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Dear Urantia Book friends,

Greetings! This is the first issue of the new SquareCircles.com Newsletter, which we hope will give you an idea of what some readers are doing in the Urantia movement. Please pass it around to your friends and ask them to subscribe (information on the bottom). If you wish to unsubscribe, there is an option for that as well! After reading this newsletter, if you feel your project qualifies for inclusion in future issues, please submit it to me (saskia.raevouri@att.net) for consideration. Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy this first issue!

Saskia Raevouri
Matthew Block

Pato Banton's 50-State Tour

Pato Banton's tour of the 50 states is in full swing and chances are he will be in your neighborhood soon! So far Pato has played for Urantia gatherings in Florida, Oklahoma, Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, and places in between. For those who wish to support Pato in his ministry, a Paypal button has been established on SquareCircles.com on Pato's Page at <http://www.squarecircles.com/articles/pato/patoschedule.htm>. Here you will also find a link to check Pato's schedule, to see when he will be appearing in your area.

Visit to Bihar 2009

Last January Sue Tennant and Geri Johnson visited Sr. Crescence and the FreeSchools in Bihar, India, which many of you have been supporting. Click on the link below for Geri's account with pictures:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/articles/freeschools2009/fswl2009gerij.htm>

Mission to Patagonia

Pradhana Fuchs and Jon DeToy have returned from their mission to seed the Spanish-language Urantia Book along a 1500-km stretch in South America, from Chile to Patagonia. For an article and 4 YouTube updates that follow their adventures, showing them presenting the revelation to librarians and others along the way, please click on the following link:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/articles/pradhana/patagonia.htm>

Mission to South Africa

Last February Buck and Arlene Weimer and Charlene Morrow traveled to Johannesburg and Cape Town to meet with readers and share the revelation. Read their reports of their experiences:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/articles/weimer2009/weimersouthafrica.htm>

Urantia Book Internet School

Registration for the popular online Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) is from April 6 to April 19, and courses begin Monday April 20. Three courses are offered this semester: "The Adamic Dispensation" (Papers 51, 73, 74, 75, 76), facilitated by Pam Maunakea; "The Evolution of Religious Thought" (Papers 86, 91, 92, 99) with Gregory Hawkins; and "An Introduction to the Urantia Book," with Polly Friedman. Spaces are limited so don't wait too long to sign up! Contact UBIS Director Dorothy Elder delder03@sprynet.com with further questions.

<http://www.urantia.org/ubis/register.html>

Truthbook.com Testimonial Videos

Inspiring videos can now be seen on Truthbook.com, in which Urantia Book readers are interviewed on a variety of subjects: "What is the Urantia Book?"; "What the Urantia Book Means to Me"; "How the Urantia Book Changed My Life"; "The Urantia Book on Life After Death"; "Jesus in the Urantia Book"; and more.

<http://www.truthbook.com/index.cfm?linkID=577>

Chris Halvorson's Study Group Videos

In May of 2007, Kristen Michaels and Eric Schaveland started filming Chris Halvorson's popular Boulder, Colorado, Urantia Book classes and sharing the videos. Soon they were giving away so many that they decided the DVDs belonged on the web. On the following link you will see Chris's classes presented in Flash Video format, each lesson about one and a half hours long. In addition there are links to Chris's writings and topical studies.

<http://www.perfectinghorizons.org/>

Truthbook Urantia Book Online Timeline

This helpful study aid has been developed by the folks at Truthbook.com. This handy chart begins at 987,000,000,000 B.C. with plans for the initiation of our local universe and takes us through the ages to 1955 and beyond.

<http://www.truthbook.com/index.cfm?linkID=2314>

Pierre Chicoine's Virtual Urantia Book

Long-time UB reader Pierre Chicoine, a computer programmer/developer, is working on his own version of The Virtual Urantia Book, which will take you on a journey through the universe. This work-in-progress can be seen on the Virtual Urantia website, and Pierre would love to get your feedback! Email him at pierre_chicoine@yahoo.com and explore the site at <http://virtualurantia.com>

[The Abridged Urantia Papers](#)

Now available is *The Abridged Urantia Papers*, by Meredith Justin Sprunger. A long-time scholar of the Urantia revelation, Dr. Sprunger has condensed the massive Urantia Book down to a manageable 480 pages. Dr. Sprunger says, "In writing this abridgement, I had in mind ministers and others who are interested in the Urantia Book but will not take the time to read the entire book." **Copies are available through [Morning Star Foundation](#) and [Amazon.com](#)** Profits go to [FreeSchools World Literacy](#) Read more about it at:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/books/SquareCirclesBooks/TAUP/taup.htm>

[Ascent to Paradise in Esperanto](#)

Ascent to Paradise, the six-minute FLASH journey from Urantia to the center of the universe, is now available in Esperanto, thanks to volunteer translator Martin Benoit.

http://www.squarecircles.com/ascenttoparadise/ascentesperanto2008/Presentation_Files/index.html

Originally developed by Chick Montgomery and Saskia Praamsma, the brief film features the music of Rick Brunson and is currently available in 18 languages. (Depending on your internet connection, you may need to wait for the music to catch up, then refresh and begin again.) To see if your language is included, click on the following link: <http://www.squarecircles.com/ascenttoparadise/ascent.htm>

[Calendar of Events](#)

There are no fewer than 15 Urantia-related happenings listed on the SquareCircles.com Calendar of Events, between now and the end of the year! Please check them out and let me know if you have something you'd like added. Make sure to provide me with either a website link, a PDF announcement, or an email address.

<http://www.squarecircles.com/events/2009/2009.htm>

[BlogTalkRadio Cosmic Citizen](#)

Don't forget to tune in every Saturday for BlogTalkRadio, hosted by Andre Traversa and Paula Thompson (substitute host Christilyn Biek). Last week's guest was Tom Choquette, co-founder of the "Truth Seekers" program for the Urantia youth, and the week before Jennifer Siegel talked about her 18 years' experience hosting a study group for children. Previous shows, going back to the beginning, can be listened to on demand.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/cosmiccitizen>

[Stella Religa Turns 90!](#)

Stella Religa, author of *The Secret Revelation* (an interpretation of the Bible's Book of Revelation in light of the Urantia revelation <http://secret-revelation.com>) is celebrating her 90th birthday this Saturday, April 4! Congratulations, Stella! Her partner Norman Ingram invites all Urantia friends who are in their neighborhood in Whittier, California, on that day to stop by and wish Stella many happy returns! Please RSVP to norlastar@aol.com or phone 562-698-2122. Just for fun, here is the Stella's *How I Found the Urantia Book* Story:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/articles/hiftub/096stella.religa.htm>

[Thea Hardy Graduates](#)

Long-time Urantia Book reader and Oregonian friend Thea Hardy passed away on December 21, 2008, after a battle with breast cancer. She is missed by all her UB friends who look forward to seeing her again in due time on the mansion worlds. Meanwhile, please enjoy reading Thea's HIFTUB story:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/articles/hiftub/059thea.hardy.htm>

[Sherman Diaries Five-Volume Set](#)

This week only (until Friday, April 3, 2009) the five-volume set of *The Sherman Diaries*, compiled and edited by Saskia Praamsma and Matthew Block, is on sale for \$75 plus \$8 shipping (within the United States only). After that Matthew and I are returning to Holland for the summer, but the books will be available individually from [Morning Star Foundation](#) or [Amazon.com](#). For a Paypal link to purchase all five, please visit the page below:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/books/SquareCirclesBooks/squarecircles.htm>

[The Holy Quest](#)

Will James Irwin, who mailed me his new book *The Holy Quest*, please email me? I have no way of getting in touch with you to thank you! I would like to include it in the UB-Related Books page on SquareCircles but need to link it back to you. Click below for more UB-related books:

<http://www.squarecircles.com/books/ubrelatedbooks/ubrelatedbooks.htm>

[Other Urantia Movement Newsletters](#)

Urantia Book Fellowship Mighty Messenger

<http://urantiabook.org/archive/newsletters/mightymessenger/winter0809.pdf>

Urantia Foundation Newsletter

<http://www.urantia.org/Urantian/ufnews0309.pdf>

Innerlife International

<http://www.squarecircles.com/ubcentral/newsletters/innerlifedecember08.pdf>

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[Matthew Block's SOURCE QUOTE #41](#)

<i>Belief has attained the level of faith when it motivates life and shapes the mode of living. The acceptance of a teaching as true is not faith; that is mere belief. Neither is certainty nor conviction faith. A state of mind attains to faith levels only when it actually dominates the mode of living (101:8:1).</i>	A belief becomes a faith when it shapes the way of one's living, when it determines what one shall live for. It is not a faith merely when it is accepted as true. A proposition accepted as true is a mere belief. The conviction or certainty is not what makes it faith. It is the way it controls the living of the believer. — <i>Wieman (1935)</i>
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26 new Source Quotes are being added! Click below to view the Source Quotes:

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