

FOR REASONS RIGHT AND WRONG

The publication being considered in this essay is *The Urantia Book*, first published in 1955 by the Urantia Foundation. Attention is given to the role of the revelators and the people involved in the receipt of the Papers. This analysis also intends to show the Book is a genuine revelation to mankind, notwithstanding its detractors and its perilous though prevailing journey.

Some people who knew about the writings being transmitted may not have realized the significance of their content. So thirty possible misconceptions about the Papers are listed. However, such misplaced notions may have supported rather than prevented the eventual publication. Then revelatory concepts in the Book are listed. In a final section, the influence of the teachings of Jesus in the world today is considered.

We are thankful to those wise and farsighted people who were dedicated to the secure custody and eventual publication of the Urantia Papers. Opposition still comes from many quarters: Non-religionists, those who might want to persecute Christians, religionists who feel threatened by a new text, and political agencies that fear losing control of the public mind set.

For varying reasons discussed in this article, the opponents even to this day are not succeeding. So those who thought the text might support their self-interests, or the revelation might only be a benign influence in the world, must now concede the revelation is progressing globally.

This is true because the content of *The Urantia Book* does have that capacity to generate spiritual momentum. It is inspiring individuals who in turn can transform society for the betterment of people, and to the detriment of any unfair authority which denies God and the true purpose of the life of Jesus.

The revelation speaks of a religion of personal liberty of the spirit, and the individual's direct relationship with a personal God. Be alert to any misuse. I trust that this at times satirical article, will assist in clarifying some of the major associated concepts, corrects misrepresentations, and validate the fact that *The Urantia Book* is a work beyond the capacity of mortal ability.

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FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS SOME THOUGHT PUBLISHING WAS A GOOD IDEA

In the time prior to the publication of *The Urantia Book*, especially during the years 1935 to 1950, many people partially aware of the Urantia Papers may have believed they supported their religious beliefs or worldview, when in fact they did not. Likewise, those who may have had a specific interest in say, extra-terrestrials, psychic communications, world government, genetics, and outer space, may well have been filled with anticipation.

THE BACKGROUND

During the years 1939 to 1942, a group of people known as 'The Seventy' was able to ask the revelators a series of questions during weekends of study. It was also thought to be a means of training leaders and teachers. Under the tutelage and strict rules imposed by Dr. William Sadler, they had a clear understanding of the content of the Urantia Papers.

Dr. Sadler also protected the identity of the person referred to as the Sleeping Subject, made documents secure, and ensured the privacy of the venue and the attendees. He was also very wary of trespassers, opportunists, and those who sought to have any sort of independent human contribution to the text, or make changes to the text. (It appears changes were subsequently made.)

Many outside people, if they were even vaguely aware of the writings, would have had a great interest in these somewhat secretive communications by personalities from another world. The US government, surveillance agencies, top defense and military personnel, the US and foreign intelligence agencies, may have felt a duty to investigate. And of course, religionists might have felt threatened if their doctrines were to be challenged.

There were unsuccessful attempts to infiltrate the insider groups. And there may well have been successful infiltration.

WHAT IT ALL MEANS

It could be said that some of the above agencies, external to the insider Urantia groups, would have been getting fragments of the information being received. There are indications of this. Consider the Sherman Diaries.

The fragmented information could have indicated to some that the revelation was coming from occult forces. Certain people were eager to believe so, thinking it would have fitted into the type of information they had 'received' through 'mediums' over past decades and even centuries.

Some may have thought surveillance necessary due to presumed national security issues. Could the Papers have been a precursor to a threat from an alien force? There has always been a great interest in contact with aliens.

With this in mind, a list of thirty main topics that would have been of crucial value to them has been randomly compiled. Also keep in mind that some of the external agencies had an agenda for world governance even then. Now their plans are becoming much clearer. The comments provided in this article draw on such indicators.

THE BIG ERROR

The real outsiders were grossly mistaken; they did not have the detail, or perhaps the mental and spiritual capacity, to recognize the valid content of the revelations. With their ignorance and blindness to truth, they would have assumed their nefarious ideas were being supported. To outsiders, this revealed information may have seemed to be a standard psychic transmission with new evidence that could possibly be used for power and control. Bits and pieces of information were likely to have been conveyed verbally, if documents could not have been copied or stolen.

Because the people with questionable intent would have thought the 'channeled' information supported their cause, it is considered they would not have prevented its publication. In fact, their attempts to include additional information and changing certain information, may have bolstered their confidence and the support they gave.

However, the insiders would have known a major work was being received from a higher source. It was new and unprecedented. It would have been natural to want to protect it because otherwise many people would want to control it with the intent of misrepresenting and suppressing it, especially if it encouraged religious discourse and interfered with world plans generally.

THE END RESULT

How providential were the actions of Dr. Sadler? Due largely to his efforts, against great odds, we currently have a substantially intact revelation. And perhaps the nefarious people did not realize the potential of the spirit power they were unwittingly helping to release into the world.

Maybe early protection came from the initial overcontrol applied by the revelators. Because after such a monumental achievement of permissions, authority, compilation, personnel selection above and below, they would not allow their mission to be disrupted, at least within their given mandate.

So the bits of information that could have appeased, delighted, encouraged, and even excited the misreaders of truth, are here considered. The revelators would have been monitoring any such adverse influences at the time.

NUMBER ONE: ALIEN LIFE FORMS

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Reference is made to contact with 'aliens' throughout the revelation. They are the authors of the Papers, transmitters, power controllers, life carriers, administrators, teachers, and upholders of the universe.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Science fiction as a genre of books, comics, and motion pictures was becoming vogue. There was the influence of Eastern philosophies, so called religions like Theosophy, and mysticism. And the idea that aliens could invade was a fear factor. Their capture, and the possibility for reverse engineering technology, were exciting prospects.

The government wanted to fund the space program and search for extraterrestrial beings by way of intergalactic communication. And alien influences through occult phenomena were believed.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

There is a friendly universe out there that is lovingly administrated. There is an ascension program for mortals than can be traversed with the help of angelic beings and wonderful teachers. They have full knowledge of our origins, present day problems and destiny, and are working very hard to counter occult and satanic influences, and are assisting the planet to achieve its potential for spiritual enlightenment.

They have previously arranged four epochal revelations and are yet again making every effort to advance us and our planet with this, the fifth and most recent revelation.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Many people believe in the possibility of life on other planets. They realize that aliens are likely to be more advanced than we are. We have matured considerably in our outlook on the universe. Our astronomers continue to discover and reassess the wonders of the universes. We are rightly being astounded and are expanding our horizons.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

People can prepare for contact with the intelligent life on other planets. We must see them as friendly not hostile. We must be vigilant, and not fooled by false claims of an alien invasion. And we can look forward to the time when we will resume our reception of space broadcasts.

NUMBER TWO: ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

One world government is mentioned as essential for the prevention of wars and peaceful coexistence. The great barrier to world peace is nationalism in its guise that is intended to inspire blind patriotism.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

There is a documented plan by some to eliminate borders, destroy good governments, keep people poor and uneducated (or mis-educated), control banks and finance, and to set up an 'elite group' to take control of the world. This also means establishing world organizations, along with massive spending on the military, armaments, and 'peace keeping' forces.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The revelation gives us a long-term plan for the future. It tells of the futility and recklessness of war with its cost to families and society.

We are told that on a neighboring planet a little more advanced than ours, that war is outdated and communities are empowered and progressive. People want peace and personal freedoms.

The model given in *The Urantia Book* is totally different to that proposed for the world today. It advises less government control not more. It recommends fair and calculated income redistribution, individual freedoms, home and family, and ownership of private property. It says fanatical aspects of nationalism must be overcome so that it is not a pretext for war. And national identities can still be retained.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

The plans of the 'controlling group' are more evident. The growing numbers of people supporting big government are boldly speaking out. But the number of people aware of the big lie is growing too. The rapid migration we see today is socially engineered and threatening the countries of the Western world. It is already unsustainable and lacks all common sense. Governments are nowhere near ready to embrace the world model outlined in the revelation.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

People need to know the truth. Be part of the growing recognition of, and opposition to, the current world agenda in its various names. People will become united against misinformation, division, and hatred. The revelation provides the spirit identity and model of governance for advancing people and nations. This model has no doubt been proven on other planets.

NUMBER THREE: GENETICS

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Population control and genetics are essential issues to address if the world is to develop socially, economically, and spiritually. Inferior stock has historically caused setbacks to planetary advancement.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Genetics was a major experiment in America during the mid 1900s. Much research was published before it was closed down. No doubt it continues in many ways. World War Two had played a major role in racial experiments. Some decry genetics while claiming to be superior. Some philosophies include a plan to reduce the world population and eliminate educated people, so that there is easier management and control by a ruling class.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

With sensible genetic planning, the world can prevent deficiencies that will prove disastrous to humanity if people with a barbaric nature seize control of power. Mention is also made of the unwise notion of false sentiment.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

There are calls to combat racial discrimination and inequality. Victimhood is easily claimed, blame is readily apportioned, and 'feel good' is rife. The sound arguments about population control are overshadowed by the racial reasons offered through the agendas of current international agencies.

Humanitarian aid, assumed entitlement, and government welfare, are creating imbalances. Experts recommend generic planning for species of plants and animals, but not for the most important, the human species. As well as war, famine and sickness are used to reduce population in extreme ways.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

The rapid influx of immigrants to a different culture puts social and legislative structures under pressure. New national and international laws are required. Stable governments are needed so people do not have to flee from their homelands. People need jobs, education in civic and cultural matters, access to medical facilities, and modern amenities, not civil unrest.

Genetic results across future generations will need to be analyzed. It will be important to act on any adverse trend. Also, we need to watch for any deliberate attempt of evil genetic engineering. More deficiencies and such manipulation will greatly retard the progress of civilization.

NUMBER FOUR: DEATHS AND DESTRUCTION

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

In the 1930s the revelators refer to the loss of life already in the 20th century, and they announce that more terrible destruction is yet to come.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Warfare was the favored means for major nations to develop military weapons, reduce the powers of developing countries, and to colonize countries in order to plunder their riches. Events that would result in the Second World War were in process.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

It is a warning to us all that the world is far from reaching an enlightened state. People will eventually learn to unite and care for one another after violence has run its diabolical, exhausting, and futile course.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Major nations continue to build more advanced and deadly weaponry. War contains high tech elements. International controls and deterrents are largely ineffective. We are told war is peace and slavery is freedom. That is the inversion of truth, and it goes by many names.

The world is continually at war somewhere, all very pleasing to the hawks of the military/industry complex. It escalates from real or contrived hatreds, the supply of arms, political agendas, and it creates a global estate led by the warmongers. Such action is sustained by money; people lose their rightful freedoms; we see states bereft of basic living conditions, and of course, any teachings about a loving God. The economic and social divide widens.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

We need to resist, restrain, and eliminate violence by the power of good. The love of family life and respect for home, country, and planet, lead to better societies. And well-qualified people need to aspire to, and be appointed to, positions of world leadership.

When we work in harmony with higher values, spirit forces, and like-minded people, we create an impetus that eliminates evil.

The problem is that such an approach is repeatedly challenged and opposed by force. This is a terrible price to pay but it does seem to be the process that eventually establishes loyalty and trust, and the wisdom to understand God's ultimate plan. Progress comes from evolutionary adversity.

NUMBER FIVE: THE JEWISH PEOPLE

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The Jewish people are spoken of most highly, as is the God Yahweh of its time. The revelation also states that the Jews of today are not accountable for the death of Jesus by their forebears. It tells of the covenant with Abraham and the greatness of Moses.

The Book gives a detailed historical account in two of the chapters about the early Jewish people and their religious heritage. Mention is also made of the rewriting of religious text during the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

This is all relatively good news for the Jewish people. They would be unaware of the conflicting beliefs between the revelation and their holy books written by their holy men. The revelation did not appear to be a threat based on religious grounds. It was monotheistic, and its Trinity concept was likely overlooked.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

We find in the detail that Judaism has its shortcomings like all religions of the mind. No people, including Jewish people, are given 'chosen people' status.

They are reprimanded for their failure to recognize Jesus since he was not considered to be from the House of David, and so did not meet their scriptural expectations. It is massively erroneous to say he is a minor prophet. For this failure, this loss of opportunity, these people were said to be destined to disperse to all corners of the earth.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

We have the legacy of Holocaust stories, issues with anti-Semitism, and ongoing conflict in the Middle East. A major problem is the occupation of territory which some believe should be Greater Israel. Others believe it should be Greater Palestine.

Then there is the contentious Temple Mount. It seems people long for a mighty central place of spirit identity, just like we should have with the residence on the planet of a Planetary Prince.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

We need to see that no place or land is, of itself, holy. And only religion of the spirit can break down barriers that exist between the monotheistic religions.

NUMBER SIX: THE ISLAMIC RELIGION

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

There is recognition of the Islamic religion. The only adverse reference is to its militarism and its treatment of woman. This religion was originally superior to many others, and is good in that it recognizes the one God.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

The information appears to justify the overall control exerted by the Islamic faith when it says that real religion permeates all aspect of a person's life.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

However true religion is a religion of the spirit as opposed to a religion of the mind. The latter is about authority, obedience, and control. In some, apostates are expelled. The former encourages a person's religious expression, and leaves them free to interpret God's will for themselves. And this requires a society that allows people the freedom to exercise that divine will.

When a religion directs people's way of living and thinking, their associations with others, and their exploration of expanding religious truths, then that religion is imposing its will and not a religion in the true sense of the word.

Religion is to be separate from the legislative and the judiciary. Any religion that prevents its adherents from investigating other beliefs, then deciding, is not worthy of any claim that they represent the Father of all.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Muslims of the Islamic faith are immigrating to other countries in greater numbers. These people often choose, on religious grounds, not to assimilate generally with the cultural and legal practices of those countries.

Some belief systems are imposing upon the societies of the host people, possibly usurping the host's established mores. Muslims are claiming to be acting on religious authority to make the world Islamic.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

It all gets back to Jesus' teaching that we should 'love one another'. We are all to look for the best in each other's religion, and benefit thereby.

Peaceful coexistence requires the recognition that the God of different faiths is in fact the same loving God who was represented here on earth by the man known as Jesus of Nazareth. And superior teachings need to be recognized and protected at all costs.

NUMBER SEVEN: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

There are numerous references to America. It also says the various States that make up the USA have retained their individuality. Early records of seismic events and fossils are mentioned, as are many place names.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

The early readers could believe that America was being heralded as the shining light of the world. In addition, American people had been selected to record and publish this significant work.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Numerous place and country names are used extensively and in context within the narrative. In no way does that indicate that the American people have a greater spiritual entitlement or status than people in other countries. More than a dozen countries and hundreds of towns are mentioned.

This was a time of nation building for the USA, and its people were industrious and inventive. It was a good place to start the revelation. It had a chance to create a spiritual revival. It could reach out to the rest of the world.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

America has been a leader in conducting wars in other countries while there is increasing civil unrest at home. Its political system and multinational companies have not addressed the number of poor and undereducated people in its society. Its future direction is uncertain as other world powers are gaining ascendancy in influence.

Many Book readers there dilute their commitment to it by embracing other beliefs as well. And most of the vocal opponents to the Book are in America.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Hopefully the people of all nations can be torchbearers for the truths and guidelines presented in the revelation. They will need wise leadership at all levels, and underlying Christian principles.

And the Urantia Foundation, based and incorporated in America, needs to continue to make the Book READILY available to the people of the world. The Foundation may need to address its role in a rapidly changing world. Perhaps it will need more resources or a new business model. It may need to consider future risks regarding publication and dissemination. At what point is the revelation approaching the stage of potential default?

NUMBER EIGHT: THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Christianity and its church are given severe reprimands to say the least. It has become a secular organization, and therefore it cannot reform the world because it has become part of the problem. It should not be involving itself in social, financial, and political issues, while neglecting its sole mission - the heralding of the teachings of the life of Jesus.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

This appeared to support the idea of diminishing the influence of the Christian religion in Western society. This would create a vacuum for other ideologies and fringe religions to arise and confuse people and hide the truth, particularly from younger generations. This has been the agenda for 2,000 years. Perhaps they thought that this time they might be successful.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The revelators were offering insights and advice to assist the church to reform by recognizing its true role. Even today it does contain the seeds of a great power as it was founded upon the teachings and the spirit of Jesus.

It has survived many a pagan swamp and can still emerge from its cocoon. Its secular nature and priest caste is holding it back. Church leaders, under the guise of liberty and compassion for their fellow man, continue to support non-Christian teachings. They are at odds with their congregation.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

The church seems to be incapable of reforming its outworn traditions that were never a part of Jesus' teachings in the first place. And they are continuing to weaken their resolve to stand by Jesus. Church leaders are embracing religions and roles that diminish their effectiveness to represent the greatest truths. Only evangelical and TV Christianity seem to appeal these days. And such leaders seem focused on soliciting funds.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

A reformed Christian church would be a suitable vehicle to nurture the revelation to its adherents. Who would not be thrilled by a greater revelation about their spiritual leader? And it needs to represent the religious longings of the people of this age. The world is waiting and ready to respond.

If the old cannot be transformed then a new organization will emerge. The future will be based on Jesus, not the material world.

NUMBER NINE: SATAN

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The persona of Satan (that is, Caligastia, rather than Satan or Lucifer) is said to be real and actively influencing people. This world is quarantined.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

To some it was not an embarrassment but an acknowledgement. It gave recognition to the satanic forces on this planet. It confirmed the agendas being executed in the name of Satan.

They could relate to all of it: The challenge to Jesus, the turmoil created, the plan to overturn God's rule, and their subsequent dominance over the world with false liberty. The revelation refers to Satan's history, and people could relate to his manifesto and power.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Two of the perpetrators of universal warfare are incarcerated and are powerless to influence this planet. The third, Caligastia, has had his powers curtailed and can only be an influence on people who specifically invite him to do so. But he too is to face the judicial tribunals of the Ancients of Days.

And we are told Caligastia will fail. There will be upheaval for his followers. They are trying to capture the world for themselves, the one we freely occupy. They see God as a restricting force and want the liberty to wield their own power. But it is not and never will be their power. They think chaos and destruction, instead of love and service, will give them supremacy. They fight among themselves for a godless world that would ultimately perish.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

The downward spiral of values in society has been implanted into the mass consciousness. The communist ideology, as implemented in world organizations, is progressive only to those who seek related power.

If left unchecked, such people will continue until they destroy the current social fabric. However, there is a powerful undercurrent of awareness. People are awakening to the evil activities and are speaking out against them. This momentum is growing in spite of criticism and censorship.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

An increasing number of people will find simple and effective ways to present and preserve *The Urantia Book* in their immediate spheres of influence. Planetary restoration can occur from many small steps.

NUMBER TEN: JESUS

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Jesus, in one viewpoint about his life, could be considered to be a failure - his mission was unsuccessful, he was disowned by family, sold out by one of his friends, dying a pauper on a cross, his teachings discredited, considered to be a heretic, and judged as a criminal by the people and by Rome.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

This report would have suited many powerful groups who do not want people congregating with beliefs contrary to their own. Many did not want Jesus to be seen as a genuine prophet whose influence and truths might disrupt the credibility and authority of their own leaders.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

A reading of the Book, especially Part 4, shows the full story of the life of Jesus. He is much more than the Jesus depicted in the New Testament. His greatness and his influence require a detailed study, followed by the courage to follow his example. Anyone believing they have seriously considered his teachings after a superficial reading about his life is misguided.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

There are not too many people looking for the real Jesus these days. Few people brought up through the churches have heard of this new presentation of truth, opting for the social and emotional grip of evangelical persuasion and a handed down set of beliefs. Is there a spiritual perspective on this planet?

God, Jesus, and religion are not topics for discussion and education. Hopefully many people will continue their spiritual journey and discover in and through Jesus, their own personal religion with God the Father.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Jesus as Michael of Nebadon rules the whole local universe. We have to maintain our focus on him, know his presence, strengthen our thoughts about his message, and recognize his spiritual influence through the Spirit of Truth. His powers still flow freely on the planet and throughout the universe.

Perhaps we need to prepare for an archangel circuit to be established on the planet, perhaps a visit by an advanced Son, the re-connection of the communication circuit for the planet, and even one day the arrival of a resident Planetary Prince. And one day there is to be the Paradise designated event of his promised second coming.

NUMBER ELEVEN: MIND

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The revelation makes a most detailed explanation of the role and function of mind. It is a revelation in itself and takes us way beyond the very basic understanding that prevails in the world today.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Analysis of the mind and related experiments were being conducted and in their early stages. Mostly it was ill conceived, unfounded, and unscientific work. But it was considered important for military and psychiatric purposes.

Unfortunately it was also being considered for developing techniques in mind control. A superficial knowledge of the Book would have suggested that this area could be a goldmine for those interested in such research.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The mind is an intermediary mechanism between the material and the spiritual. It is an incredibly powerful receptor of spiritual values and positive influences. Conversely it can operate at a base level.

No person can exercise control over someone else by applying the ideas in the Book. Free will is a central part of the teaching and any sort of mind control is designed to take away or diminish a person's capacity to think and operate independently. Not doing or subverting the will of God, or being forced to do the will of another, are gross violations of God's gift to humanity.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

We are bombarded with information based on a controlling agenda that is publicly declared. It is a fight for hearts and minds. And dollars and power. We have to decide what is true and what mindset we wish to embrace.

Due to the current stage of planetary development of adjutant mind, we have a strong resistance to evil under normal conditions. Mind can differentiate right and wrong, good and evil. However, our young people especially are being subjected to a valueless world with few counterbalancing influences.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Through wide and independent reading and discussion, we can get a new perspective on what is really going on in the world. Each of us needs to develop better communication through mind with our indwelling spirit. This enriches the soul and enhances our chances for eternal survival.

NUMBER TWELVE: WEALTH

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

There is counsel for the rich man, a sermon on wealth, there are explanations for different sorts of wealth, and there is the importance of acquiring the necessary goods of life. Honest wealth is accepted.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

There is a great love for materialism and the accumulation of wealth in the world. This goes with power and is the measure of success and prestige. But standards seem to be readily lowered in its pursuit. Consumerism was on the rise, with advertising creating the desire for materialism.

The central banking system, international banking and clearing houses, were exerting their authority. Many accept the loss of self that is often traded off in the extreme desire for wealth, and the focus on its pursuit.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Money buys the necessities of life. Wealth can be used to improve the lives of others, and it can encourage the beauty of artistic expression. And the warning about the love of money is included. It refers to God and Caesar.

The Book includes the statement that 'the worst of materialism is over'. (Note carefully how that statement is specific.) It also refers to debt being the new slavery, and this is clearly obvious now for both individuals and countries. When we have the necessities of life, we have more time for thinking. This leads to greater creativity, and time for considering spiritual values.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Truths and revelations that would awaken and thrill a spirit hungry person, are ignored by those who are power hungry. The world for these people is based only on materialism. They can always live well, often at the expense of others. Governments usually make major donors and office holders wealthy and seldom directly enrich the lives of the general population.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Funds have to be redistributed from the wasteful programs of governments, business, and military, to creating better cities and programs that will improve the lives for citizens and future generations.

A fair banking system needs consideration. Modest consumerism with reduction of personal debt would also be a beneficial mindset. Satisfaction and happiness come from service to others and non-material pursuits.

NUMBER THIRTEEN: THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Mention is made of Jewish people being Abraham's chosen people. They wrote it into their texts when in exile. Jesus even referred to them as having the chance to herald their expected messiah and lead the world in that regard.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Nations and their people like to be recognized and play a role in world events. The chosen people syndrome goes beyond national pride. It bestows a divine status, and an excuse to do what they like in the name of their religion. Such dominating leadership means they always feel favored and everyone else is subordinate to that concept.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

What they may not have read, or wanted to read, was there are no chosen or favored races in the eyes of God. It is difficult to be the server of all when feeling superior. And it is also stated that the Jewish people forfeited the chance to lead a spiritual renaissance. We all need to learn about humility, especially in light of our basic universe status.

All religions in some way exhibit a chosen and superior concept for themselves. It is embraced by their congregations and seems to be most pleasing for them. Humility and religious unity is lost along the way.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Jewish people have risen to positions of world influence. But the followers of Islam believe that in fact they will rightfully impose their religion on the world. History abounds with various leaders who were going to take over the world in the name of their country or religion.

Today it has all resulted in an unholy mess. There is world unrest occurring in regard to borders, access to resources, poverty, wars, and religion. The truly reformist people are those who have the highest values, seek God, and are driven by their desire to serve others.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Ideas good and bad, right and wrong, take hold. How can we be sure of what is real when vested interests are involved? Public opinion needs to avoid lies and misdirection. Open debate is still the best way. It needs to be insightful and honest about what constitutes the greater good. Might is not always right. Jesus taught that the one who serves others is the greater.

NUMBER FOURTEEN: CALIGASTIA

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The power of Caligastia is real, it can be accessed, and it debases the behavior of those who choose to align their thoughts with his nefarious ways.

The story of the evil influence of Satan, Lucifer, and Caligastia, is recorded in great detail. They did not succeed with their betrayal. The revelation also states that evil spirits can no longer possess people.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Satan has long been associated with evil actions. Maybe his admirers thought they would get more power from additional knowledge about him. The Lucifer Manifesto is a perfect fit for their schemes. What tactics did each side use when Jesus met with Caligastia for the showdown of the 'great temptation'? Such strategies would be of interest to those plotting against humanity.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

For all their evil ways, Caligastia and his followers can never hope to prevail. Such episodes in planetary affairs are allowed to run their course, as they eventually result in greater good in a more rapid time frame. Truth seekers have a chance to listen to evil people, made a decision, and so accept or reject the one true God. This can be the only path for righteousness as it is then wholly dependent upon a free will decision in the hearts of people. Mercy and compassion are most generous in the universe, but eventually the courts of justice come down with absolute finality on iniquity.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Massive evidence of demonic practice is emerging, and ordered society is being disrupted. Only a mind clever beyond the mortal level could oversee such a global upheaval. We are living in the times of the greatest, and hopefully the final, assault of Caligastia against true spiritual law and the rightful rulers of the universe. The failure of this current desperate effort may be the basis of the closing argument in the adjudication for his annihilation.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

We know an entrenched evil system protects its own and makes it almost impossible to bring unjust people to account. Recognize how the system works. Do not trust those leaders working on behalf of Caligastia. We must be wise, stand firm, and keep truth alive through the darkest of times.

Know, establish, and enforce, the benchmarks of the Most Highs. Then watch the power of Caligastia one day crumble and fade with the onset of truth.

NUMBER FIFTEEN: SETTING UP THE FOUNDATION

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Here consideration is given to protecting the contents of *The Urantia Book*. The operational matters of the revelation at the mortal level were essentially in the hands of Dr. William Sadler. An organization had to be created to administer, publish, and distribute the Book. Another issue was the intention to create a social organization for readers.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

It would have been evident that Dr. Sadler was intent on fulfilling the publication mandate and preserving the text. The next best option for power seeking people would be to one day wrest control of the organizational structures being created to support the revelation.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Dr. Sadler made the decision to appoint Trustees for life. His solicitors advised against it. And many key people spoke out against it, notably Clyde Bedell. But all to no avail. Someone must have influenced Dr. Sadler. Life appointments only work when wise leadership can ever prevail against the relentless sway of power brokers. What happens if an inferior group becomes entrenched with overall control? No mechanisms exist to vote them out.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

The readers do not have a say in managing the destiny of *The Urantia Book* per se. They form alliances, engage in discussion groups, spread the word, and educate. But they do not have a channel of communication with the Urantia Foundation, the sole and secretive custodian of the Book.

From around 1990, with a different approach mainly from new Trustees, Urantia Brotherhood was forced to dissolve and an association (now Urantia Association International) was established under the direct control of the Foundation. The Urantia Foundation is not accountable to anyone (except for annual NPO returns), it is not elected, and it does not report in detail.

There is also a special plan for succession (announced at a 2016 conference) by the Foundation President. The current regime and culture, whatever it may be, will endure with practices that eventually come to typify all organizations.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Under the Declaration of Trust (DOT), the Trustees govern through by-laws, and the regulations for the appointment of officers can be amended and changed at any time by a 75 percent majority vote of the Trustees.

NUMBER SIXTEEN: CHANNELING

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Mention is made about the unrevealed identity of the Sleeping Subject who was instrumental in the receipt of the Papers. There is a strong possibility his identity could have been deduced by some. An inside informant could have passed on this information to outsiders.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

An assumption the revelation had been channeled to a 'medium' would have been welcome news. It was popular then as now. The people analyzing the workings of mind would have wanted to get the subject into their lab.

The insistent position of Dr. Sadler that it was not channeled would have been difficult to comprehend. The technique of transmission was unprecedented. It was easier to think it was a clear example of channeling.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The information being received was not comparable in any way to the low level offerings from the sordid performances of psychic channeling. How could a general enquirer conceive of an epochal revelation from the level of Divine Counselors, permissions from the Ancients of Days, or the authority of Immanuel? Plus, no person was to be revered by association with the revelation. Such anonymity made the revelation stand alone.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

The favorable circumstances that led to the Sleeping Subject are unlikely to replicate. Or are the contact persons attached to the Reserve Corp, as mentioned in the Book, in some way an equivalent today?

Claimed channeling of today is not comparable to the method used for the revelation. We are warned against such activity. Are events today being run by Caligastia through contact with so-called contact personalities who do not operate at the level of the highest values?

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

We must prevent endeavors to undermine the revelation. For example: Slowing it down, restricting access, negative comments by people in positions of power and trust, getting funds from people who want to be rewarded, and making outreach difficult, even dangerous. A big issue will be controlling adverse Internet comments about the Book and countering all sorts of conspiracy theories. People will have to figure out the real conspiracy.

NUMBER SEVENTEEN: JUDAS

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The personality and role of Judas is detailed. Mention is also made of the scorn for him from the Jewish rulers, and their success in finally arresting Jesus albeit by illegal means and trumped up charges.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

This is an excellent example of a way a person can be corrupted to do the bidding of others. Subversive means would have continued to track the growth of the early Christian movement. It would have been controlled from the early days when the influence these teachings had on people continued to be feared and recognized. This current revelation would also automatically attract the attention of people who felt they had to control it.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Not Judas, not the Romans, not the religious rulers of the day, were able to stop the spread of the teachings of Jesus. The example of Judas shows the danger of being influenced by ego, money, false promises, status, and people with evil motives.

This can happen even after an association and friendship with the most beautiful and spiritual person who has ever lived.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

In the main, religious affiliation is still passed on within families. Teachings seeking to correct established thinking is unlikely to find a voice, even if such teachings are superior.

People who challenge dubious aspects of the main religions can be silenced. In some countries Christians are persecuted. There are people who take the role of Judas, there is controlled opposition, Satan worship, and destruction of holy relics and churches. Some still think they can drive Jesus' words into oblivion after trying unsuccessfully for 2,000 years. Some people believe they rule in the kingdoms of men.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Jesus' words have exceptional resilience and they readily spread in countries when religious freedom is allowed. And they can survive clandestinely. There is massive strength in the faith and conviction of lay people. This overcomes traitorous behavior and plotting rulers. And so the power of the teachings of Jesus will never be suppressed by might or majority. If Book publication falters, we must preserve the text and somehow make it available.

NUMBER EIGHTEEN: SOCIAL ENGINEERING

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

This topic is about evolving a good average citizen, and not about laboratory controlled genetics to breed a superior race. It warns as a matter of obvious fact, that indiscriminate interbreeding with inferior stock lowered the genetic pool. In the first garden; this rule was certainly enforced. Heathens eventually overran the place. Mention is made of the rise of the blue man and the fall of the green and orange. Man and ape have different evolutionary paths.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Forms of genetic engineering were being done in many countries in the early twentieth century. Part of world control is regulating reproduction, with regard to both numbers and characteristics. Populations can be developed along the divide of upper and lower classes. Concentration of wealth was underway. And racial hatred could be used to provoke violence.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The development of a planet for habitation, developing suitable life forms for implantation, and then overseeing events until human status evolves, is a mammoth task to say the least. Consequently, these human strains will be protected at all costs for they are not to be lost to the beneficial future of the universe. We need to have tolerance for different races. We will find an endless array of living entities and personalities as we progress through the universes in times to come. Mind and spirit are superior to the material.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

New technology is directing good and evil social engineering. It's like someone is intent on harming a great civilization. It is being done with loss of family structure, mass immigration, confusing education for children, fear, health issues, gender eradication, and state sponsored welfare dependency.

For all of our scientific intervention in fertility generally, we allow unregulated reproduction for humans while managing other species. The pressure on marriage and families is an indicator of rapidly changing mores in a society.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

We see what happens when a society is overrun by people with inferior cultures and backgrounds. Religions that do not embrace the teachings of Jesus are also keeping humanity in bondage. Scientific research and the analysis on ongoing social trends, and real-life results, will be required to convince people that adverse processes are unsustainable.

NUMBER NINETEEN: CHRISTIANITY

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Christianity was built up within the confines of a religious movement based on some misconceptions *about* Jesus' life and teachings. The emphasis on miracles, the resurrection, the founding of a church, the atonement doctrine, the concept of the kingdom, and his imminent second coming, came about because his followers chose to overlook the life and teachings *of* Jesus.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

This all tied in with the Biblical account about Jesus. It was just more of the same which was nothing to worry about as the churches were already compromised. Here is a document that highlights its weaknesses. And a good blueprint could provide some ideas, not to make it better but to make it worse.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Christianity is given a severe reprimand in the Book. But is a caring one and is included in an effort to help them mend their ways, to continue to teach truth, and to get it on track to recognize that this revelation presents a new and enlarged record of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Christianity, with hundreds of millions of adherents has always been seen as a threat to the socialist agenda of the powerful. It is the intention to weaken the Christian church and followers, as well as the message of Jesus.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Interest in and interpretations of Jesus' mission will not go away. His truths keep finding new forms of expression because they are infused with unrelenting and compelling spiritual power. Congregations on Sundays are diminishing in number, and churches are closing and being destroyed.

People are attracted to evangelical religions, and 'charismatic' preachers are offering an emotional form of truth. The revelation is attracting those who have not found satisfying truth elsewhere. An inner yearning drives them. However, there does not appear to be an increasing number of people interested in the Book. But the small following shows strong belief.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Readers of today can set an example by the lives they lead. Time will draw more people to the revelation. One day a great number of mainstream Christians may adopt it. People will tire of insincere and self-seeking leaders. The Urantia revelation, even if by default, will give truth seekers continuity, believability, and friendship, irrespective of all other human traits.

NUMBER TWENTY: EVOLUTION

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

There is great detail about the formation of galaxies, planets becoming suitable for habitation, evolution of life forms, development of the human condition, the release of adjutant spirits, and major revelations about truth to regenerate the social and religious progression of mankind.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Evolution versus creationism is a good topic to cause conflict and divide opinion. It didn't matter if the theories were right or wrong. Perhaps each side thought their ideas would be vindicated in time.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

God is presented as the Creator and Upholder. He has created the requisite spirit and energies for universes and beings to originate and then evolve into majestic forms of expressions of his love. There is no conflict in that.

Evolution as a process is God's brilliant creation and is central to any explanation of the revelation. It advances the *theory* of evolution to *actuality*, and levels of *finality*. It is progression to perfection.

Timelines extend beyond six days and six nights. And there is no seventh day of rest in the relentless swing of the gigantic spheres through the massively controlled energies and patterns of the universe of universes.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

We are only in the early stages of understanding our ancestral beginnings and spiritual potential. Discoveries continue in every field of human endeavor. They amaze us. It is an indicator of how little we know. Revelation reminds us that we are always at the threshold of newness. We explore boundaries to the limits of human and spiritual capacities. Nothing is static; all is dynamic.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

To really understand our nature and destiny, to really explore the great universes, the world needs to be largely at peace. All else is wasteful, retrogressive, and a distraction.

Each field of learning benefits from a gifted individual with talent or insight, or leadership qualities. People perform best when they have a degree of stability, contentment, a supportive family life, and time to work and reflect. And in a spiritual sense, we rely on transformed individuals to transform society. Timely revelation will ever be offered.

NUMBER TWENTY-ONE: COMMUNICATIONS

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The Book refers to the Sleeping Subject used in the transmission of the Papers. There are also members of the Reserve Corp of Destiny, who numbered around 1,000 at the time of the revelation in 1934, with fewer than twenty being contact personalities. Mention is also made of our indwelling spirit, the Thought Adjuster. Some of them are experienced and self-acting, and enjoy a greater degree of interaction with their mortal associates. There is also the indispensable work of the seraphim and guardian angels.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

This ties in with channeling, chosen people, occultism, receiving messages, mind control, séances and the like. Even the name Thought Adjuster sounds like the perfect mechanism for mind control. And there are five papers about them. Now, just how can people with these experienced Thought Adjusters be identified? There's a mind control experiment.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Our ability to interact with God depends upon our level of communication with our indwelling spirit, our Thought Adjuster. This pure spirit is never involved with anything ungodly. They never default as they are always loyal and trustworthy to their mandate. They are of God. They are from God.

It is a monumental study for us to understand them even partially - their assignment, their function, their love, their eventual personalization, their destiny, and the potential for their human subjects to fail. All of these aspects are of absolute importance in God's plans for our ascension careers.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

How much are the decision makers in the world relying on contact with occult forces? Any such action would lead to disastrous outcomes. The direction the world is heading indicates that dark forces are impacting in numerous ways. All forms of pure communication counteract and eliminate such destructive forces. Who of our world leaders are truly guided by their indwelling spirit?

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Hopefully the numbers in the Reserve Corp will keep increasing substantially to prevent disaster and progress our spiritual growth. And more suitably endowed people will receive and enjoy various forms of genuine contact with their Thought Adjusters. Such personal development may be a good indication of planetary advancement. Could this actually be a measure that determines a visit by an advanced spirit being?

NUMBER TWENTY-TWO: SPIRITUALISM

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The revelation clearly states that spiritualism with its so-called mediumship is possible to practice but is in no way condoned by the revelators. They disassociate from it completely, especially in regard to the unprecedented method used to transmit the Urantia Papers.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

It seemed like spiritualism. This was used to create false understanding and to attract people to its forms of mind control for many ages. The information may indicate ways to contact additional or more powerful forces.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Dr. Sadler investigated all forms of mediumship to conclude that the revelators' ways were totally different from all else he had researched. He could not explain it in terms of previous knowledge. He was personally involved in receipt of the revelation and an authority on the subject.

He warned against spiritualism and wrote of its insidious nature in *The Mind at Mischief*. We are better to ignore leadings than follow misleadings.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Modern culture of art, music, film and literature, is sacrificing historical quality for easy consumerism and passive acceptance of occult inspired images and messages. Our spirit natures are being insulted with low level detractions. Some forms of meditation, yoga, energies, alternate medical procedures, and fringe beliefs, may be beneficial. But which ones?

The drug problem, illegal and prescription, impacts on the normal functioning of mind and interferes in its association with higher influences. Baseness of life attracts negative spirit influences. Misery and confusion come from such a path that becomes increasingly difficult to reverse.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Think independently, cautiously, and wisely. Weigh up the values that are being pushed in the mainstream of culture, news, and entertainment. Wisely choose mentors. Set benchmarks for behavior, goals, associates, and the influences on the precious realm of thinking.

Avoid all forms of questionable spirit contact and rely solely on the powerful incoming stream of God's will by way of the indwelling Thought Adjuster of the mind. Cultivate loving associations.

NUMBER TWENTY-THREE: A NEW AGE

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

A new age of truth can be considered in terms of true and false liberty. Such ideas about liberty are highlighted in the Book, especially in relation to the Lucifer rebellion. A new era would promote the Book in open discussion.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

The revelation would be seen as a New Age style of Book. It would be expected to be part of a new way of thinking and living. It was the beginning of the breakdown of the existing social order, for 'alternate' living. The Brotherhood of Man was a catchall phrase that no one could argue with.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

True liberty consists in the free will option to follow the will of God. It is not freedom to ignore the Golden Rule, usurp the divine purpose, or to have the self-importance to ignore God and say he takes rights away. Unrestrained will has no cosmic value. Spiritual growth is part of an ordered pattern.

There is emphasis on the family, obeying natural and state laws, and being a contributing member of the social order. A life based on the Fatherhood of God and its natural corollary of the Brotherhood of Man is paramount. It is not about dropping out and avoiding the realities of life itself.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Decades ago, New Age was a term applied to inflict a certain lifestyle and an interpretation of religion. The movement did change approaches to culture, authority, thinking, and community. New Age today means New World.

However, its practice never became universally accepted. People are still drawn to, and reverted to, what might be termed the norm. Our social cohesion has developed because it works. Those who seek to destroy or bend it can only attempt to do so by being sustained by that very society they are trying to dismantle. Ask what are they offering as a substitute? What would a world be like where the number of good citizens is in the minority?

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Many early readers of the revelation came from a new age lifestyle and influence. True liberty requires us to accept the ways of God being superior to the ways of man. Prayer and worship help to know the ways of God and serve others, which helps to know God, which in turn helps to serve others.

NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR: COMMUNISM

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

Communism was a primitive concept that created a centralized ruling class applying dictatorial regulations based upon force, and a slave class.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

USA leaders were looking for a power structure to follow World War 2. Although communism was classified as an enemy and opposed as a threat to the American way of life, it was rebadged and embraced as a benign socialism that would benefit everyone. Fear and promises.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The Book is reluctant to disclose the ideal form of government. But it does promote a form of representative government. Leadership is given to the most qualified and trained. The people enjoy all the resultant freedoms of living.

Self-government becomes the highest form of representative government and all forms of government become obsolete when a planet evolves to advanced stages. But it requires a mindal and spiritual maturity of the populace.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

A socialist regime is being imposed on the people of the world. It creates a power elite while the citizens are reduced to an uneducated and dispossessed underclass serving them. Basic freedoms, private ownership, and religion, are being phased out. The state is becoming the religion, the law, and patriarch

The rich capitalists of international corporations are committed to wiping out free and open trade with their world monopolies. They dictate to government, avoid taxes, control the supply of essentials, and secure government grants.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Major religious and social organizations, industry and government, bankers and international finance, all need to be functioning on open communication and service to all. This will be best accomplished when there is one language to avoid misunderstandings, one true religion for high level unity, and an advanced form of international governance.

A highly specialized society with educated people is best managed by some technique of intelligent cooperation. People will not accept replicas of ancient communal and feudal practices. Appropriate common services can be acceptably and profitably socialized. Methods for optimal trade and communication can then be coordinated.

NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE: MANAGING THE ORGANIZATION

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The Urantia Foundation (UF) is a charitable not-for-profit trust created in 1950 under a Declaration of Trust. It was founded to publish *The Urantia Book*, promote its teachings to benefit all, and live the example of its principles.

The Trust Estate 'shall be managed by a Board of Trustees', and one of their duties is to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of *The Urantia Book*. So the UF is not able to change it. But that does not mean that a new organization could not be established to print the Book and selectively change it over time to suit a different agenda.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Manipulators would think that they could rewrite sections in a later edition. That is what has been done over the centuries with other books. They can discredit the original with controlled opposition. Or spread conspiracy theories that label followers as irrational.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

History tells us that a text needs to be protected. The Old Testament and the Talmud were amended to give new instructions. The New Testament was written long after the event. Major texts do not always teach goodwill to all. Jesus told of many inconsistencies in the holy texts of his day.

Someone may want to create confusion and weaken the revelation by printing a substandard version based of course on research and populism. The Urantia Foundation version could be sidelined. The Foundation would become less relevant as money, power, and large followings go to the more popular version of the 'revelation'. At present, few are interested in the Book and so readers do not pose a threat to any established order.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

It is difficult to 'infiltrate' a secret society. The worrying aspect is that secret societies can lose touch. Is the Foundation more like a secret society? Many people have published versions of the Book over the years; it is not difficult. It seems that current efforts to disseminate the Book and information are well intentioned. It is difficult to assess the grassroots momentum.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

For now we have the internet. We can monitor and discuss information; unless it gets censored. The USA book copyright was lost in the mid 1990s. Anyone is free to make provision for an emergency printing of the original text. And dedicated readers need to be alert to any altered version.

NUMBER TWENTY-SIX: NEW FORMS OF ENERGY

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

There is reference to new forms of undiscovered energy. Also it mentions that wealth flows in well-defined channels. We learn too of such beings as living computers. Lots of ideas: Leadership tips, methods of advanced thinking, aspects of health and happiness, light without heat, slowing down energy to the point of materialization, gravitational states, and continental drift.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Patents and ownership of new discoveries mean money. It would be an advantage to have knowledge about science and medicines. This would acknowledge the revelation was being held in high regard. Those in control of resources want to stay in control. They can then retain power and determine the standard of living and dependency of the people of the world.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

Mankind has to find its own way in scientific and social advancement. The revelators were not allowed to reveal unearned knowledge. (We had apparently earned the right, or the ignominy, to receive this fifth epochal revelation to mankind. Or was it simply another emergency mission?)

We are shown that there is a different purpose and ethic involved in humanitarian work, service to others, and the common good that is more important than being driven solely by money. There is the power of spirit over the mind, and the power of the mind over the material.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

We are now run by computers, with AI looming. We have nuclear power and advances in medicine. We are in 'space'. Oil has produced wealth for some but generally has not advanced 'local' citizens, with one or two notable exceptions. War and poverty seem to have gone hand in hand with it.

The increasing world population, more vehicles, more industry, more heating and cooling, all mean the world is controlled by those who control the sources of energy. Some seek to reduce that access and availability.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

The discovery of the new forms of energy that will make citizens less dependent on central state control would be more than welcome. Better lives may allow time for a greater interest in religious truths. Space exploration, where genuine, will expand our consciousness of the universe.

NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN: PART 4 OF THE REVELATION

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

An expanded version of the life and teachings of Jesus would be greeted with gladness, skepticism, and horror, depending on beliefs. Obviously Jesus is the central figure in the revelation, even though some might see his life as a failure rather than heroic. (See topic Number Ten)

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

The influence of Jesus has been tumultuous for 2,000 years. Why change now? Many still believe he is irrelevant to their lives. Caligastia certainly promotes the idea that Jesus denies freedoms and is misguided about God.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

It is absolutely essential to know Jesus is the Creator Son of this local universe. Parts 1-3 of the Book provide the context for this knowledge. The Part 4 narrative fills out details of missing years, corrects erroneous information about him, restates his teachings, confirms his power and status, and beautifully gives the example of the perfect life he lived on behalf of all his subjects across the local universe.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

It seems people have no intention of finding out who Jesus really was. What does it now mean to call oneself a Christian? Some solicit money in the name of Jesus, others invoke his name to appeal to a major constituency. Churches are losing influence. Could Part 4 enhance the New Testament?

Some vested interest might try and write Jesus out of the revelation. It could be technically claimed that people only need the popular Part 4, and then slowly alter Part 4, or let it go out of print.

The Foundation's version should continue, (as is their obligation), but it could become difficult to find. Or it could be arranged for it to get really adverse reviews. But even now it would seem there are sufficient people in the world who would ensure the Book continues to be in print and available.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

The revelation needs to appeal to lost 'religionists' and one day take the place of Christianity which awaits revitalization. As well, people in other religions need less fundamentalism. There are references to Part 4 in Parts 1-3. Part 4 needs the context of Parts 1-3. The Book is now being printed in sections. All sections need to clearly show they are parts of the total revelation.

NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT: NEARBY PLANET GOVERNMENT

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

A model of good governance on a neighboring planet, similar to our own here, was presented. The richest person on that planet is studying politics to serve his fellow citizens as it is seen as the chief goal of living. He needs to qualify through the school of statesmanship. There is no entitlement.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

Imagine the interest in preventing the implementation of a form of government that could work to the advantage of people and against insiders and power brokers. For those who have always seen government as the way to control the general populace, any new information that might upset the status quo needs to be reviewed and dealt with appropriately.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The people on Urantia need all the help they can get. New guidelines not too far removed from what we can understand and realistically implement are welcome. A state or country is better off when it co-ordinates the most while governing the least.

This information was included only after the revelators requested and received unprecedented permission to do so. It contains no secrets or real surprises. Presumably it was wisely and generously given to us in the hope that we might revise and improve our ways.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

Are those now in charge intent on improving the system, or are they just continuing to use existing structures to concentrate their own wealth and power? There are no real signs yet of well credentialed politicians and the transfer of increased autonomy to the people.

Most people go into politics to become rich, give jobs and advantages to associates, fund specific projects, and solicit donations to their party. More people these days are aware of the true nature of politics.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Leaders must sincerely want to improve their country and the living conditions of their people. Mature societies need better and less government. We need fair international governing bodies for relevant events. We need genuine human rights and regulated emigration. Countries building stable economies and developing their resources need to be protected, and not exploited.

NUMBER TWENTY-NINE: ASTRONOMY

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

It tells about the formation of planets and an unimaginable number of galaxies and distances. Space travel to celestial personalities is second nature. The statement that our future telescopes will discover new wonders about the universes has certainly proved to be true.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

The 'space program' of the United States was getting underway. Not only was it important to claim world superiority it was a way to get massive funding for national security and international status. Improved technology in aviation and knowledge of astronomy were also desirable goals.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

We are given an overview of the creation of space bodies, their power and energy fields, their formation into superuniverses, and an explanation of a Central Isle which is a Paradise and home to God the Father of all. Our planetary location in the vast expanse is explained, along with the recommendation that mankind will do well to discover and understand the extent of this expanding creation, our homes in our future ascension.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

'Space programs' still account for massive expenditure but now it is more of a joint effort of major nations. Our equipment is limited in range, propulsion methods need improving, and progress is very slow. Notwithstanding, there are calls to settle humans on another planet. And commercial space travel is being considered. The reality, cost and stated purposes are questionable.

Telescopes and space photos are amazing. Discoveries about the design of creation are confirming details given in the revelation. There are efforts to send and hopefully receive signals with intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. But there has been no confirmation of UFO's or alien contact in standard news services to the average citizen.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Brilliant scientists, highly skilled astronauts, genius experiments, and data collection, can well serve humanity for now and the future.

Those with superior intellects to advance humanity need to be fostered. New forms of propulsion are required. Perhaps there are human limitations to space exploration and we will need contact with superior beings as in the first garden. Can mankind earn such a right?

NUMBER THIRTY: THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

WHAT WAS HEARD ABOUT THE BOOK

The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man is the main theme. All else derives from that. It is a beautiful statement, slogan, and representation. Succinct, powerful, accurate. It is a natural for encapsulating the 2,000 plus pages, and it is the cornerstone of the religion of Jesus.

WHY THIS WAS LIKED

It is for the very reasons mentioned above that it can be used with incredible effect by anyone who wants credibility while pursuing an underlying unworthy or nefarious agenda. It is the perfect lure for pleasing ardent Book readers while possibly attracting the masses, when used deceptively as a smokescreen for sinister purposes.

BUT THE REAL INTERPRETATION IS:

The teachings in the revelation are carefully worded, consistent, and integrated one with the other. There is no room for easy rewards or misinterpretation. Yet it does require a degree of language comprehension, lots of careful study and discussion, and much time to absorb and reflect. True realizations come from the practical implementation of its teachings.

WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

This phrase is being used indiscriminately. It is on many web sites that are obviously not Christlike. People can openly ridicule discussion about God, Jesus, religion, and brotherhood. The Golden Rule seems to be forgotten.

Many leaders have superficially repeated the words of Jesus, or have claimed to follow him. It is necessary if they are to capture the hearts and minds of Christian followers. Some of these people actually have strong family allegiances to other religions that are at odds with the teachings of Jesus. Or their personal lives may lack integrity. We need to be ever vigilant.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION

Now here's an interesting task. We need to apply some sort of test. It would help protect us and the planet from the ravages of an anti-Christ who will profess allegiances to God, say they are serving all, and claim to act in the best interests of the whole of humanity.

We need people who rely solely on the perfect teachings of Jesus. Their love for God the Father will manifest in selfless devotion to the spiritual and social service of the Brotherhood of Man. Look at the lives people truly lead.

FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS OTHERS KNEW PUBLISHING WAS A GOOD IDEA

This section provides convincing evidence that Dr. William Sadler believed that the information received was indeed a revelation as claimed by the revelators. At least this was the case after Part 4 had been received, as he was finally convinced of authenticity on receiving the insightful descriptions of the personalities of the twelve apostles.

In his book *Consideration of Some Criticisms*, Dr. Sadler answered early criticisms of the Urantia Papers. It was written around 1958-59, as in the article the author says it is more than three years since the Book was published. He was familiar with the early public response to *The Urantia Book*. During the late 1940s and early 1950s, he would have been dealing with those involved in the publication itself. And since 1942 at least, there was open social interaction with people generally associated with the revelation.

Naturally there were many who were cautionary about the Book's content. There would have been extensive misinterpretations, and some new readers who were not part of the receiving group, would have been highly skeptical. This would seem to validate the speculations raised in the preceding analysis of thirty topics, as they are based upon such lines of thought.

The central group of people meeting prior to publication would have shared a conviction about the authenticity. However, as many others became aware of the Papers and expressed their criticisms, Dr. Sadler felt it necessary to comment, and to publish his refutations.

Here is the list of early criticisms answered by Dr. Sadler in his article:

1. Theologians and the seminary professors will never endorse *The Urantia Book*.
2. *The Urantia Book* is a revival of Gnosticism.
3. There seems to be nothing new or original about the cosmology.
4. Urantia completely ignores the Biblical teachings about man.
5. Why shouldn't the person who put the Urantia Papers in written English be known?
6. There is no doctrine of sin in *The Urantia Book*. Neither is there a plan of salvation for lost man.
7. The goal of salvation represents a prolonged scheme of training and even then is indefinite and uncertain.

8. The loving, kind, and tolerant heavenly Father presented in *The Urantia Book* is not the God of Exodus who saves sinners.
9. *The Urantia Book* almost completely ignores the prophets of the Old Testament.
10. *The Urantia Book* is a commonplace hodgepodge of verbiage, just such as numerous automatic writers have produced.
11. The atonement has vanished in *The Urantia Book*. So has the majestic and jealous God who punishes his people when they go whoring after other gods.
12. While there are to be found some new ideas in *The Urantia Book*, there is not revealed any startling new institution.
13. *The Urantia Book* takes away the centrality of Christ in the Christian faith.
14. As regards science, this Book is dated. It presents a very good picture of the way we looked at the cosmos many years ago.
15. The teachings of Jesus as presented in *The Urantia Book* can be found in a thousand different books, especially in writings prior to 1930.
16. The narrative of the earlier years of Jesus' life impressed me as being very ordinary, even sophomoric.
17. In my opinion *The Urantia Book* is a fraud - a hoax. Those who perpetrated this Book are criminals.
18. *The Urantia Book* contains no new and original concepts. There is really nothing new in its presentation of cosmology, philosophy and religion.

Dr. Sadler then goes on to say:

In reply to this criticism, I submit 64 concepts and doctrines which are new and original as presented in *The Urantia Book*, not to mention more than one hundred additional narratives which represent enlargement, amplification, and clarification of existing knowledge.

NEW AND ORIGINAL CONCEPTS AND DOCTRINES

Compiled by Dr. William S. Sadler

This is the list of sixty-four, and it gives some appreciation of the scope of the revelations contained in *The Urantia Book*.

1. The Eternal Son of Paradise: For the first time in human records clearly designated and personally identified.
2. The unique Conjoint Actor: The concept of the Third Person of Deity is both unique and original in the Urantia Papers.
3. The Paradise Trinity: In *The Urantia Book* the Paradise Trinity finds its only present-day identification and recognition.
4. The Central Geographic Residence of Deity: For the first time the world knows exactly where God lives.
5. The absolute Isle of Paradise: The original concept of Paradise as the absolute of non-deity reality.
6. Multiple Creator Sons: Recognition of more than 700,000 Creator Paradise Sons.
7. Concept of the Absolutes: The concept of the Unqualified, Universal, and Deity Absolutes is original with *The Urantia Book*.
8. Doctrine of Evolutionary Deity: While I saw an intimation of finite Deity in one of Pratt's books about the time of the coming of the Urantia Papers, I am sure that the concepts of the Supreme Being and God the Ultimate are original.
9. Concept of the Triunities: The Triunities are an original Urantia concept.
10. Havona Universe and Natives: The billion world picture of Havona and its inhabitants is a wholly new and original concept.
11. The Concept of Space: Notwithstanding the theory of an 'exploding cosmos', the space concept of *The Urantia Book* is new and original.
12. The Grand and Master Universes: The overall concept of the Master cosmos is not only original, but it far transcends all previous ideas.
13. The Seven Orders of Trinity-Created Days: While one of these seven orders, the 'Ancients of Days', is mentioned in the Bible, the whole presentation is both new and original.
14. The Paradise Sons of God: The story of Magisterial and Trinity Teacher Sons in addition to Creator Sons is entirely original with *The Urantia Book*.
15. Trinitized Sons of God: The story and technique of the trinitization of divine Sons is unique and original in the Urantia Papers.
16. The Seven Master Spirits: While the Bible makes mention of seven Spirits of God, it is only in *The Urantia Book* that these Spirits are identified and their work fully described.

17. The Vast Family of the Conjoint Actor: The vast and far- flung family of the Infinite Spirit, supernaphim, seconaphim, Solitary Messengers are but briefly foreshadowed by the Biblical narrative of seraphim and cherubim.
18. The Universal Circuits: The gravity, personality, spirit, and mind circuits are original teaching of *The Urantia Book*.
19. Universal Reflectivity - Majeston: The amazing story of universal reflectivity is a wholly new an original presentation of the Urantia revelation.
20. Power Directors- Force Organizers: The whole concept of intelligent and purposive control of cosmic energy is original with *The Urantia Book*.
21. Evolution of Energy - Matter: While some phases of the Urantia story of the evolution of energy may have been foreshadowed by scientific discovery, nevertheless, the concept as a whole is new as presented in the Urantia Papers.
22. The Ultimaton: At the time of the suggestion of the Ultimaton in the Urantia Papers, I had never heard of such a concept in scientific literature. During the past five or six years, I have noted several different intimations of the possible existence of some physical factor analogous to the ultimaton concept.
23. Origin of the Solar System: While the Urantia narrative of the origin of the solar system includes some features of the Moulton-Chamberlain theory, the whole story is so complete and unique as to make it practically an original presentation.
24. The Architectural Worlds: Worlds made to order of specifications is original with *The Urantia Book*.
25. Universe Administration: From the inhabited world to the management of the grand universe the administrative scheme of *The Urantia Book* is entirely new.
26. The Life Carriers: Nothing like the concept of the Life Carriers has ever been suggested to humankind in all past history.
27. Origin of the Human Race: While the Urantia story of the origin of the human race validates doctrine of evolution, nevertheless, it presents such a detailed and unique narrative as to constitute an all but original presentation of human origins.
28. Origin of the Colored Races: The Urantia story of the origin of the Sangik races is the only such narrative in existence.
29. Source and Nature of Personality: While *The Urantia Book*, like science, fails to define personality, it does designate its origin and gratifyingly portrays its magnificent destiny.
30. The Concept of Thought Adjusters: While the Bible talks about the 'true light which lighteth every man coming into the world', the story of

- Thought Adjusters as revealed in the Urantia Papers is so replete and unique as to constitute a new and original story.
31. Evolution of the Soul: The concept of the origin, nature, and evolution of the soul is original with *The Urantia Book*.
 32. Identification of the Holy Spirit: Pointing out the Holy Spirit as the presence of the Local Universe Mother Spirit is altogether new and original in the Urantia Papers.
 33. The Seven Adjutant Spirits: While the Bible makes mention of seven spirits and in Isaiah partially identifies them, the Urantia narrative is so full and unique as to make it an original presentation.
 34. Local Universe Sons of God: The whole story of Local Universe Sons is new and original.
 35. The Ascension Plan of Be You Perfect: While Jesus propounded the mandate 'Be you perfect', etc., the unfoldment of the Paradise ascension plan in *The Urantia Book* is an all but new and original concept.
 36. The Seven Mansion Worlds: While the Master alluded to the 'mansion worlds', the replete story of their nature and province is both new and original.
 37. The Morontia Concept: The whole morontia concept, the stage between the material and the spiritual, is new and original.
 38. Celestial Artisans and Reversion Directors: Both of these concepts are new in *The Urantia Book*. The concept of celestial play and spiritual humor is all but new.
 39. Concept of Permanent Citizenship: This is wholly original with *The Urantia Book*.
 40. The Urantia Midwayers: While the Old Testament does refer to the 'Nephilim' the citation is so indefinite as to constitute the Urantia story of the midwayers as a new and original narrative.
 41. The Superhuman Planetary Government: The story of the planetary functions of the Most Highs, the Reserve Corps, and the planetary seraphim is original, notwithstanding the allusion to the work of the Most Highs in the Bible.
 42. The Billions of Inhabited Worlds: At the time of the arrival of the Urantia Papers, there was no literature dealing with inhabited worlds other than our world. The idea was new. In recent years we frequently run across speculations regarding other inhabited planets.
 43. Clarification of Sin and Rebellion: The unique clarification of sin and rebellion is original with *The Urantia Book*.
 44. Identification of Adam and Eve: The factual narrative of the legendary story of Adam and Eve is original.
 45. Clarification of Melchizedek: The Melchizedek story as clarified in the Urantia narrative is really a new and original concept.

46. Concept of the Ages of Light and Life: The fruition of mortal evolution as portrayed in the concept of the ages of light and life is altogether new and original.
47. A Unified History of Urantia: Nowhere else in all the world can you find a consistent and unified history of our world. For the first time we have a chronology of human affairs.
48. Diseases: The Book presents a new and original explanation of microbic diseases.
49. Antigravity: The whole concept of antigravity is unique and original with the Urantia Papers. Only during the last year has any scientist promulgated a theory of antigravity.
50. Jesus' Birthday: For the first time during the Christian era, we know the real birthday of Jesus - August 21, 7BC.
51. Experimental Planet: The fact that Urantia was a decimal planet that the Life Carriers had permission to attempt new features of biologic evolution. This is information not heretofore known on the planet.
52. The Evolution of Religion: While you can read much about the evolution of religion on Urantia, nevertheless, the straightforward story told in the Urantia Papers is unique and original.
53. The Unique Reason for Jesus' Bestowal: *The Urantia Book* presents a new, unique, and original reason for Jesus' life and death on our world.
54. A Chronological Story of Jesus' Life: The Book presents the only complete story of Jesus' life on this world.
55. Identification of the Twelve Apostles: The Urantia story is the first time the confusion of the 12 Apostles has been straightened out.
56. The Unique Story of Mary: The story of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is unique and original.
57. The Water and the Wine: As far as I know, *The Urantia Book* presents an original explanation of this supposed miracle.
58. Explanation of Unintended Miracles: The Book presents a possible explanation of numerous unintended miracles.
59. Jesus' Attitude toward Art and Athletics: The Master's attitude toward art and athletics is nowhere else revealed.
60. The Sermon on the Mount: I am, of course, not familiar with all the literature on the Sermon on the Mount. But as far as I know, the interpretation of this address in *The Urantia Book* is new and original.
61. The Women' s Evangelistic Corps: This story is new, notwithstanding the brief mention of this matter in the New Testament.
62. Rodan of Alexandria: This whole story is original with *The Urantia Book*.
63. The Story of Abner: The unique story of the head of John the Baptist's apostles is original with the Urantia Papers.
64. David Zebedee' s Intelligence Corps: This entire story is exclusively found in *The Urantia Book*.

RIGHT AND WRONG REASONS IN TODAY'S WORLD

What should we make of religions and belief systems that are intolerant, irrational, coercive, and contemptuous of free inquiry? And solemn and compulsory solicitations to holiness are absurd. That is not true religion. It is preserving vanity at the top, and a barrenness for naturally enquiring minds starved of new spiritual insights. Revelations about God are ever new.

Such poverty of thought is also found in the societies where such religions proselytize. This is generally a direct contradiction of any claim by them of godly representation. Are individuals really satisfied with the rigid teachings, usually ancient, they are receiving about their relationship with God?

The current state in the world is proof enough that it has not been built on plans as exemplified by the life and teachings of Jesus. The 'old' religions do have many ideas worth keeping. However, they are flawed at the foundations and as a consequence, they have failed in large part and cannot sufficiently recover. They are not able to change and revitalize themselves.

Who readily chooses any of them after serious analysis? We needed, and have been given, a current revelation of religious truth to show us the way.

With the prevailing values in the world, many have decided the best action is to stop seeking sense or consistency in any religion, and circumvent reality with drugs, materialism, egocentricity, social media, mindless television and games, and occult influences. And the new political/technological/financial class is using all such avenues to replace religion with diversion and division. They make fearful trends the new religions, and 'actors' are the new authorities and persuaders in all fields. How long will this go unchallenged?

WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN

Church and state are being subjected to destructive forces. And sadly, so too is the home and family life. But there is to be a successful outcome. The teachings of Jesus, ably supported by a host of spiritual beings and the Spirit of Truth, will not fail. Then there is the ultimate finality, the will of God.

What is certain is that our trials and tribulations along the way cause us to show our true colors. They sort out those who have true survival potential; they require people to literally take sides; they make good people stronger; and they show to God who does and who does not desire to do his will.

All of these conditions have precedents and are mentioned in *The Urantia Book*. Do we learn from the past, or repeat it?

Even now, good people have to decisively state their resistance to false claims about the revelation. The number of devotees is small, but imagine the improved planetary status when the support inevitably increases.

WE HAVE A WEAKENING SOCIETY

But the will to fight the social decline is being worn down on many fronts. The assault on our values is relentless. The world is drifting into submission as we search for answers. We are headed down the path to perdition.

New technologies are developing rapidly. New 'realities' have taken hold. For example, there is control of mind by a censored internet, there is targeted marketing based on data accumulation, misguided education of the young, loss of jobs and skills, robotic shaping of social behavior, and unknown AI. And we are fully monitored. We seem unable to stop the evil impetus heading our way. But neither can such big business stop the power of revelation that has been set in motion and is changing evolutionary beliefs and eliminating error, be it ever so slowly. Such is the way of genuine change.

All aspects of our lives seem to be infiltrated and monitored. Manipulation is rampant. How has this come to pass? There is:

- the apathy of the masses
- the seductive nature of welfare and government control
- censorship of the internet and news
- the therapy of materialism
- a gradual loss of freedoms
- the lack of wise and strong-minded leaders
- the corruption of the youth (like in Roman times)
- the weakening of the authority of the church
- God and Jesus are avoided as topics of discussion
- the absence of hunger for spiritual truth
- decline of merit in cultural and educational institutions
- legal and illegal medication
- diversion of mind away from culture and philosophy
- incessant sponsored media messaging
- fear and chaos becoming standard in society
- erosion of parenting skills

The civilization of today has been socially engineered. Many billions in funding is going to groups who have historically adverse agendas and media access. They are determining our perceptions of existence. As in the second Eden, our current society has not been evolved. And so likewise, it is doomed to deteriorate. As this happens, what societal values will take up the void?

If our intellectual and spiritual culture is not allowed to advance, our current status of civilization with its knowledge and traditions will grow dim. In addition there will be an unprecedented dilemma if borders are not protected and the control of the ballot box is lost. At some point of turnaround, a natural evolutionary level will, once again in world history, be reached. But will our evolutionary status be rescued at some readily recoverable level, or will it sink to that level of a lowest common denominator? How low will be this base for recovery? For how long will the resulting damage retard spiritual progress?

HOW TO HAVE AN AWAKENING SOCIETY

So what can rescue civilization when the current evil attacks on it crumble, as they must by their inherent evil and internal conflicts? In the wings, from the lay people, will emerge those who know truth. Goodness which never goes away, will be ready to act. Evil is but a small black dot on a large and magnificent white canvas of civilization.

Truth cannot be silenced. Nor diminished. Nor extinguished. It is eternal.

And truth does not just replace or silence evil, it destroys it.

Therefore demand truth. It is a very simple remedy.

REVELATION NECESSITATES CHANGE

It is a massive challenge for a mortal to accept that previously held ideas might be wrong, to admit that their religion might be letting them down, that regular folk may be giants when measured by a higher authority, and that we are all lowly creatures in a gigantic universe, and have very little knowledge or insight into the expanse of true reality.

There is more than a slight problem when a doubting world considers *The Urantia Book* might well be what it claims to be, when it has to admit that there exists a revelation of epochal significance to mankind. For that to occur, adjustments to current mainstream thinking would have to be enormous and will take time. It would more likely take place as an evolutionary process than result from a rapid upswing in planetary consciousness.

This is because these concepts would need to be embraced:

- There is life on other planets.
- We are in communication with persons beyond this planet.
- Jesus and his teachings are for real, and he was the greatest person who has ever lived.
- Humility comes from realizing the scope of unknown knowledge.
- Christianity is based on the greatest number of the highest truths.
- Those from other planets are not hostile and will not be invading. So nothing to fear. Just the opposite in fact.
- We have to spiritualize our thinking and our ways here on earth.
- It is ok to discuss genetics, God, race, spirit, and inhabited planets.
- There is a loving God and atheists will have to consider more than a simplistic denial of a divine creator.
- They will have to meet the challenge of reading *The Urantia Book* and being prepared to evaluate new concepts.
- People will have to argue against the truth of the Book's contents.

- An unrelenting pursuit for excessive wealth and power is a short-term outcome that is a diversion from seeking valuable survival qualities.
- Corruption has an immediate penalty awaiting. True happiness comes from riches in heaven rather than from transient material interests.
- The so-called ruling classes on this planet stumble without true values. The religion of Jesus contains those truths and will succeed.
- There are spiritual experiences to have, and faith to know.
- We live a life with great meaning and there is a glorious and unfolding panorama of ascension ahead of us if we wish to participate.
- Each day we can have genuine spiritual experiences.

GROUPS – MORE WISDOM, MORE PROBLEMS

The thirty topics considered above and Sadler's lists are integral to the revelation. There are many others. Unfortunately, these same thirty misconceptions and further questioning exist today and could still be used to impact adversely on the revelation.

Well-meaning people who have contributed to Urantia organizations with time and money want to be sure they are supporting activities that are still worthwhile, not just within those organizations, but in the world generally.

This will lead to much soul searching within the readership. For example, a Urantia group may endorse a course of action, an individual, a religious faction, a political party, or a church, which other readers believe detracts from the singularity of the spiritual message. It's the secular influence again. Or an affiliated group may pursue unfair commercial activities, or claim an interpretation of the teachings that is erroneous.

Any such division within those ranks in some way identified with the revelation will reflect upon and weaken its overall perception. This occurs even in the three main monotheist religions. But a revelation especially needs to be above all of that. At all times, the revelation must be seen as independent from any particular individual or group. It must engender unity, and not uniformity. It unites at a spiritual level. In the world today, and in the future, it cannot unite at any other level. In truth, revelation is the only form of cohesion that can unite a world filled with minority groups.

To deal with these situations it is important to realize:

- We live in a universe of experiential growth and constant change.
- We need material science, intellectual philosophy, and spiritual insight.
- We need to see the interrelatedness of all things.
- Then we can see there is diversity but a unity in the cosmos.
- And we can rest assured in the immutability of Deity.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

THE BOOK CAN BE MISUSED

As demonstrated in the above analysis, interpretation is everything. *The Urantia Book* could even be used by a new world order or an anti-Christ. Invert everything and pretend to use its power and authority. This is what certain large meditation and teaching organizations are now doing. If the Book becomes widely known and accepted, evil people could even say they support it as part of their deceptive activity. It would be easy to selectively choose words and phrases to support their 'holiness'.

It is almost like those people with all the wrong reasons have read *The Urantia Book* and studied what advances a great society. Then they figure that by doing the opposite, they can destroy a great civilization.

It could also be used to endorse all the 'righteous' claims of those who want to impose controls upon the people. The worst thing will be if some organization or leading individuals, in a sense representing the revelation, endorse a person who acts contrary to the teachings of Jesus. Can the world be so deluded? Are we so conditioned? I venture to say that yes we are, for we are seeing it even today, and this has also been the case throughout history.

It may appear such people support and promote the revelation. But they have an agenda to undermine the teachings of Jesus. That is iniquity.

Is the revelation already being used for secular purposes intentionally or by a lack of judgment? Could organizations become secular secret societies and be administered bureaucratically? People with constructive ideas, who may be genuinely seeking to advance the overall cause, might be sidelined if they challenge entrenched and self-interested agendas. This has occurred on various occasions in Urantia movements to date.

Or if some group does not want the Book to become popular, they could denigrate it with the controlled support of mainstream and social media.

THE WORLD IS NOW IN A STATE OF CONFUSION

The confusion and chaos imposed upon the world is now in the open and recognizable. We have controlled demolition disguised as ignorance and incompetence in: Mass media, education, family and marriage, government, wars, breakdown of society, civil unrest, mental disorders, prescription and illegal drugs, incessant hatred and conflict, the alienation of youth, poverty, open borders, voting irregularities, and disruption to essential services. What more evidence do we need? Yes, religion too.

There is another. There is financial hardship, with loss of jobs, mounting private and public debt, government dependency, and loss of private property.

Changing governments in a democracy does not change the overcontrollers. And debt levels require subservience and obedience to the same lenders.

Here then is the issue. What might those establishing this alarming direction in the world do about the revelation? To them it surely represents wrong reasons about planetary living. Their worldly controls, powers, and wealth, will not succeed in destroying truth. Just like the many other attempts over the last 2,000 years to denigrate Jesus and wipe out Christianity. But we need to be aware of the unparalleled forces gaining momentum in these times.

WILL THE GENERAL READERSHIP PROTEST?

People will follow doctrines that are superficially right sounding and easy to accept. But doctrines can be used to mislead and be just as alluring today as they were in the time of Van and Amadon. Like then, will individuals and organizations identify right and wrong reasons being presented to them?

Think of people you may already know who would readily lend their support to a false god because they are attracted to the next exciting, empowering, and feel-good scheme that comes along. It's an easy and quick leap. By contrast the revelation is an enormous commitment.

Urantia Book readers have to be particularly vigilant. We actually have a benchmark to know how our leaders should behave, what they are to be guided by, and what end result they should be leading us towards. So we should be able to identify people with evil intent. Those traits of censorship, suppression, money, hatred, dispossession, and power and authority, are some indicators. Their lack of spiritual fragrance will be another.

What would happen if our world descended into turmoil and people become distraught? Can the guidelines of *The Urantia Book* be our saving grace? Will the lay people embrace it one day, even in desperation? Will new leaders arise to follow the example of Jesus?

There seems to be no other option. The world can only start afresh with the revelation as its manual, its blueprint, its catechism, its Book of truth. It alone, due to its elevated wisdom and its true role as foreseen by the revelators, can help set the world on its God determined path to a glorious destiny. Perhaps an advanced Son may have to arrive to further its effect.

The Urantia Book is firmly established in the publishing world, having sales of over one million since 1955, and being available in over twenty languages. It is also freely available to purchase, or read in its entirety on the Internet. In an ideal world, this availability will never be restricted.

For hundreds and hundreds of years, the world can be inspired by its teachings. It is not unrealistic to suggest that one day derivative works will total one million. Already there are numerous books, newsletters, forums,

articles, podcasts, audiovisuals, and web sites. Specialists in various fields, laypersons as well as academics, have made valuable contributions.

The revelatory content sparks ideas in the mind that could not have otherwise been generated. This is testimony to its superhuman origins.

THE TEACHINGS WILL NOT FAIL

So there will be pressures to cause the default of the fifth epochal revelation to mankind. The previous major revelations faced strong opposition with the result that they have been only partially successful in their acceptance.

The world may have to stumble before it can recognize and be rehabilitated by the concepts in the Book. There is a clear agenda by authority groups to create a new version of reality in this current era and impose it upon the people. The further that reality drifts away from true reality (God), the more unstable the world becomes. Wrong reasons need to be recognized and overcome. Instead of the touted new world order we need a new world *with* order. This may take 'a millennium' to resolve.

Authority groups do influence thought. They can promote or destroy political directions, support or oppose energy sources, create sentiments regarding different races, and convince people climatic influences can be simplistically and economically controlled. In a similar fashion, the public opinion of the revelation could be devised. A strong independent network of readers internationally is essential to preserve and present the mission of the Book.

Or maybe the noble, dedicated, persistent, and faithful work by all manner of spirit personalities and agencies, can primarily effect the changes needed to bring about a resurgence and renaissance of spiritual truths the like of which the world glimpsed two thousand years ago. However, dedicated ground workers would be required to further the higher mandate.

The Godly and selfless life of Jesus of Nazareth put the truths of the universe and the reality of God the Father, on record here on earth. We are asked to build on his legacy, in association with the legions of believers who comprise his vast family across the universes.

We are part of a team with an outcome that will successfully eventuate. In contrast, that means any other plan will fail. This planet known as Urantia, the World of the Cross, will one day realize its full potential as a settled planet in Light and Life. Its journey is unique and unprecedented in local universe history. It will be eternally rewarding for those who believe and advance the truth of every thought and act that upholds this reality.