, Doreen Heyne

Some of the things I generally say when introducing the book are:

The book has never been publicized or commercialized and there is no one making any money on the book.

There is no human being exalted in connection with the book.

The way it came to be is a mystery but it basically explains that it was put on this earth for us by celestial intelligences.

It explains what happens when you die, how the different races of color came to be, who Adam and Eve were, and gives a detailed account of our planetary history.

So those are just a few of the things that I say....

How about you? Share with me privately or with the group - but any ideas I get I will post to the site for others to see without your name.

Andrea Barnes

Along with the suggestions above ...

...I often use an objective 3rd party approach. In other words, whenever I can (and whenever it's appropriate), I suggest that the newly interested truthseeker might want to search "The Urantia Book" in Wikipedia for a "...nice, concise, fair & balanced introduction...". I also usually mention that the section in Wikipedia that deals with the origin of the book is not only deliciously mysterious, but thoroughly documented as well.

Mark Erickson

Thanks to all of your for your feedback.

Mark, I really like your ideas here. It occurred to me that giving a testimonial might be a good thing too. I generally don't do it myself but saw it's very effective use when working the expo and listening to some of the others as they shared their story of finding the book and the difference they feel it has made in their life. This seemed to capture people's interest. It was a very personal approach.

I also like the idea of telling a potential reader to research it on their own via websites like wikipedia or some of the others. I like to send people to [truthbook.com](http://www.truthbook.com) because it has so many good ways to get people interested in reading the book, like videos, pictures, testimonials, Q & A's, etc.

Truthbook.com also has an area where you can read about how people feel the Urantia Book changed their lives: <http://www.truthbook.com/changed/index.cfm>
And "What the Urantia Book means to me": <http://www.truthbook.com/index.cfm?linkID=577>

So, these are just a couple of the links that I was thinking are good to share. Everyone would have their own depending on the person they are talking to about the book.

Andrea Barnes

GET THIS! -> Have you read Don Green's papers on participating in an on-campus ubook club like he has for so many many years? It is great and I think would be an excellent addition to the ideabook you are putting together. Ask him, he's generous and knows how to share!

Great work sister, blessings on you, Jane

Here's my 60 second elevator intro:

"The Urantia book claims to be revelation for our times, given to us by the angels of our planet. It describes the nature of God and the organization of the Universe and gives us an extensive account of the life and teachings of Jesus. Most important -- for me--- it convinces me that God loves each of us unconditionally; we have nothing to fear from God, and the Universe is full of loving celestial friends.

And, no, it's not a religion. People who worship and practice 5 different faith traditions attend our (Pueblo) study group. We all worship in different churches on Sunday, and study the Urantia Book together on Monday nights."

Folks, the last statement is where people reach out for the book!

I love this kind of sharing!

Jo Ann Wiedman

My very brief comment is: It's a book of basically spiritual literature which also harmonizes science, philosophy, spirituality, and history.

If I have more time I say: This book describes the origin, evolutionary development, and destiny of all realities on all levels of existence. It provides the story of the nature and some of the functional and

creative purposes of Deity and reality. It furnishes the reader with the story of his future ascent of the many levels of the finite universe, the finding of God, and his future eternal destiny of service to God in a universe of light, life, and unending adventurous discovery. The book concludes with an account of how all of the previous descriptions of God and universe reality relate to and include the earth-life and the teachings of Jesus.

(or words to the same effect...)

Hope this is helpful,

(By the way, some things I do NOT do include: I would suggest *not* beginning with references to what the Urantia Book is *not*, with describing its origin or authorship, or with information regarding its stand on racial differences or origins. If those questions are the next thing the candidate-reader want to know then I explain: origin and authorship, or whatever he/she inquires about. However, I, for my part, never in an introduction refer immediately to the controversial hot-topics of the book, such as: racial differences (and primary and secondary human races) or the invalidity of such concepts as hell, the atonement doctrine, astrology or reincarnation.)

Finally, as you and Thomas and Aurora and others have also suggested, my further initial comments become based on what responses I get to questions put to the candidate about his or her interests and curiosity.

David Glass

Here's a couple... I know the answers, but I'd love to hear a couple of good, official answers...

1. What is an Epochal Revelation?..
2. What is *The Bible*?.. And why isn't *The Bible* an Epochal Revelation?...
2. Who wrote *The Urantia Book*?

Thanks for doing this....

Mark Erickson
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