



Urantia Book Fellowship Reader Survey Findings

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Executive Summary

The Problem. The Urantia Book Fellowship (UBF) traces its roots back to the Forum, the group of people who participated in the long process of preparing the Urantia Book. Once published, the Forum became the Urantia Book Brotherhood (later renamed the Urantia Book Fellowship) and was organized to formally represent and support local societies and study groups. In the 65 years since the Urantia Book was published, much has changed.

Many truth seekers discovered the Urantia Book during the 1960's and 1970's. This cohort formed much of the core of the Urantia Book community participating in study groups and attending conferences. Some, like me, received the gift of the Urantia Book from parents. Many discovered it on their own. However, time marches on and our community is aging. It is time for the Urantia Book Fellowship (UBF) to take a look at how it both supports current students of the Urantia Book along with how it is reaching out to truth seekers around the planet. An ad hoc committee of the UBF was formed to study how to best serve existing and emerging communities of Urantia Book students. It is my privilege to share with you what we have learned so far.

The Survey. In January 2020 we emailed an invitation to take an online survey to the UBF email list, and repeated the email later that month. We also posted the survey on FaceBook asking people to take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey. The survey asked for background information on participants like age, gender, nationality, and how long they have known about the Urantia Book. We asked how many people you know who have read all or part of the book, and about the use of Urantia Book web sites and social media resources. The main part of the survey looked at the needs of those taking the survey. We asked:

1. I would like to meet more people who know about the Urantia Book.
2. I would like to participate in a face-to-face Urantia Book study group.
3. I am interested in getting together with other Urantia Book readers for group activities that are different from a study group.
4. I am interested in participating in an online Urantia Book Study group.
5. I wish there were more resources on the internet for Urantia Book readers.
6. I wish there were more printed materials like books, newsletters, or magazines related to the Urantia Book.
7. I would like to see more efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book.
8. I worry that more aggressive efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book will lead to resistance from some religious and/or political groups.

For each item we had a rating scale (Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Agree, Strongly Agree) and a space for collecting written thoughts about each of the eight topics.

Those who completed the survey. There were 777 people who completed the survey with 66% from the United States and 34% international. Of great interest, those completing the survey were older with only 4% being 35 or younger and 73% over 60 years old. Participants were well-educated, with 91% having at least attended college and 29% having a masters degree or higher. More than half of the participants reported more than 20 years of experience with the Urantia Book with another 19% having 5 years or less. Fourteen percent of the participants did not know anyone else who had read the Urantia Book, and 38% said they knew 4 or fewer people. Forty-six percent had attended five or fewer study groups with 36% participating more than 50 times.

We learned that our participants were already aware of many Urantia Book resources on the web or social media. Some websites (Urantia Foundation, Urantia Book Fellowship, Truthbook.com, and Urantia Association International) were known to many of the participants. Altogether, we identified 58 websites and 51 Facebook groups related to the Urantia Book.

We learned that there were different kinds of readers who responded to our survey request. There were many who are older, have decades of experience, have participated in study groups, and know many other readers. There were also some who were newer to the book, who had never participated in a study group, and who were relatively isolated.

Assessment of needs. Survey participants very much want to meet more people who know about the Urantia Book with 80% agreeing or strongly agreeing. There were many good ideas for how this could be done including in person events, web-based outreach, media promotion, conferences, and subtle approaches like wearing a pin with the three concentric circles. Many would like an app that could connect them with readers who live nearby. More than half of the participants were interested in social activities for Urantia Book students other than study groups. Ideas for how to accomplish this included many specific activities such as hiking, service projects, and potlucks. They suggested that events such as seminars, conferences, or travel opportunities could be organized and offered to members of the community.

While 25% of participants were already participating in a study group, another 46% agreed or strongly agreed that they would like to participate. Younger participants were even more likely to want to take part in a study group. Benefits of study group participation included fellowship, better understanding of the Urantia Book, and personal spiritual growth. There was also strong interest in online study groups, with more than half agreeing or strongly agreeing that they were interested in participating. Participants suggested well-planned online groups with a moderator could be made available using a range of approaches to studying the Urantia Book. A great idea was an app that would match someone's interests with a compatible virtual study group.

There was considerable interest in the development of new resources, both online and using traditional media. There were many creative ideas including television shows, movies, books, video games, online databases, connections between web site, lectures, YouTube videos, graphic novels, and translation of secondary works into other languages. There was strong interest in the development of new content and new ways to deliver it.

More efforts to disseminate the Urantia book were endorsed by 59% of the participants, with only 6% disagreeing with this statement. There were many good ideas about dissemination that included online strategies, person to person contact, and creation of new resources to appeal to many people. Thirty-

one percent were worried that dissemination efforts might be met with religious or political resistance. The main concerns were the material on race and eugenics, the differences with Christian beliefs, and skepticism about the origin of the book.

Call to Action. At the winter meeting in Austin Texas, the General Council reviewed the survey results and participated in brainstorming and consensus building sessions. Much work needs to be done before the Urantia Book Fellowship has well-developed strategies for strengthening existing communities and creating new communities of Urantia Book students.

Here are my thoughts on making adjustments to how the UBF functions to support the revelation. First, we can think of how our sisters and brothers on this planet are related to the Urantia Book. It is much like a pyramid with a small number devoted and engaged students at the top, a somewhat larger community aware of the Urantia Book but less engaged, another larger group of truth seekers who are ready to find the Urantia Book, an even larger group that may be open if made aware of the ideas and ideals in the Urantia Book, and the majority of the population currently not ready or even never ready for the book.

The UBF should engage in three lines of work: 1) Support for those engaged with the book, 2) Outreach to new and isolated readers, and 3) Dissemination to bring the book to those who are ready for it. Much work remains to be done to translate these ideas into concrete strategies. We will need to identify ways to measure our success and build in mechanisms for adjusting strategies to improve outcomes. It is work I believe the UBF will embrace with enthusiasm.

Our History and Our Challenge

The Urantia Book Fellowship is an organization that grew out of the Forum established by the Contact Commission in 1924 to facilitate the development and publication of the Urantia Book. The Forum met every Sunday to review and discuss the material that was eventually assembled into the Urantia Book. In 1955, when the Urantia Book was published, the forum reorganized and became the Urantia Brotherhood. The Brotherhood was seen as a social organization for Urantia Book readers, and as the organization that would lead the dissemination of the Urantia Book.

Based on actions of the Foundation, the Urantia Brotherhood separated from the Urantia Foundation, took on new names (settling with The Urantia Book Fellowship), and began to publish its own edition of the Urantia Book. The Urantia Book Fellowship continues to be the direct descendant of the original Forum, but currently exists in an environment in which there are other organizations dedicated to supporting Urantia Book readers and dissemination the revelation.

The social organization of the Brotherhood grew out of the forum and consisted of Urantia Societies and local study groups that would meet regularly in readers homes around the United States and eventually the world. While societies developed their own unique cultures, they very often would meet weekly as study groups to read and discuss one of the Urantia Book Papers. The Brotherhood also established a school and began to organize summer study sessions. Currently there are 21 recognized Societies (<http://www.urantiabook.org/fellowship-public/regional-societies.htm>). Hundreds of study groups are listed around the globe (<http://www.urantiabook.org/study-groups-list>). The Urantia Book Fellowship has had a web presence for some time and is currently developing an updated web presence. Given

there are over 7 billion humans on the planet today, the reach of the study groups is very small while the reach of the word-wide-web presence has great potential.

We are now more than 60 years past the publication of the Urantia Book and the formation of the Urantia Brotherhood. Much has changed since 1955, including the connection of the world via the internet. **It is time to engage in some self-study, some brainstorming, and develop plans for how the Urantia Brotherhood will carry out its mission in the 21st century.**

A list of Questions:

Base on the discussion in our first two meetings of the Engaging Emerging Urantia Book Communities Ad Hoc Committee, I have compiled a list of questions I think we may want to attempt to address. The list is not intended as a final list, but rather as a starting point. Identifying the questions to be answered is the first step in planning an agenda for gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing ideas into plans for the future.

1. What can we do to expand and enhance the Urantia Book Fellowship's (UBF) digital outreach?
2. How can we reach out to emerging communities of Urantia Book readers?
3. How can we better attract and serve young people?
4. What are the needs of members of existing societies and study groups and are there any unmet needs we can address?
5. Are there alternatives to the historical structure of local study groups and societies? Are there new forms of membership that would be viable? Can we identify new models that will create learning and interpersonal bonding that the study groups have historically created but do not involve face-to-face small group meetings?
6. Are there groups out there studying the Urantia book that might benefit from connecting to the UBF? How can we find them, and what is the best way to reach out and offer support?
7. What is the current status of the split between the UBF, the Foundation, and the UAI? Are there hard feelings that we need to be careful not to stir up and if so, how widespread are these hard feelings? How much longer will this be an issue?
8. In addition to serving existing readers, are there strategies we should identify and implement to create new readers? Who is open to finding the Urantia book and how do we reach these people?
9. Spiritually motivated truth-seekers have ways to discover the Urantia book through personal contact or online. How do we appeal to core secular audiences such as artists, scientists, philosophers, businesspeople, people in government, the not-for-profit human services, and others? While they may not be actively seeking spiritual truths, they may in fact be open to these truths if approached in the right way.
10. Are there ways to work the core beliefs and values of the Urantia Book into communications that do not mention the Urantia Book? Is this a pathway for education, outreach, service to humanity?
11. What services can we offer UBF members that will be perceived as value added? How is a member going to be better off by engaging with the UBF? What kinds of contact coming from

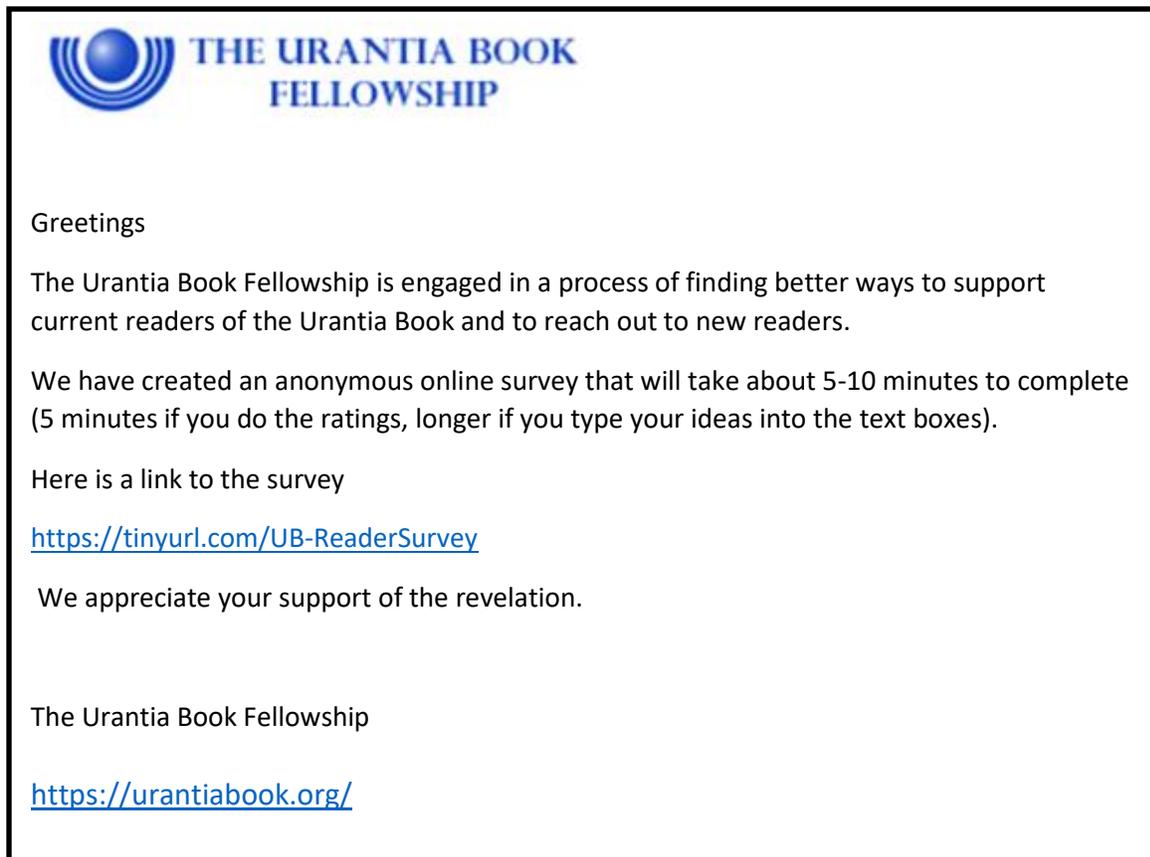
us would members like, how often should it occur, and can we find ways to personalize the contact to best meet individual differences in need for engagement/belonging?

Survey Methods

The Survey. The survey was developed with several rounds of feedback from the ad hoc committee and the executive committee. The intent of the survey is to be able to describe the people who completed the survey, understand the current use of online Urantia Book resources, and ask question that would address some of the questions above. The strategy was to have a questions with rating scales, along with a text field for people to type in specific ideas.

The survey was created using REDCap. REDCap is an open source tool available at many Universities and other institutions involved in research. It is a rich tool for creating and managing research databases. One part of the tool is REDCap survey, which allows for the development and management of online surveys. A copy of the survey is in Appendix A of this report.

Data Collection. The primary source of participants was the Urantia Book Fellowship's email list. This list has 7241 email addresses in it. The following text was sent:



The email was sent out to the list on two occasions (01/14/2020 and 01/28/2020). In addition, the survey request was posted to social media 2 times. The social media sites used included the Urantia FaceBook page, and the Friends of the Urantia Book Fellowship FaceBook page, both on January 27, 2020.

Basic Description of Survey Participants

The first section gives a basic description of the 777 people who completed the online survey. The descriptive questions were:

1. How old are you?
2. What is the highest level of education you completed?
3. What is your gender?
4. In what country do you currently live?
5. If the United States was selected: In what state do you currently live?
6. How long have you been reading the Urantia Book?
7. How old were you when you first started reading the Urantia Book?
8. How much of each section have you read?
 - a. Part One - The Central and Superuniverses
 - b. Part Two - The Local Universe
 - c. Part Three - The History of Urantia
 - d. Part Four - The Life and Teachings of Jesus
9. How many people do you know who have read part or all of the Urantia Book?
10. A study group is when people regularly meet face-to-face to read or discuss the Urantia Book. How often have you participated in Urantia Book study groups?

Figure 1 shows the ages of the survey respondents. The age of survey respondents was primarily older. Only 6% were 40 or under, and 67% were 61 or older.

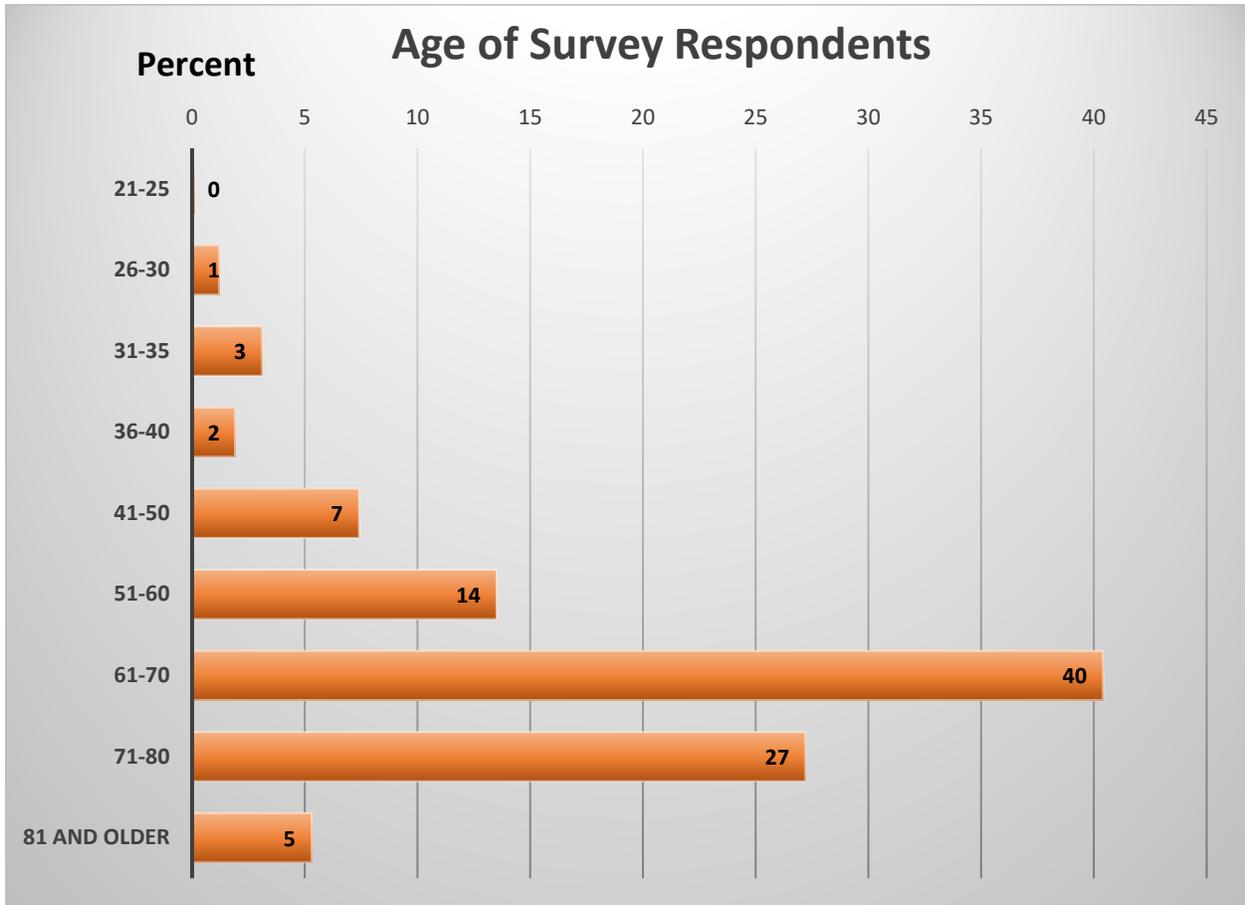


Figure 1: Age of survey participants

Figure 2 shows the results for the highest level of education completed. The education level of those who completed the survey was high, with 91% having had at least some college and 29% having a masters degree or higher.

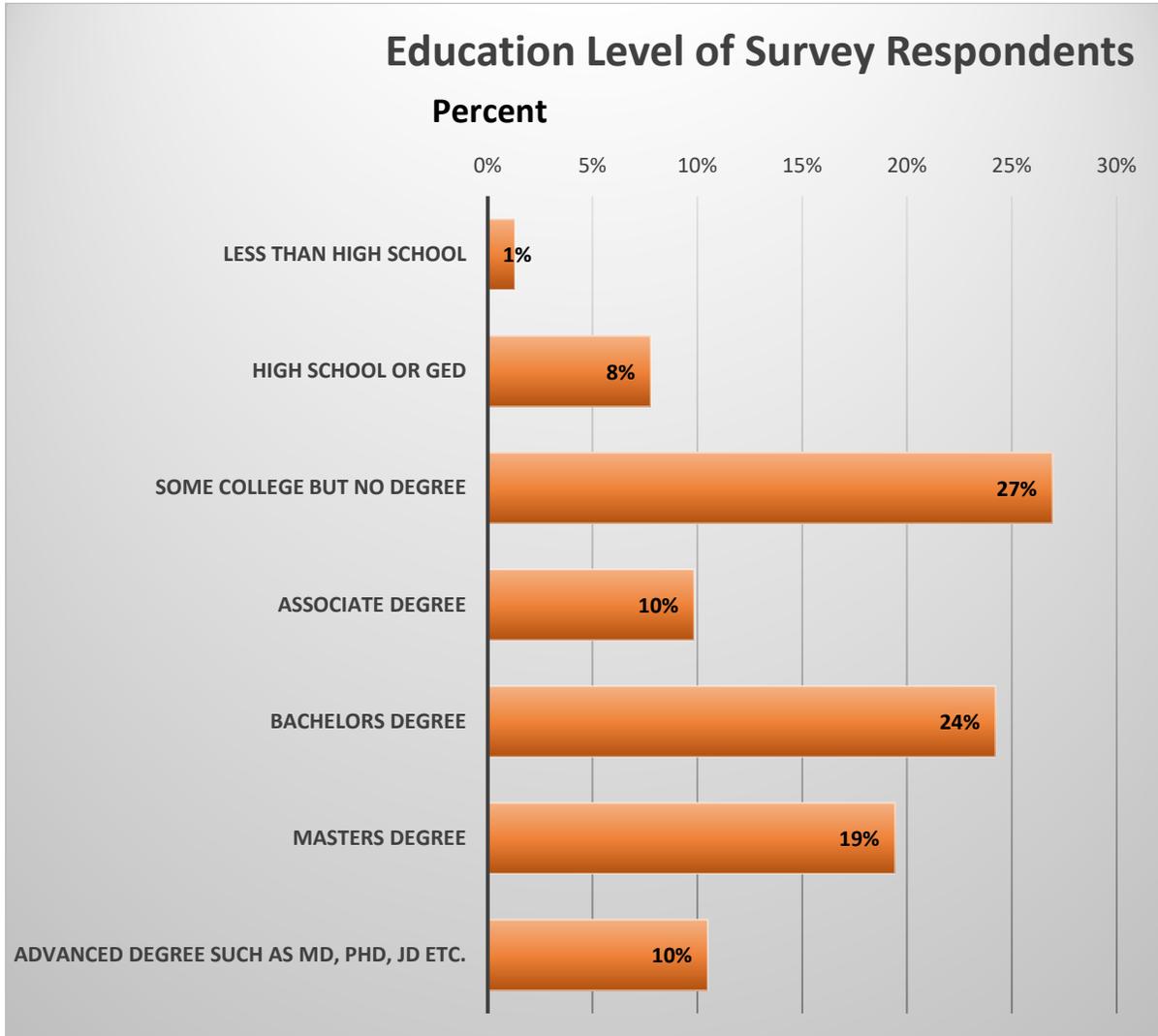


Figure 2: Education Level of Survey Respondents

As shown in Figure 3, almost 2/3 of those completing the survey were male. Of the 774 of answered the question about sex, two responded using the something else other than male or female.

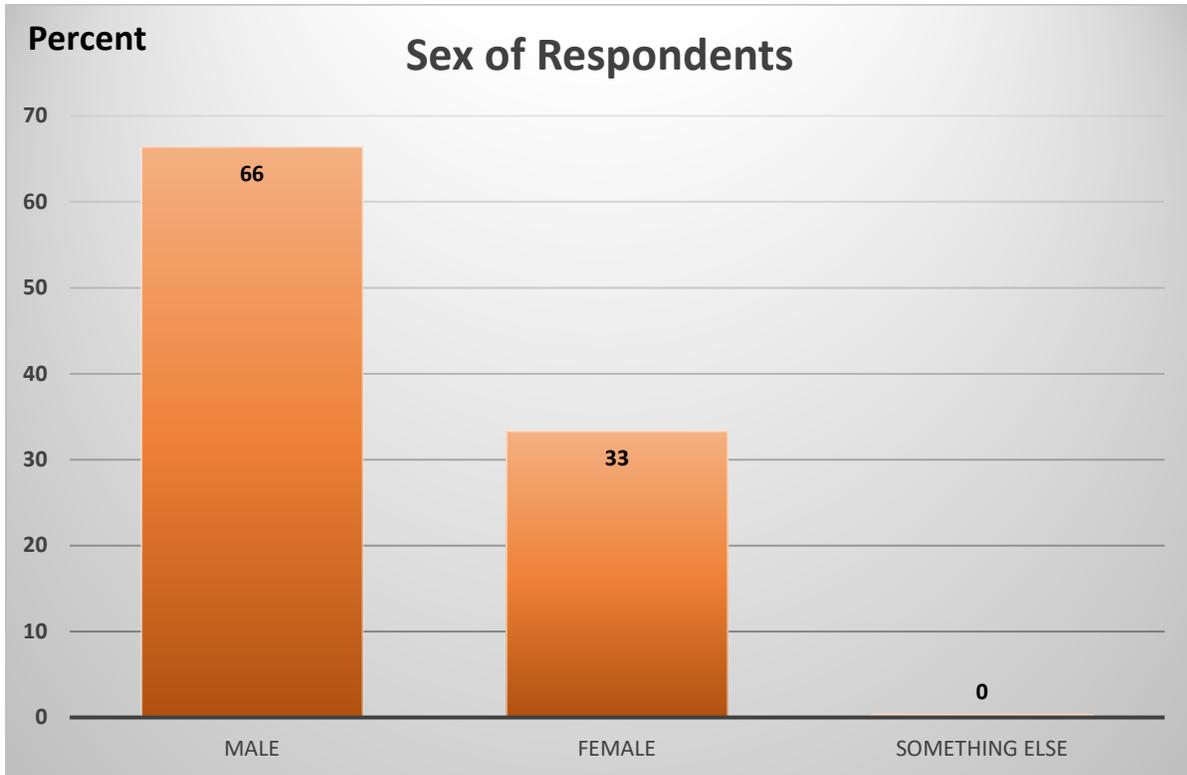


Figure 3: Sex of Survey Respondents

Figure 4 shows the different countries represented by survey participants. The majority (510) were from the United States with 42 from Canada, 10 from Great Britain, and 10 from Mexico.

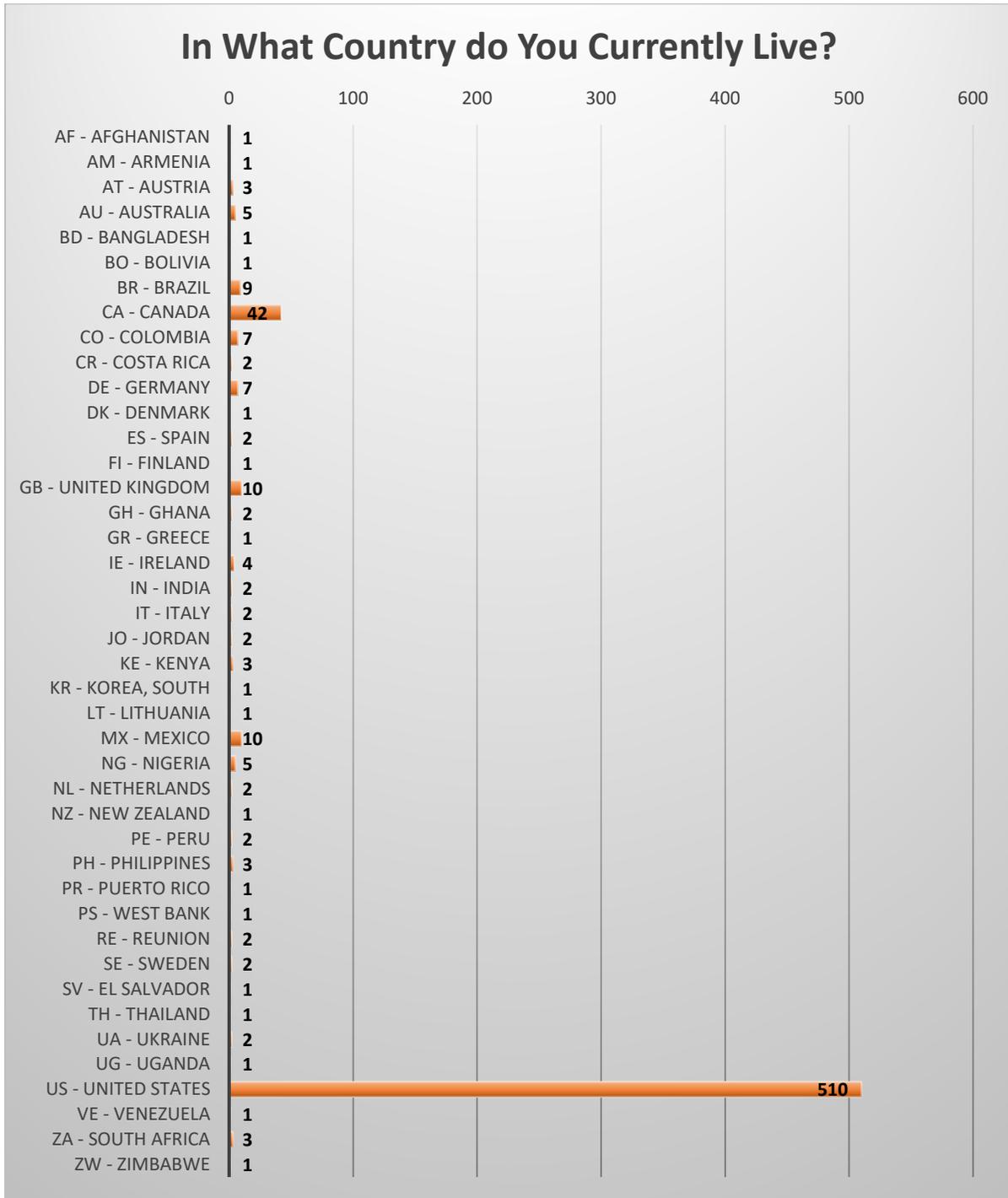


Figure 4: Country in which the respondent lives

Figure 5 shows the breakdown of countries into United States and other. Sixty-six percent of those completing the survey were from the United States. This breakdown will be used in some of the analyses to compare American versus international respondents. It should be noted that some of the responses grouped with other were from people who skipped this question. It is possible that there are some American participants grouped with other. The 510 are those who specifically selected the United States on the country list.

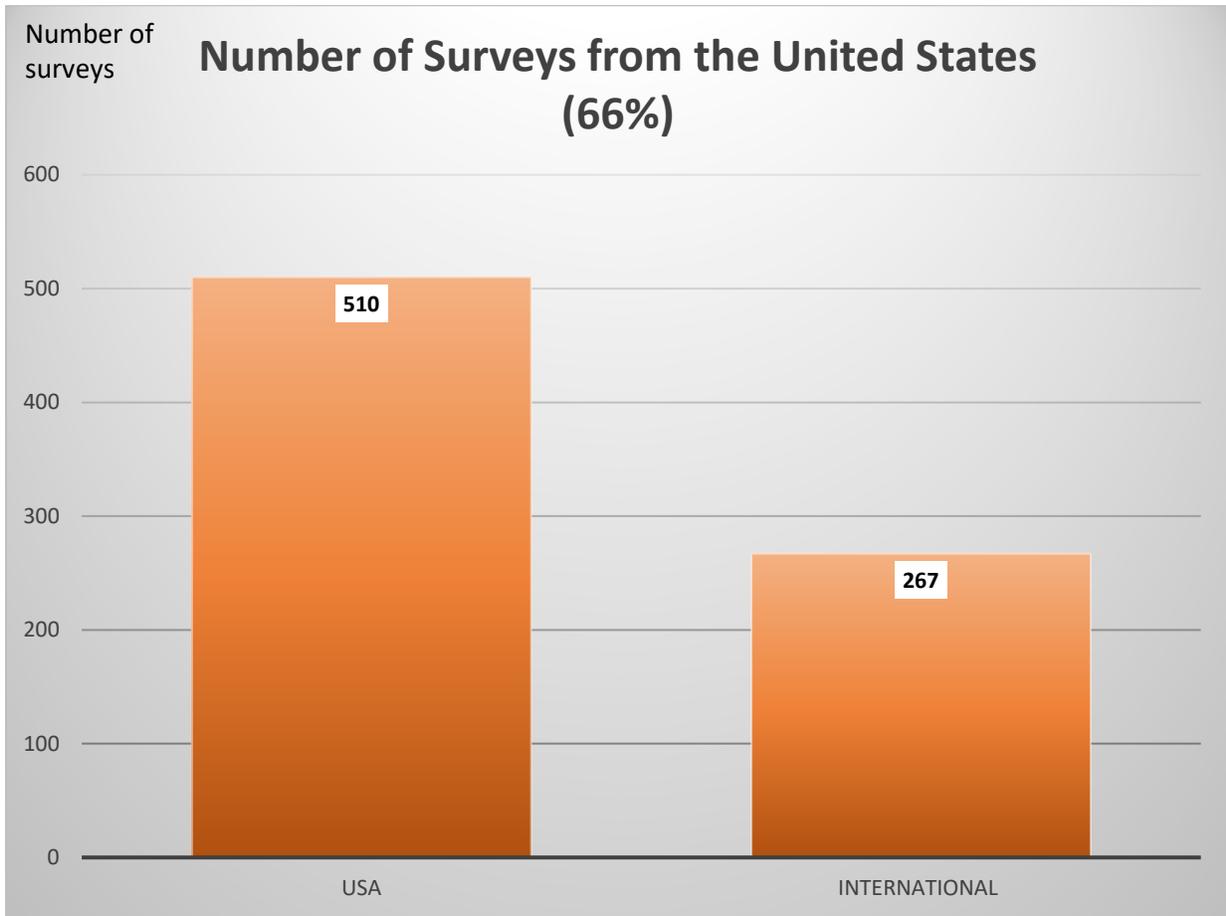


Figure 5: Number of American vs. international participants

Figure 6 is a map of the United States showing the number of survey participants in each state. Of the 510 people who identified the United States as the country they live in, 407 answered the question about what state they live in. The states with the best representation were California, Texas, Florida, Colorado, and Illinois. Some states link Mississippi and South Dakota, had no survey participants.

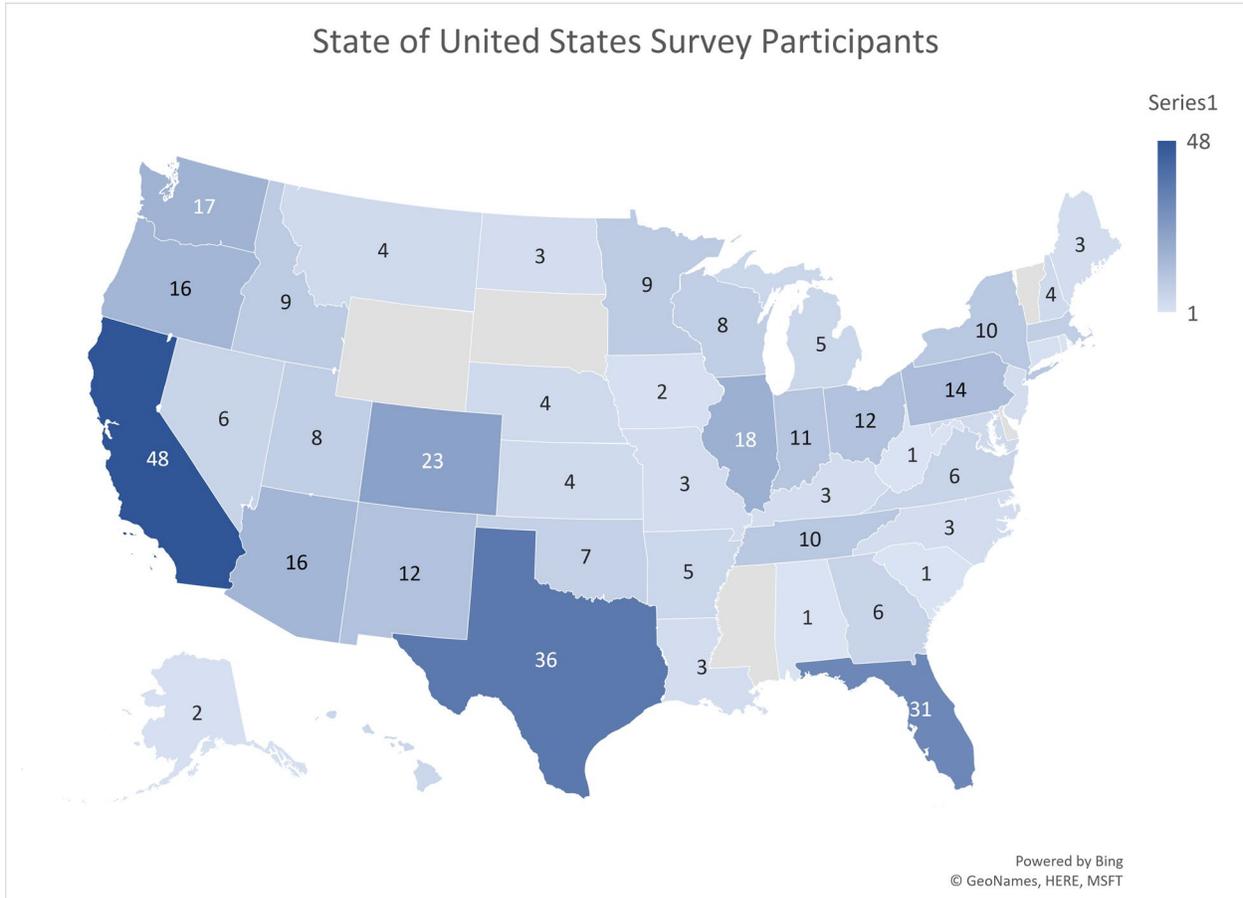


Figure 6: Map showing the number of American participants by state

Figure 7 shows responses to the question, “How long have you been reading the Urantia Book?” Over half of the participants reported more than 20-year history with the Urantia Book and 68 percent had more than 10 year history. Thirty percent of the respondents had ten years or less experience with the Urantia Book. Two percent reported that they are not reading the Urantia Book.

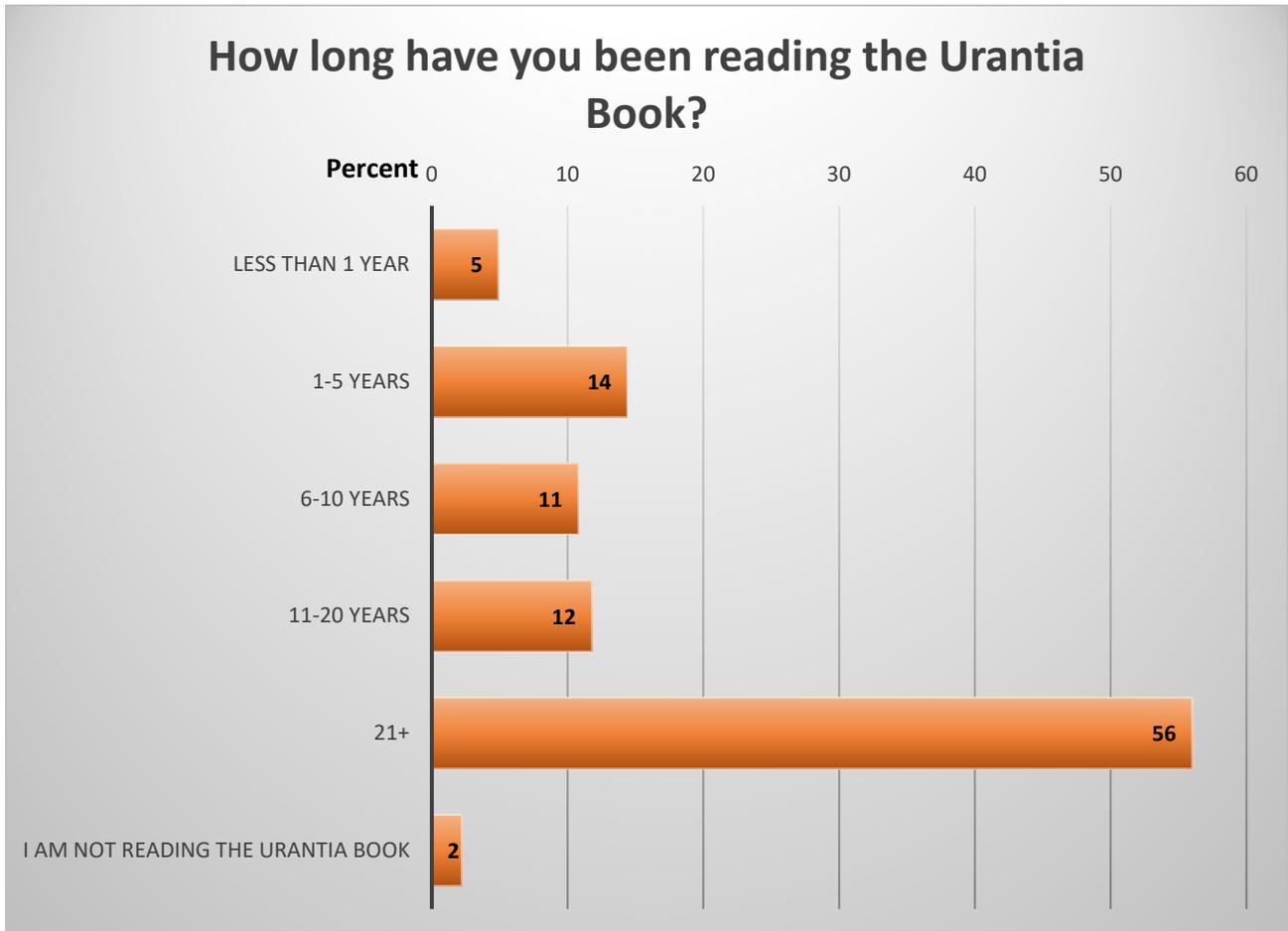


Figure 7: How long have you been reading the Urantia Book?

Figure 8 shows the answer to the question, “How old were you when you first started reading the Urantia Book?” The most frequent ages were in the 20’s and in the 50’s, although people discovered the Urantia Book at every, including 1 person who checked 81 or older.

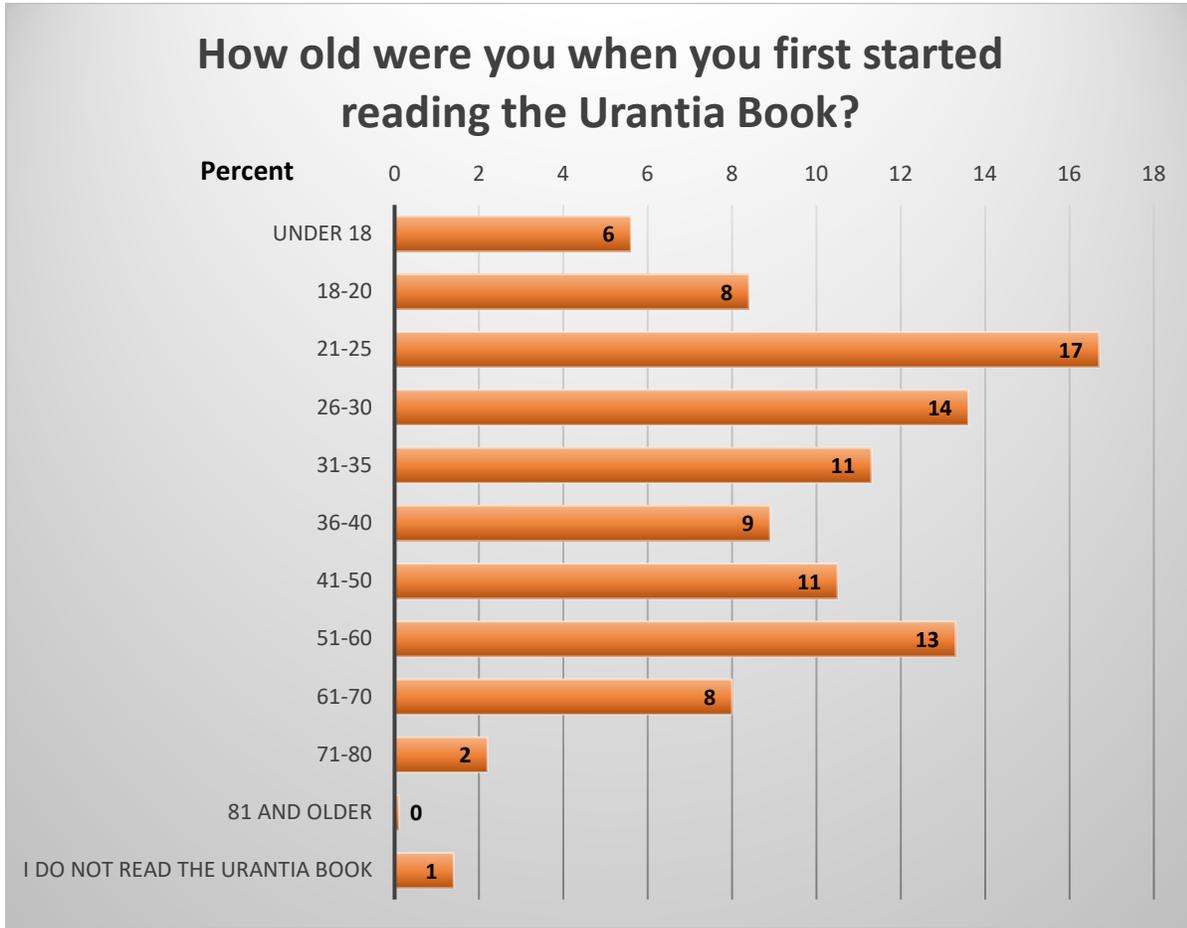


Figure 8: How old were you when you first started reading the Urantia Book?

Figure 9 shows how many times participants reported that they had read each of the four sections of the Urantia Book. Paper 1 on the Master Universe was the section most likely to have not been fully read (26% none, some, or most) and the Jesus Papers was the section most often read one or more times completely (83%).

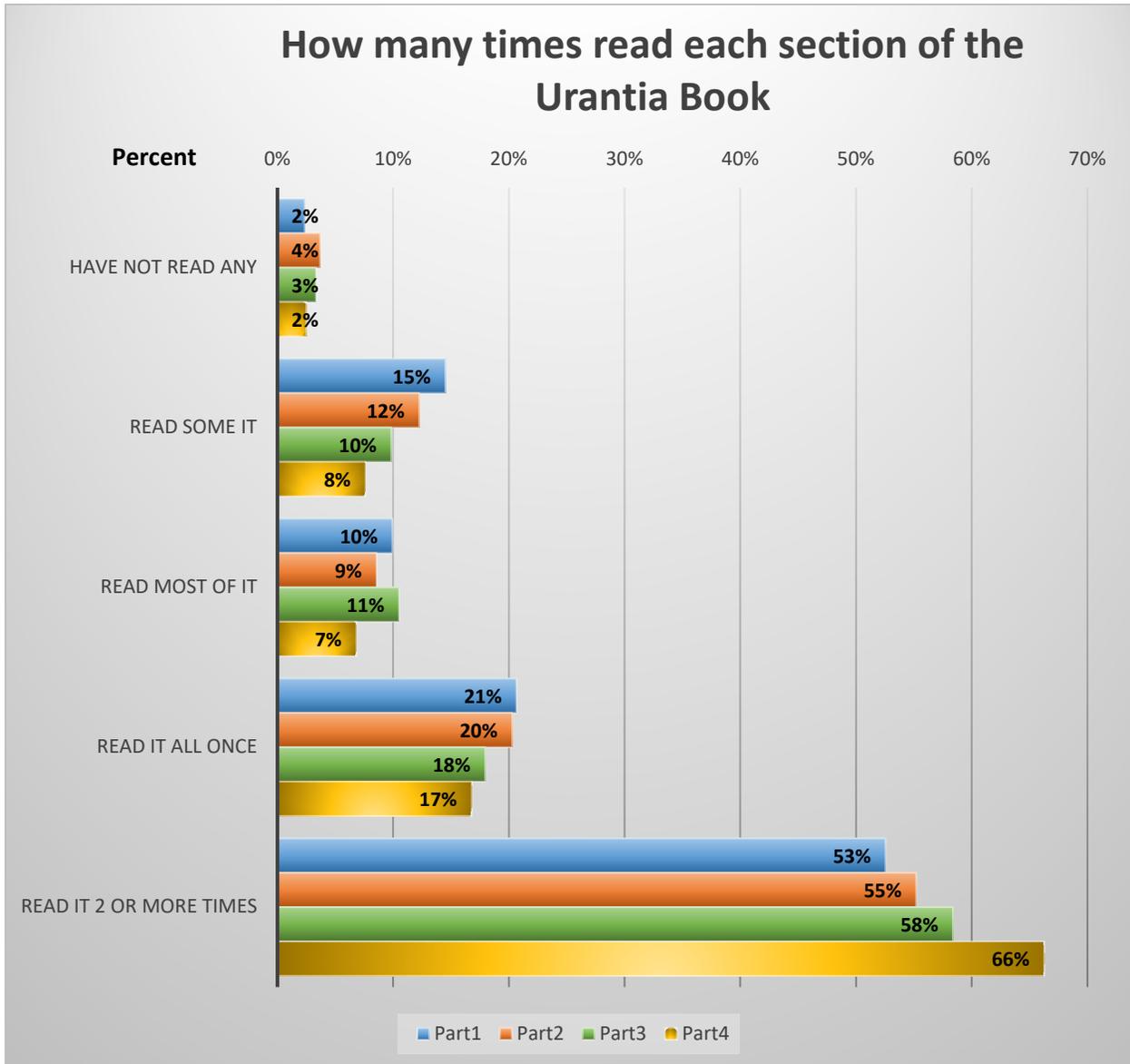


Figure 9: How often each part of the book has been read.

Figure 10 shows the number of other Urantia Book readers participants reported knowing. Fourteen percent of the participants reported that they did not know anyone else who had read the Urantia Book. Thirty percent of the respondents reported knowing 2 or fewer people who have read all or part of the Urantia book and 49% reported knowing 11 or more Urantia Book readers.

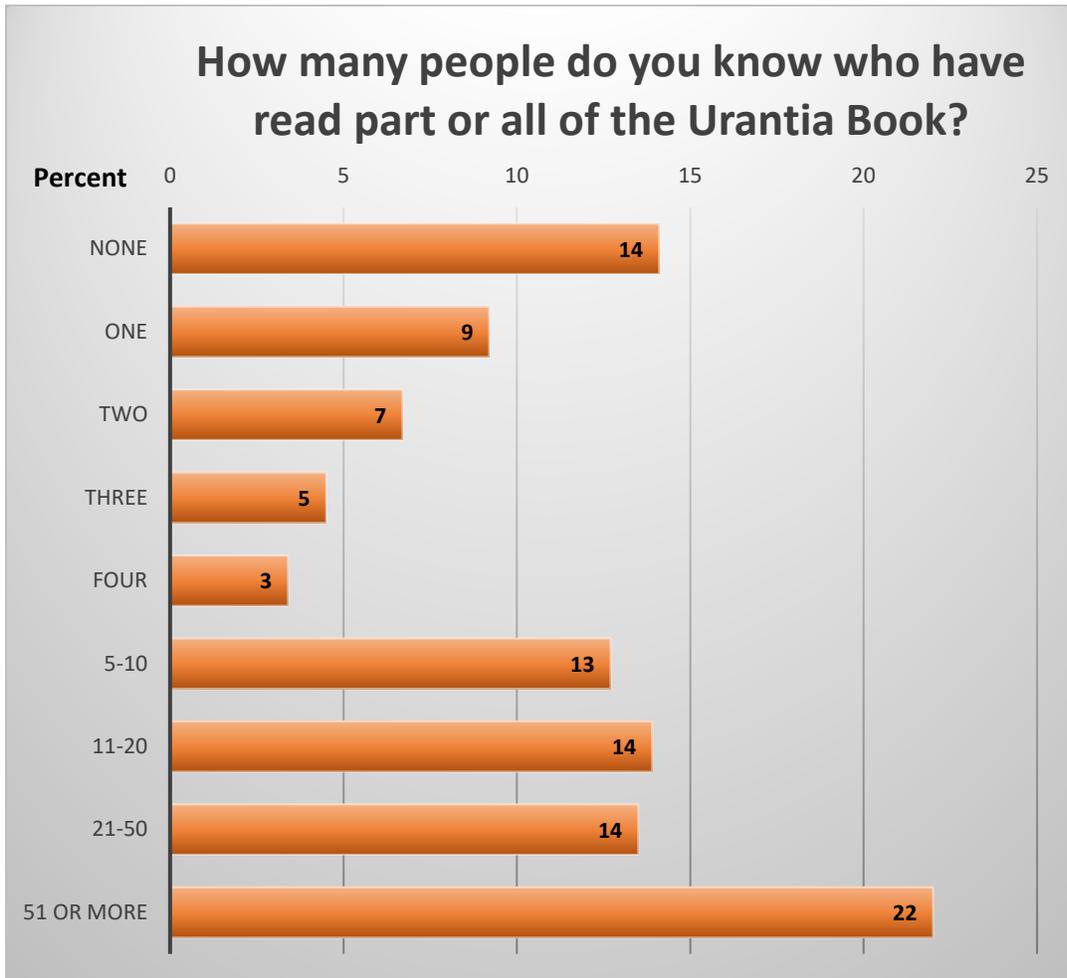


Figure 10: How many other readers of the Urantia Book do you know?

Figure 11 shows the answers to the question, “A study group is when people regularly meet face-to-face to read or discuss the Urantia Book. How often have you participated in Urantia Book study groups?”. Thirty-three percent of the participants reported they had never participated in a study group. Forty-six percent had attended five or fewer groups, and 44% reported more than 20 study group experiences.

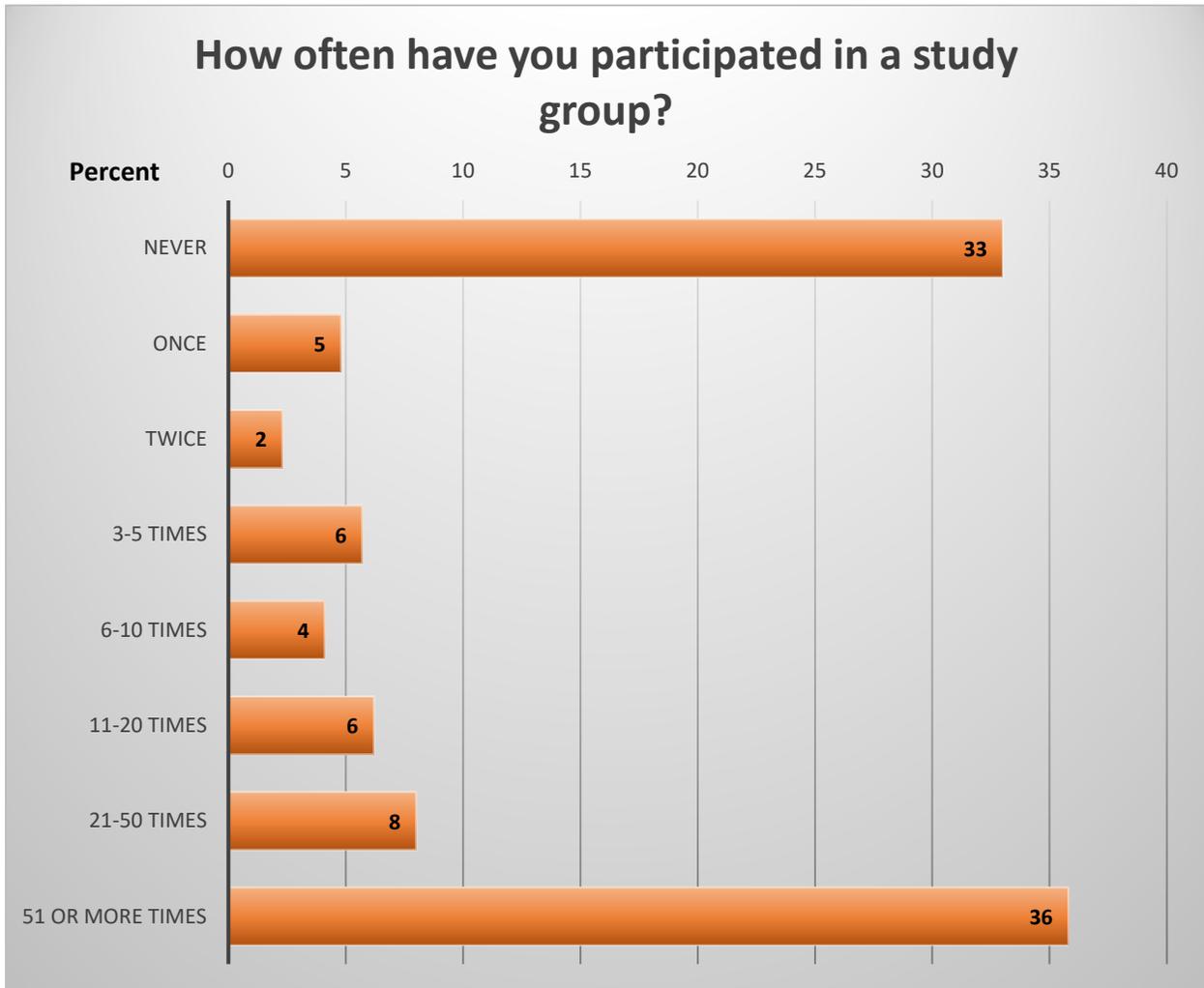


Figure 11: How often have you participated in a study Group?

Differences between American and International Participants

In this section, American participants are compared to the international participants. Table 1 has three sets of columns: 1) American participants, 2) international participants, and 3) the total for all participants. The p-value is the result of a test comparing American and international participants. A significant value is less than 0.05. For rows with no color, the difference between the percentages for American and international people are not significant. When there is color coding, pink shows a lower than expected percentage and green a higher than expected percentage. In these rows, there is a significant difference between American and international participants.

There were differences between American and international participants in age. More international participants were in the 36-50 age range, and more Americans were in the 60-70 age range. The only difference in educational attainment was more international participants who had a high school degree or equivalent as their highest level of attainment. For gender, there were relatively more females in the American than the international group. The number of years reading the Urantia book also differed between American and international participants. There were more international participants in the less than 1-year category, and more American participants in the 21 years and more category. There were no differences in the age at which participants reported starting to study the Urantia Book. For parts 1-3 of the Urantia book, more of the international participants reported having not read any of those sections. For parts 2-4, more Americans reported reading the papers 2 or more times. For part 4, more international participants had read this section only one time. There was no difference in the number of other readers known by the respondents. There was a substantial difference in experiences with study groups. More international participants had never attended a study group (41% compare to 29%) and more American participated in 51 or more study groups (40% compared to 27%).

Table 1: Differences between American and International Participants

Item	Category	United States		International		Total		p-value
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Age								
	21-25	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0.0001
	26-30	7	1%	2	1%	9	1%	
	31-35	12	2%	12	5%	24	3%	
	36-40	5	1%	10	4%	15	2%	
	41-50	26	5%	31	12%	57	7%	
	51-60	65	13%	39	15%	104	13%	

		United States		International		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
	61-70	223	44%	89	34%	312	40%	
	71-80	146	29%	64	24%	210	27%	
	81 and older	24	5%	17	6%	41	5%	
	Total	508		265		773		
Education								
	Less than high school	5	1%	5	2%	10	1%	0.01
	High school or GED	27	5%	33	12%	60	8%	
	Some college but no degree	133	26%	75	28%	208	27%	
	Associate degree	55	11%	21	8%	76	10%	
	Bachelors degree	133	26%	54	20%	187	24%	
	Masters degree	99	20%	51	19%	150	19%	
	Advanced degree such as MD, PhD, JD etc.	55	11%	26	10%	81	10%	
	Total	507		265		772		
Gender								
	Male	315	62%	199	75%	514	66%	0.001
	Female	193	38%	65	25%	258	33%	
	Something else	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%	
	Total	509		265		774		
Length of Experience								
	Less than 1 year	17	3%	21	8%	38	5%	0.0001
	1-5 years	65	13%	46	17%	111	14%	
	6-10 years	52	10%	31	12%	83	11%	
	11-20 years	52	10%	39	15%	91	12%	

		United States		International		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
	21+	312	62%	120	45%	432	56%	
	I am not reading the Urantia Book	9	2%	8	3%	17	2%	
	Total	507		265		772		
Age when started								
	Under 18	35	7%	8	3%	43	6%	0.06
	18-20	51	10%	14	5%	65	8%	
	21-25	91	18%	38	14%	129	17%	
	26-30	60	12%	45	17%	105	14%	
	31-35	58	11%	29	11%	87	11%	
	36-40	45	9%	24	9%	69	9%	
	41-50	50	10%	31	12%	81	10%	
	51-60	63	12%	40	15%	103	13%	
	61-70	37	7%	25	9%	62	8%	
	71-80	11	2%	6	2%	17	2%	
	81 and older	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	
	I do not read the Urantia Book	5	1%	6	2%	11	1%	
	Total	507		266		773		
Part 1								
	Have not read any	6	1%	12	5%	18	2%	0.04
	Read some it	70	14%	41	16%	111	15%	
	Read most of it	51	10%	25	10%	76	10%	
	Read it all once	104	21%	54	21%	158	21%	
	Read it 2 or more times	276	54%	126	49%	402	53%	
	Total	507		258		765		

		United States		International		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
Part 2								
	Have not read any	12	2%	16	6%	28	4%	0.007
	Read some it	55	11%	38	15%	93	12%	
	Read most of it	47	9%	18	7%	65	9%	
	Read it all once	96	19%	58	23%	154	20%	
	Read it 2 or more times	294	58%	125	49%	419	55%	
	Total	504		255		759		
Part 3								
	Have not read any	10	2%	15	6%	25	3%	0.03
	Read some it	49	10%	25	10%	74	10%	
	Read most of it	51	10%	28	11%	79	11%	
	Read it all once	84	17%	51	20%	135	18%	
	Read it 2 or more times	306	61%	133	53%	439	58%	
	Total	500		252		752		
Part 4								
	Have not read any	9	2%	10	4%	19	2%	0.02
	Read some it	37	7%	21	8%	58	8%	
	Read most of it	30	6%	22	8%	52	7%	
	Read it all once	74	15%	54	21%	128	17%	
	Read it 2 or more times	352	70%	153	59%	505	66%	
	Total	502		260		762		
How many other readers do you know								
	None	64	13%	45	17%	109	14%	0.14
	One	48	9%	23	9%	71	9%	

		United States		International		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
	Two	29	6%	23	9%	52	7%	
	Three	25	5%	10	4%	35	5%	
	Four	20	4%	6	2%	26	3%	
	5-10	56	11%	42	16%	98	13%	
	11-20	72	14%	35	13%	107	14%	
	21-50	73	14%	31	12%	104	13%	
	51 or more	119	24%	51	19%	170	22%	
	Total	506		266		772		
Study group experiences								
	Never	148	29%	107	41%	255	33%	0.008
	Once	28	6%	9	3%	37	5%	
	Twice	11	2%	7	3%	18	2%	
	3-5 times	29	6%	15	6%	44	6%	
	6-10 times	22	4%	10	4%	32	4%	
	11-20 times	27	5%	21	8%	48	6%	
	21-50 times	39	8%	23	9%	62	8%	
	51 or more times	204	40%	72	27%	276	36%	
	Total	508		264		772		

Differences between Older and Younger Participants

Table 2 presents how young participants (18-50 years old) differed from older participants (51 and older). Table 2 has three sets of columns: 1) younger participants, 2) older participants, and 3) the total for all participants. The p-value is the result of a test comparing younger and older participants. A significant value is less than 0.05. For rows with no color, the difference between the percentages for younger and older people are not significant. When there is color coding, pink shows a lower than expected percentage and green a higher than expected percentage. In these rows, there is a significant difference between younger and older participants.

There was an age difference between English speaking countries and others with more countries that speak a language other than English having relative more younger participants. There was a similar difference in age when comparing American to international participants, with fewer young participants in the United States. On education, fewer young people reported having associated degrees or advanced degrees. The only difference for gender was that all of the participants who described themselves as something other than male or female were under 50 years old. More of the younger participants reported reading the book for 10 years or less, while more older participants had been reading the Urantia Book for more than 11 years, with 62% reporting a more than 21 year history. Besides the obvious difference that people under 50 years old did not start reading the book after they turned 50, more of the younger participants reported finding the Urantia Book before they turned 18 or when they were 36-40 years old. Older participants reported reading all for parts of the Urantia Book more times than younger participants, who were more likely to have read none or parts of the sections. There were no differences in knowing other Urantia Book readers or in experience with study groups by age.

Table 2: Comparison of Younger and Older Participants

		18-50		51 and older		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
English Speaking Countries								0.0001
	English Speaking	58	55%	510	76%	568	73%	
	Other language	48	45%	157	24%	205	27%	
	Total	106		667		773		
American versus international								0.0001
	USA	50	47%	458	69%	508	66%	
	Other	56	53%	209	31%	265	34%	
	Total	106		667		773		
Education								0.03
	Less than high school	0	0%	10	2%	10	1%	
	High school or GED	10	9%	50	8%	60	8%	
	Some college but no degree	30	28%	177	27%	207	27%	
	Associate degree	4	4%	72	11%	76	10%	

Item	Category	18-50		51 and older		Total		p-value
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
	Bachelors degree	32	30%	153	23%	185	24%	
	Masters degree	25	24%	125	19%	150	20%	
	Advanced degree such as MD, PhD, JD etc.	5	5%	76	11%	81	11%	
	Total	106		663		769		
Gender								0.001
	Male	74	70%	437	66%	511	66%	
	Female	29	28%	228	34%	257	33%	
	Something else	2	2%	0	0%	2	0%	
	Total	105		665		770		
Length of Experience								0.0001
	Less than 1 year	9	8%	29	4%	38	5%	
	1-5 years	26	25%	85	13%	111	14%	
	6-10 years	27	25%	56	8%	83	11%	
	11-20 years	23	22%	68	10%	91	12%	
	21+	19	18%	410	62%	429	56%	
	I am not reading the Urantia Book	2	2%	14	2%	16	2%	
	Total	106		662		768		
Age when started								0.0001
	Under 18	13	12%	30	5%	43	6%	
	18-20	10	9%	55	8%	65	8%	
	21-25	23	22%	104	16%	127	17%	
	26-30	19	18%	85	13%	104	14%	
	31-35	11	10%	76	11%	87	11%	
	36-40	16	15%	53	8%	69	9%	
	41-50	13	12%	68	10%	81	11%	
	51-60	0	0%	103	16%	103	13%	
	61-70	0	0%	62	9%	62	8%	
	71-80	0	0%	17	3%	17	2%	
	81 and older	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	
	I do not read the Urantia Book	1	1%	9	1%	10	1%	
	Total	106		663		769		
Part 1								0.03
	Have not read any	4	4%	13	2%	17	2%	
	Read some it	23	22%	88	13%	111	15%	
	Read most of it	13	12%	63	10%	76	10%	
	Read it all once	24	23%	133	20%	157	21%	
	Read it 2 or more times	42	40%	358	55%	400	53%	

		18-50		51 and older		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
	Total	106		655		761		
Part 2								0.0001
	Have not read any	7	7%	20	3%	27	4%	
	Read some it	19	18%	74	11%	93	12%	
	Read most of it	16	15%	49	8%	65	9%	
	Read it all once	21	20%	132	20%	153	20%	
	Read it 2 or more times	42	40%	375	58%	417	55%	
	Total	105		650		755		
Part 3								0.0001
	Have not read any	7	7%	17	3%	24	3%	
	Read some it	15	14%	59	9%	74	10%	
	Read most of it	19	18%	60	9%	79	11%	
	Read it all once	22	21%	113	18%	135	18%	
	Read it 2 or more times	43	41%	393	61%	436	58%	
	Total	106		642		748		
Part 4								0.001
	Have not read any	4	4%	14	2%	18	2%	
	Read some it	13	12%	45	7%	58	8%	
	Read most of it	12	11%	40	6%	52	7%	
	Read it all once	26	25%	102	16%	128	17%	
	Read it 2 or more times	51	48%	451	69%	502	66%	
	Total	106		652		758		
How many other readers do you know								0.89
	None	16	15%	93	14%	109	14%	
	One	13	12%	57	9%	70	9%	
	Two	5	5%	47	7%	52	7%	
	Three	5	5%	30	5%	35	5%	
	Four	2	2%	24	4%	26	3%	
	5-10	13	12%	85	13%	98	13%	
	11-20	13	12%	93	14%	106	14%	
	21-50	16	15%	87	13%	103	13%	
	51 or more	23	22%	146	22%	169	22%	
	Total	106		662		768		
Study group experiences								0.06
	Never	43	41%	211	32%	254	33%	
	Once	2	2%	35	5%	37	5%	
	Twice	3	3%	15	2%	18	2%	
	3-5 times	10	9%	34	5%	44	6%	
	6-10 times	4	4%	28	4%	32	4%	

		18-50		51 and older		Total		
Item	Category	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	p-value
	11-20 times	6	6%	42	6%	48	6%	
	21-50 times	12	11%	49	7%	61	8%	
	51 or more times	26	25%	248	37%	274	36%	
	Total	106		662		768		

Utilization of World Wide Web Resources

There were three questions about using electronic resources associated with the Urantia Book:

1. The following is a partial list of websites associated with the Urantia Book. Which of these websites have you used (check all that apply)?
2. The following is a partial list of FaceBook pages associated with the Urantia Book. Which of these FaceBook pages are you a member of (check all that apply)?
3. The following are online forums for discussion of the Urantia Book. Have you participated in any of these forums (check all that apply)?

Web Resources

Figure 12 compares the use of Urantia Book web sites by age (50 and under vs. 51 and older). The three most commonly used sites were the Urantia Foundation (79%), the Urantia Book Fellowship (62%), and Truthbook.com (49%). Younger readers were more likely to check Urantia Family Life (8% vs 3%), Urantia Now (30% vs 11%), and Truthbook.com (60% vs 47%). On average, younger readers reported visiting 3.5 websites and older readers averaged 3.0 websites, a significant difference ($p < 0.04$).

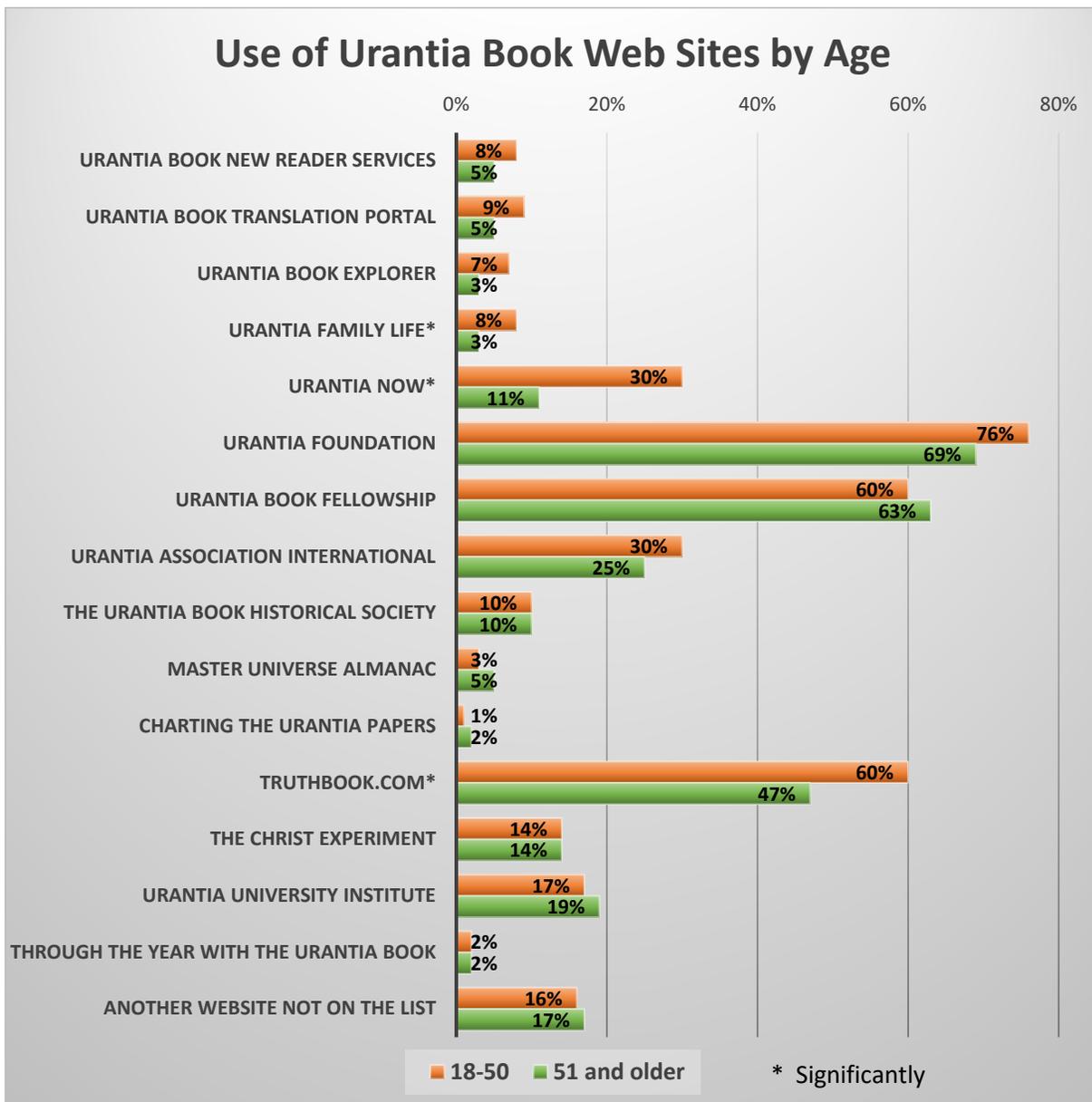


Figure 12: Use of Urantia Book Web Sites by Age

Figure 13 compares American versus international use of Urantia Book websites. Americans on average reported using 3.0 web sites compared to 2.7 for international users. This was not a significant difference. International participants more often used the Urantia Book Explorer (7% vs 5%) while American participants more often used the Urantia Foundation (73% vs. 64%), the Urantia Book Fellowship (65% vs. 56%), and Truthbook.com (52% vs, 43%).

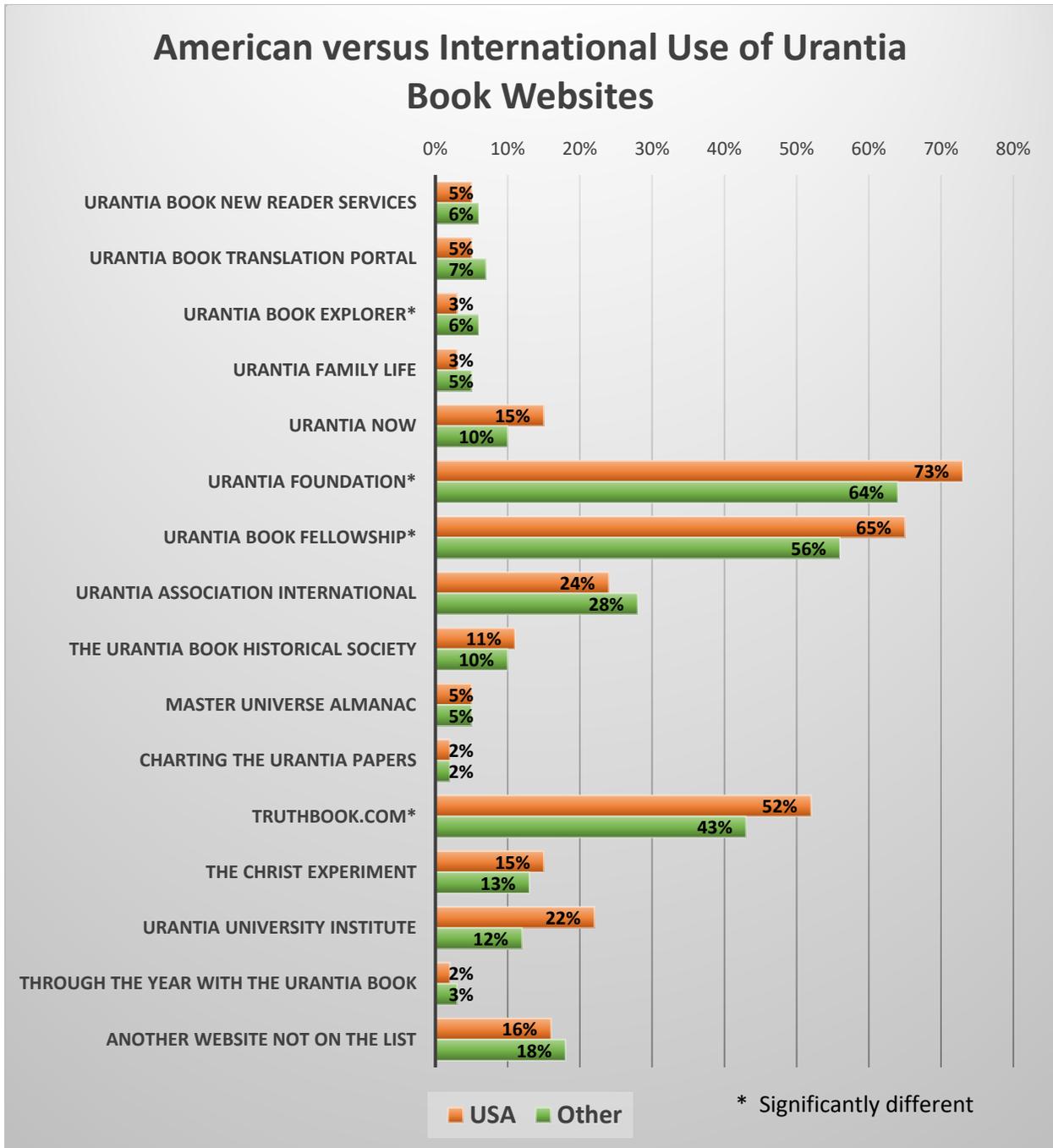


Figure 13: American versus International Use of Urantia Book Websites

Table 3 shows a list of the other websites provided by participants. When the site could be found, the URL is included in the table. Other web site information was provided by 102 of the survey participants. More than 30 additional web sites related to the Urantia Book were identified. A few of the sites may be FaceBook pages rather than web sites.

Table 3: List of other Urantia Book Web Site Provided by Participants

Name	URL
Artistsfirst	http://www.artistfirst.com/index.html
bibles.org.uk	http://www.bibles.org.uk/
bigbluebook.org	http://bigbluebook.org/
Daynal Institute	http://daynal.org/institute_NEW/faq.html
estudiosdelasescrituras.blogspot.com	http://estudiosdelasescrituras.blogspot.com/
Evolving souls	http://evolving-souls.org/
GLMUA	http://www.urantiausa-glmua.org/
godiscovered.net	https://www.goddiscovered.net/
Harpofgod.org	http://harpofgod.org/menu.html
Helloearth	http://helloearth.info/urantiacconnection/urantiacconnection.html
Institute for Christ consciouness	https://www.institutechristconsciousness.org/
Intensive study of the urantia book	
Jean Barr's group	
machiventa.org	http://machiventa.org/
Perfecting horizons	http://perfectinghorizonsinstitute.org/
revelatorytruths blog	https://revelatorytruths.blog/
soiritualfamily.net	http://spiritualfamily.net/
Square Circles	https://squarecircles.com/
Tmarchives	http://tmarchives.com/index.php
Troy Biship's index	
U.B.I.S. (Urantia book internet school)	https://new.ubis.urantia.org/moodle/
Ubannotated	http://ubannotated.com/
Ubook4U	https://ubook4u.com/
Ubthenews	https://www.facebook.com/UBtheNEWS-179888572070577/
Ucnw.net	https://www.ucnw.net/
University of salvington	https://medium.com/@nebadonmichael/university-of-salvington-b4c21b87af33
Urantia artists	
Urantia book made easy blog	http://urantiabookmadeeasy.blogspot.com/2012/06/urantia-book-made-easy.html
Urantia Films	
Urantia history	
Urantia science	
Urantia Society of greater New York	https://urantia.nyc/

Name	URL
Urantia Studies via Ascension University	http://ascensionuniversity.org/
Urantia Trust	http://www.urantiatrust.org/home.asp
Urantia.me	https://urantia.me/
urantia.org.ua, urantia.me	https://www.urantia.org.ua/
urantia.ru, urantia.org.ua, urantia.me	http://urantia.ru/
UrantiaBookProjects.org	https://urantiabookprojects.org/
urantiabooksources.com	https://urantiabooksources.com/
UrantiaRadio.net	https://urantiaradio.net/
urantiastudygroup.org	https://www.urantiastudygroup.org/
urbron.org	http://ubron.org/home.cfm
Uversa.org	https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Uversaorg-239636399705380/
Work place	
WORLD-DESTINY.ORG	http://world-destiny.org/
www.orvonton.org	http://orvontonmx.com/

Facebook Resources

Figure 14 compares older and younger participant’s use of FaceBook resources. Younger participants checked an average of 1.3 FaceBook resources compared to 0.7 for older participants. Younger readers more often checked Urantia Book Science (14% vs. 7%), Urantia Book and History (15% vs. 6%), Christian Urantians (9% vs. 3%), Ministers for Christ Michael (6% vs. 2%), and other FaceBook resources (25% vs. 13%).

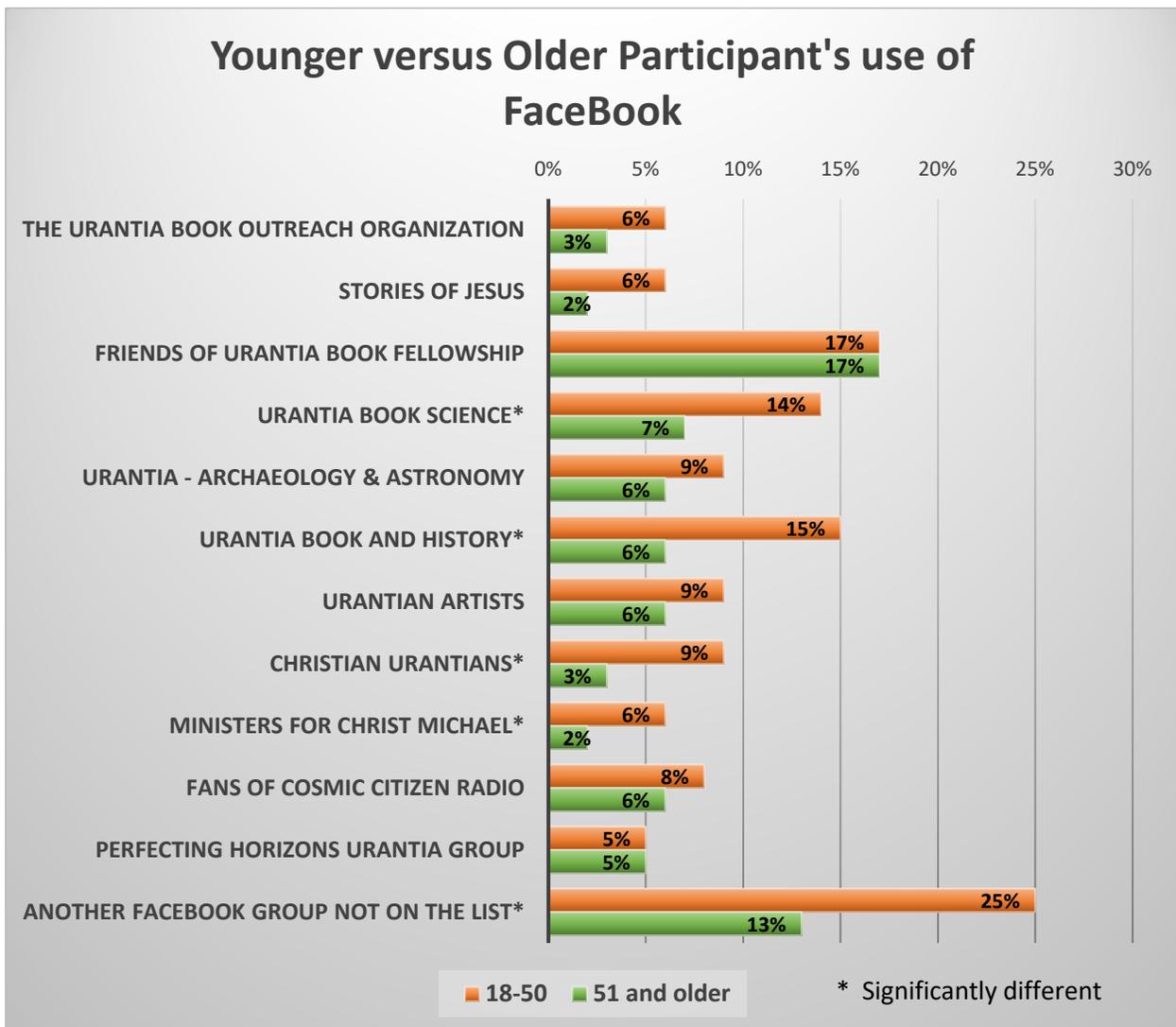


Figure 14: Younger versus Older Participant's use of FaceBook

Figure 15 compares American versus international use of FaceBook resources. American participants checked less than one FaceBook page on average (0.7), while international participants checked 1.1 FaceBook pages on average. International participants reported using Stories of Jesus (6% vs. 2%), Urantia Book Science (11% vs. 7%), Urantia Book and History (13% vs. 5%), Ministers for Christ Michael (4% vs. 1%), and other FaceBook resources (18% vs. 13%).

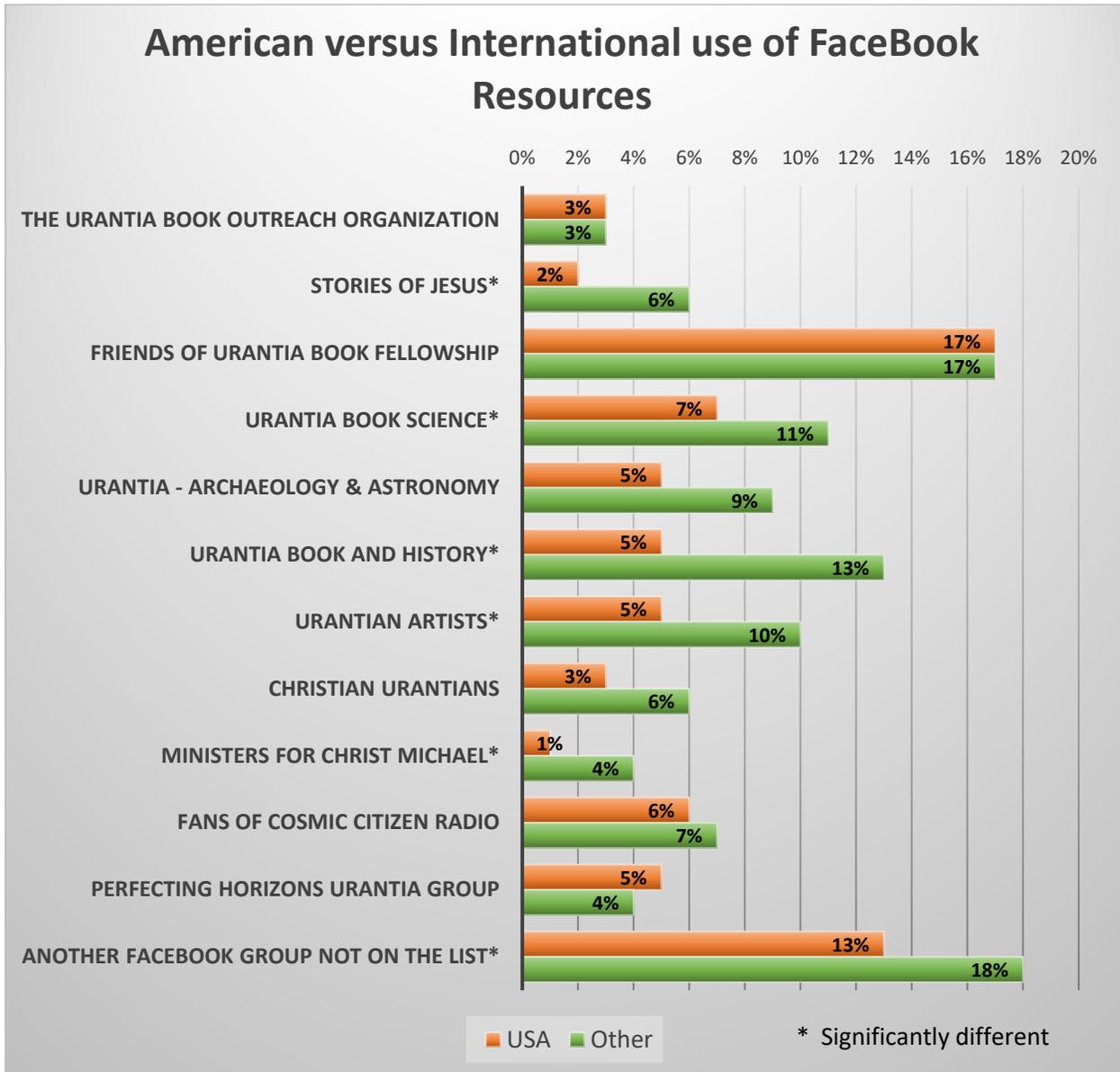


Figure 15: American versus International use of FaceBook Resources

Table 4 is a list of other FaceBook pages provided by survey participants. The link to the FaceBook group is provided in the table if a likely link could be found. Some of the ones that could not be found are possibly parts of other FaceBook groups. These groups have anywhere from a handful of members to more than 1,000. The Urantia Book has a growing presence on FaceBook.

Table 4: Other FaceBook Resources Provided by Survey Participants

Urantia	https://www.facebook.com/groups/doorsoffame/
ABC society	https://www.facebook.com/ABCSocietyCoaching/
Christ Michael esu	https://www.facebook.com/michaelofnebadon
Christian urantias	https://www.facebook.com/groups/christianurantians/
Conservative Urantia	https://www.facebook.com/groups/conservativeurantia/
Das Urantia Buch - Urantia- DACH	https://www.facebook.com/groups/145706532260979/?ref=bookmarks
Daughters of God	https://www.facebook.com/groups/133008063056/
Divine Mother	https://www.facebook.com/pg/DivineMotherUSA/about/?ref=page_internal
ELUB - Estudantes do Livro de Urântia no Brasil	https://www.facebook.com/groups/grupoelub/
Fans of the Urantia Book	https://www.facebook.com/groups/100109857154/
Urantia Moscow	https://www.facebook.com/groups/urantia.moscow/?fref=ts
JOVENES EN URNATIA	https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=jovenes%20en%20urantia&em=1
mis recuerdos en urantia	https://www.facebook.com/Mis-recuerdos-en-Urantia-426506014080922/
Mormon Urantia Readers	
Mother Spirit	https://www.facebook.com/groups/183182896207000/
Our MotherSpirit of Nebadon. Secret orvontonac	
pages of christ michael at face book	
Pato Banton Spiritual Family	https://www.facebook.com/groups/patobantonsspiritualfamily/

La Luz de la Revelación	
Urantia Radio	https://www.facebook.com/Urantia-Radio-208004509747397/
Sunday Afternoon Study Group	
The Garden Project	https://www.facebook.com/GardenProjectCommunity/
The School of Architecture	
The Urantia Revelation	https://www.facebook.com/groups/theurantiarevelation/
Urantia humor	https://www.facebook.com/groups/135159513327810/
Urantia Association International	https://www.facebook.com/urantia.association/
urantia book fer	
Urantia Book Network	https://www.facebook.com/urantiabooknetwork/
Urantia Book science and history	https://www.facebook.com/groups/418407648220368/
Urantia Young Adult International	
Urantia latinos	
Urantia Mexico	https://www.facebook.com/groups/392949474230312/
Urantia Peru	https://www.facebook.com/groups/urantiaperu/
Urantia plus	https://www.facebook.com/groups/UrantiaPlus/
Urantia Soul Zoom Hub	https://www.facebook.com/groups/2314054612202827/
Urantia Spiritual Family Network	https://www.facebook.com/groups/164863027595073/
Urantia women	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1606170526289205/
Urantia-Course in Miracles	https://www.facebook.com/groups/ubcourse/
Urantia, First society	
UrantiaUniversity	https://www.facebook.com/groups/239800900695/
Urantia-The Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/urantia.tfg/

Walker Road Revival	https://www.facebook.com/groups/walkerroadrevival/
YaYAs	https://www.facebook.com/UBYaYAs/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARCPyG46bhAeU9GMM8Wpy3l3cdJdR_Pi8QppxErQKB4X2gzEFm_8tTBG2tf3za43xUSD0iafvVul-1A9
Urantia Unity,	https://www.facebook.com/groups/UrantiaUnity/
The blue Club	
Club Urantia	https://www.facebook.com/groups/ClubUrantia/
Life and Teachings of Jesus	https://www.facebook.com/lifeandteachingsofjesus/
Urantia Papers	https://www.facebook.com/urantiapapers/
Urantia Revelation	https://www.facebook.com/groups/2058274431065327/
Urantia Book - Fifth Epochal Revelation	https://www.facebook.com/mightymezzenger74/

Internet Forums

Two online Urantia Book discussion forums were included, UBRON and Truthbook. Figure 16 shows that a relatively small percentage of participants checked that they had used these forums. There were no age differences in use of the forums.

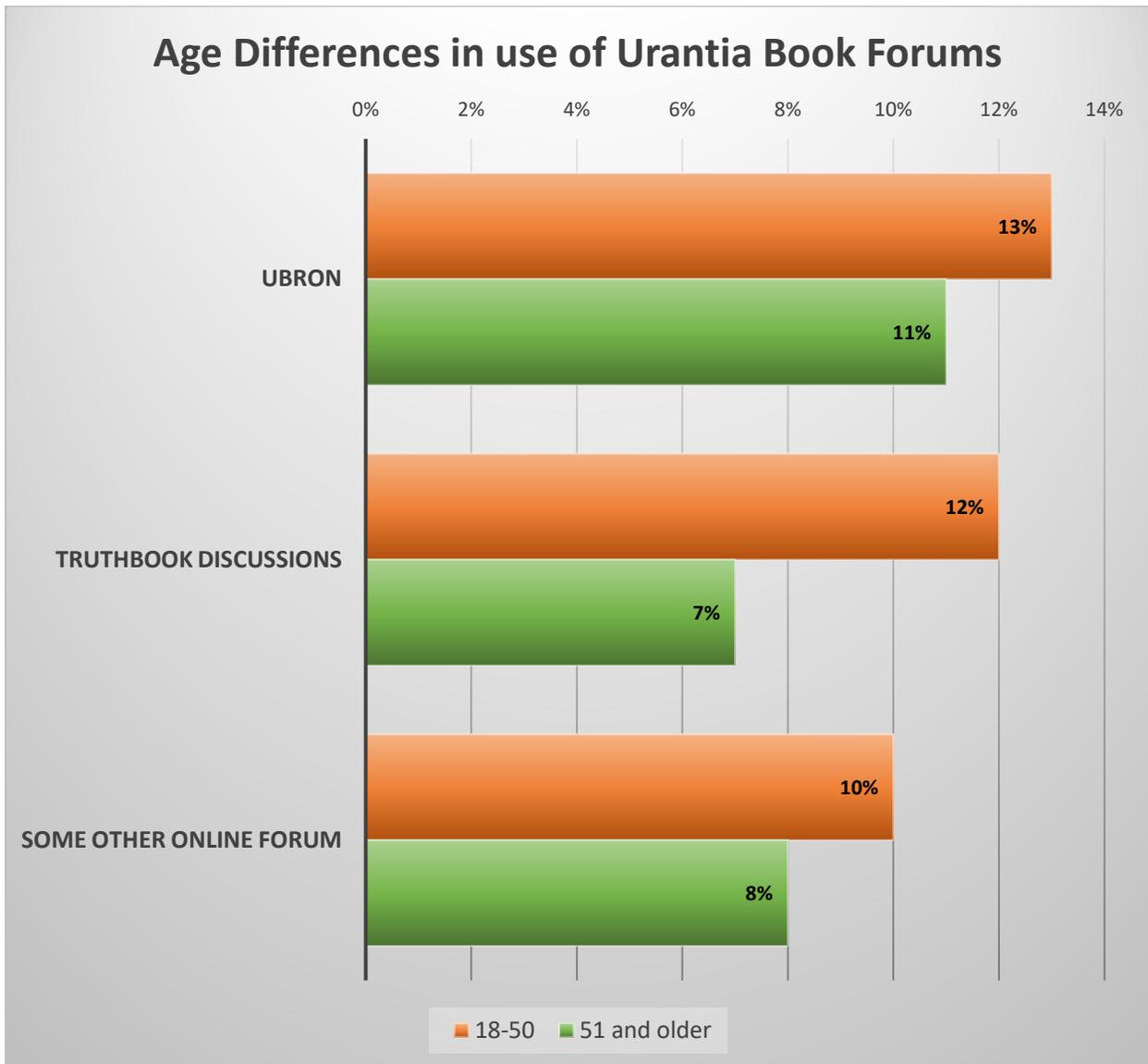


Figure 16: Age Differences in use of Urantia Book Forums

Figure 17 compares American and international use of online forums. The differences between American and international percentages were not statistically significant. Use of forums is less common than visiting web sites and similar to the use of individual Facebook groups.

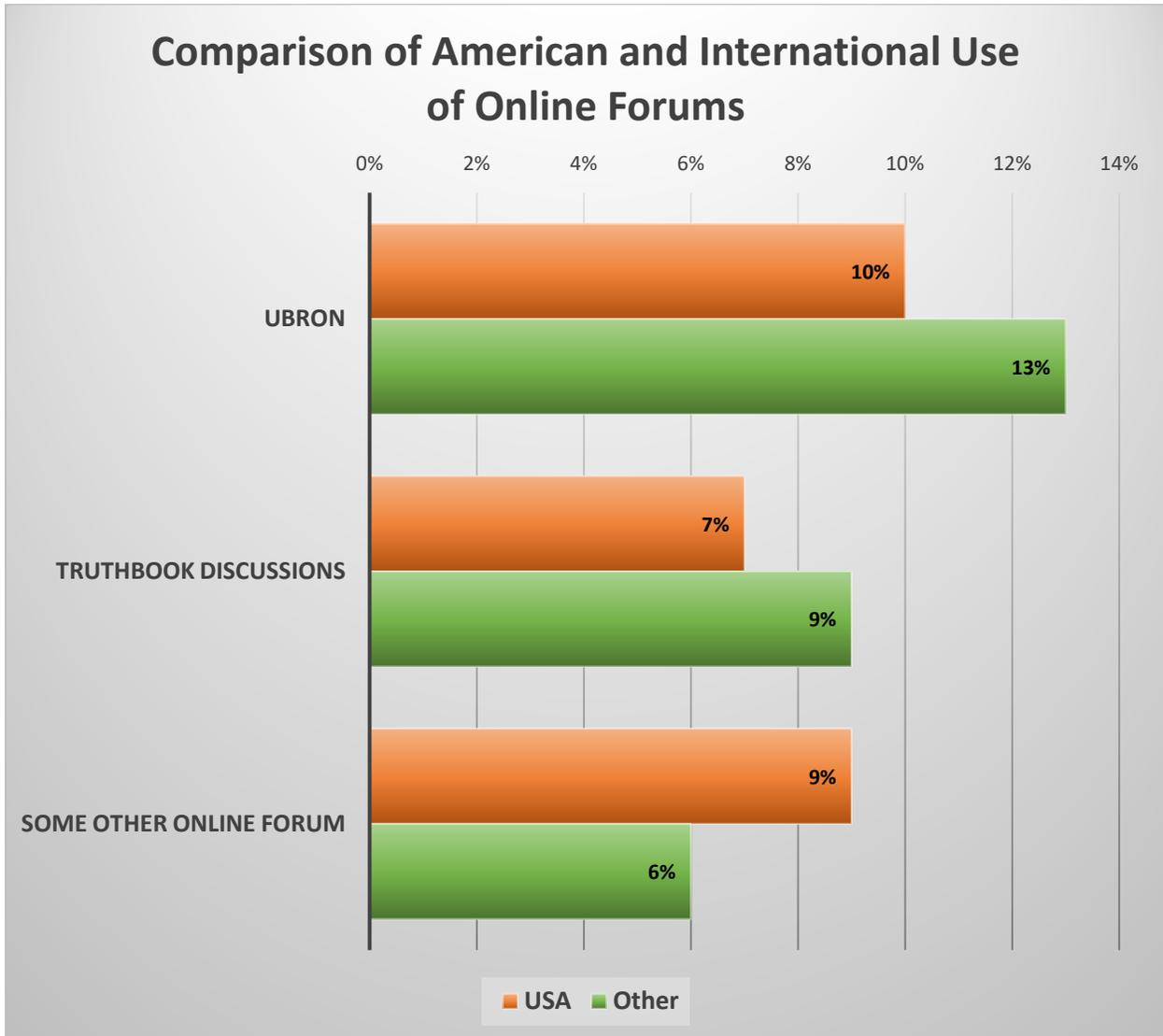


Figure 17: Comparison of American and International Use of Online Forums

Table 5 shows the responses to other forums that could be identified. Some of these may be web sites rather than discussion forums.

Table 5: Other Urantian Book Discussion Forums

11:11 Progress Group	https://www.1111angels.net/
ELUB (Brazil)	http://www.elub.com.br/elubsite/
LIVRE D'URANTIA	http://forum.urantia.fr/index.php/forum/messagesrecents
Machiventa Melchizedek	http://machiventamelchizedek.com
Russian language	http://urantia.ru/forum/
Teaching mission in Russia	http://www.tmrussia.org/en/forum
El Libro de Urantia	http://librodeurantia.org/
reddit	https://www.reddit.com/r/Urantia/
Serara Forum	http://forum.serara.org/index.php
Symmetry of soul blog talk radio	https://www.blogtalkradio.com/symmetryofsoul
UAI forums	https://urantia-association.org/forums/
UBIS	https://new.ubis.urantia.org/moodle/

Urantia Book Reader's Needs

The following questions were asked to better understand the needs of Urantia Book readers and to identify potential services or strategies that could be developed to serve the needs of readers. The questions were:

9. I would like to meet more people who know about the Urantia Book.
10. I would like to participate in a face-to-face Urantia Book study group.
11. I am interested in getting together with other Strongly Disagree
12. I am interested in getting together with other Urantia Book readers for group activities that are different from a study group.
13. I am interested in participating in an online Urantia Book Study group.
14. How often would you like to see online study groups hosted?
15. I wish there were more resources on the internet for Urantia Book readers.
16. I wish there were more printed materials like books, newsletters, or magazines related to the Urantia Book.
17. I would like to see more efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book.
18. I worry that more aggressive efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book will lead to resistance from some religious and/or political groups.

Meeting more People

Figure 18 shows answer to the question, “I would like to meet more people who know about the Urantia Book” and compares younger with older participants. Eighty percent of the participants agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. Only 3% disagreed or strongly disagreed. There was a significant age difference with younger participants more often selecting strongly agree.

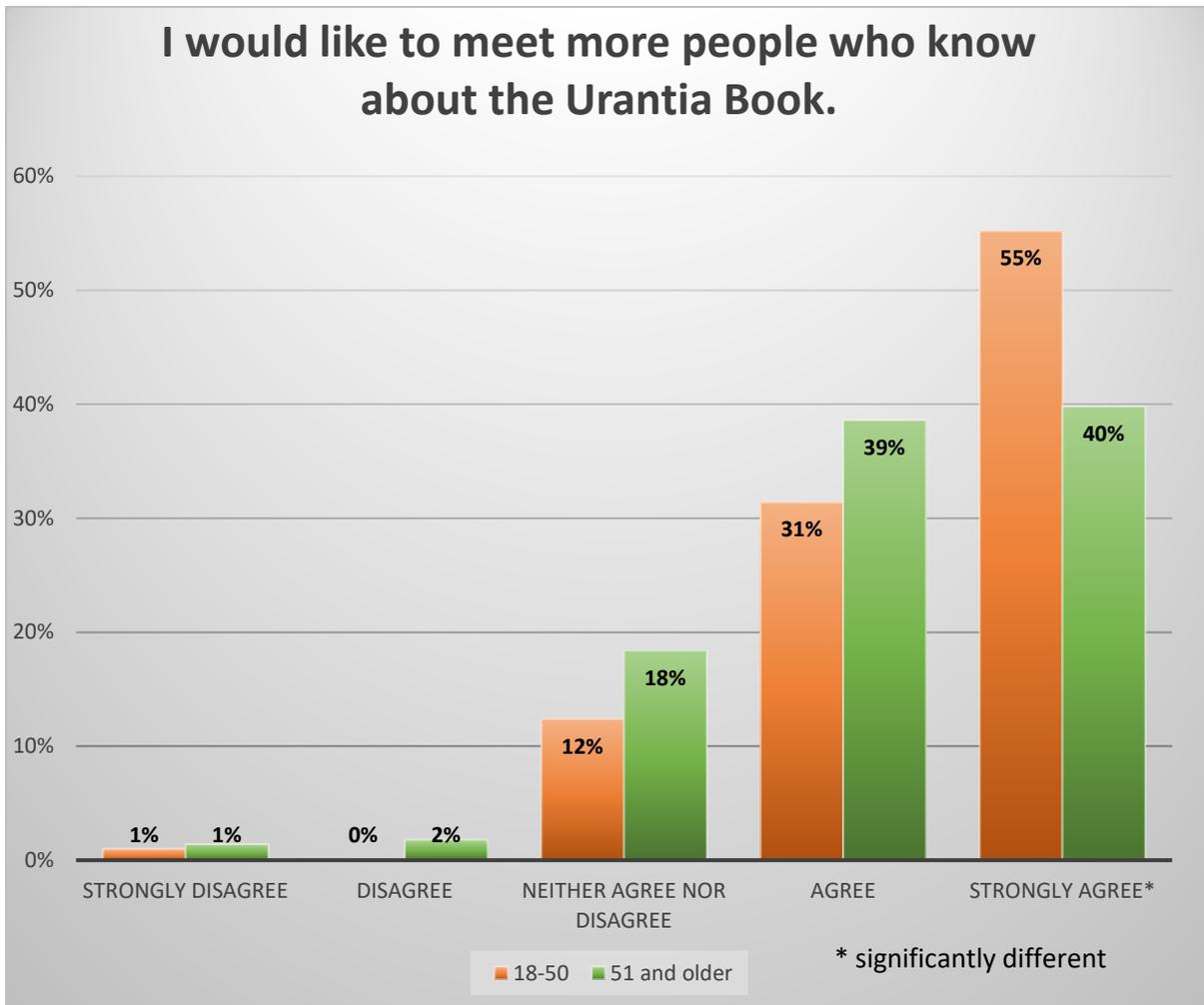


Figure 18: Want to Meet More Readers by Age

Figure 19 compare American and international participants on their interesting in meeting more people who know about the Urantia Book. There was no significant difference between American and international participants, with both overwhelmingly expressing interest in meeting more people.

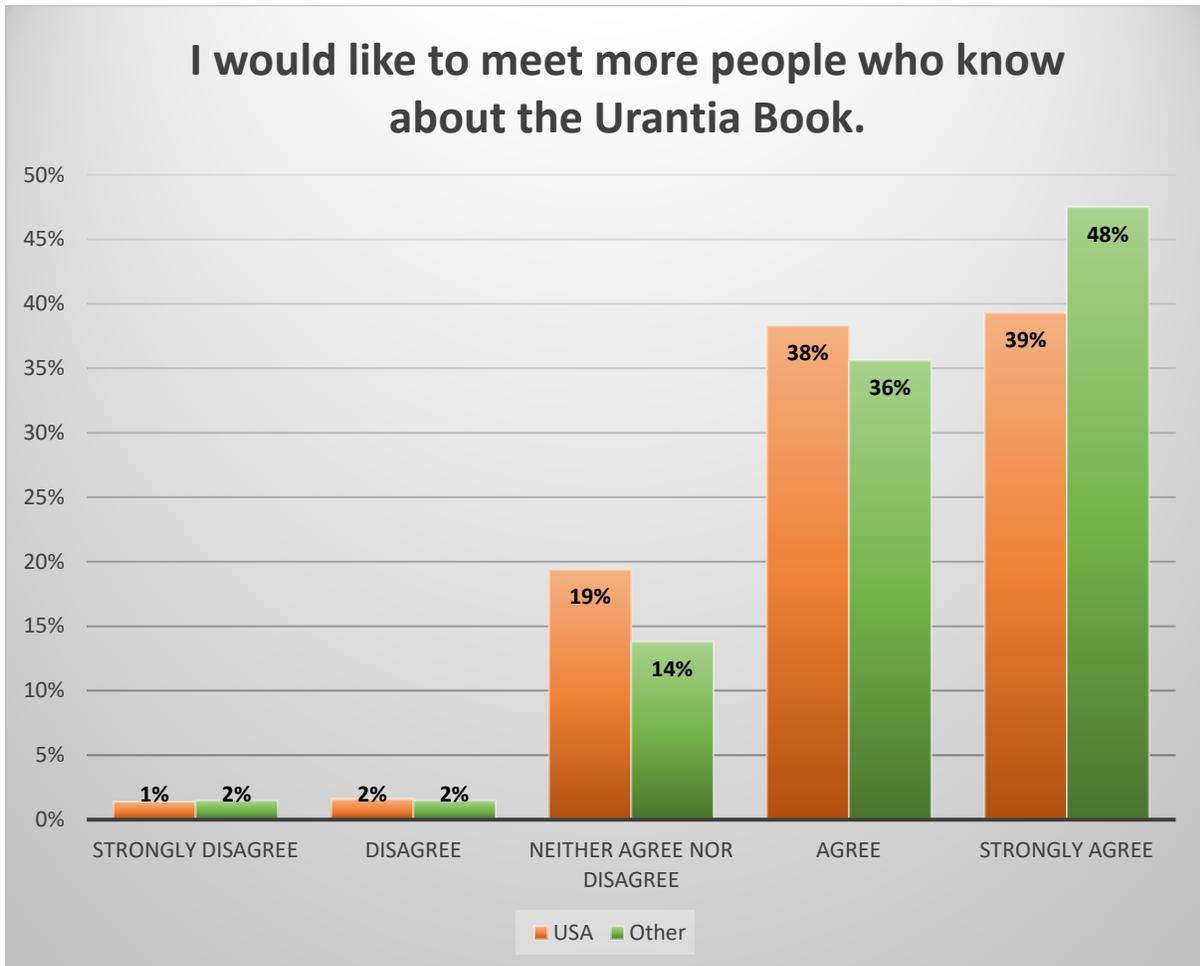


Figure 19: Want to meet more people - American vs. International

Open-ended responses to meeting more people

Participants were asked the following open-ended question: “Do you have ideas about how Urantia Book readers could meet each other?” There were 293 responses to the open-ended question with 27 being “no”. The responses could be grouped into nine themes: 1) Conferences; 2) Local strategies; 3) Study groups; 4) Online; 5) Events; 6) Observations; 7) Systems changes, 8) Subtle approaches; and 9) Use of media.

Conferences. were seen as a good place to meet other people interested in the Urantia Book. Some representative statements include:

- Conferences and summer study groups are good for meeting readers.
- The organizations (Foundation/UAI and Fellowship) would try to initiate regional meeting/conferences for local reader's get-together.
- For me, I try to take advantage of meeting other readers once a year at the SSS or another Urantia conference. Those are always so rewarding and wonderful. Maybe having more regional conferences would help as well.

Local Strategies. There were many different ideas for **local strategies** to meet other readers. These include meet and greets, potlucks, luncheons, social events, lectures, seminars, and introductory meetings. Here are some examples:

- Have luncheons
- Live seminars
- Book stores
- Picnics, Super Bowl parties, conclaves, bar-b-ques, mixers, wine/whiskey tastings, dinners, lunches, movies screenings.
- meet and greets, potlucks
- More face to face local groups that interact socially, friendship building as well as reading and discussing the book.

Several kinds of local places were mentioned including churches, libraries, restaurants, and community centers.

- Local libraries, college campuses, churches and coffee shops.
- Try to have social groups at various restaurants to foster more study groups.
- Encourage knowledgeable speakers to offer gatherings in libraries, community halls, apartment and condo party rooms, etc.
- Maybe local socials, coffee and cookies in a public room of a community center with no program, just to meet each other

These could be arranged through online apps or advertising on local media such as radio and newspapers.

- perhaps Brief newspaper, television, and/or radio advertising announcing a 'local introductory meeting' may be helpful.

- Be visible in the community by posting events, readings, classes, discussion groups etc.
- Small local gatherings. Support and mingle. A dating site.

Another interesting idea is to organize service projects that would bring people together.

- Service projects

Study groups. There were a number of responses that focused on study groups. One of the themes was a frustration that there are not enough local study groups, or that the existing study groups are too far away.

- Study groups should be in every metropolitan area.
- Discussion groups in the metro Atlanta area and in particular Cobb county or the Marietta/Smyrna area.
- I think we should set up more Urantia Groups Nationwide.
- Setting up more study group in locations more convenient to readers. I'm within the beltway of a major US city and the closest study group is an hour away.

Several respondents wrote about wanting to start their own study group.

- Webinars. I host a small Zoom Urantia Book Study Group. There are usually only 4 or 5 of us and we do not want to expand that. If time permitted I would be willing to start another Study Group.
- I plan to start two Urantia discussion groups, one in Ohio, and one in Indiana
- I would like to setup a home study group in my home town.

Others stated that they thought study groups are the best places to meet other Urantia Book readers.'

- Book reading groups have been the best place for me. I do not have ideas except being a presence on College campuses like other groups.
- Study group have seem the only way I been able to meet urantia readers.
- I personally prefer local study groups where people who live in the same area can get to know each other through in person interaction

Online. The largest number of comments were about ways to use the internet or apps to meet new Urantia Book readers. Specific ideas included online study groups, centralized databases that could be used to connect people locally, existing apps and websites designed to help people meet, Zoom and other online events other than study groups, online chats and forums, social media, and YouTube.

There were many who thought study groups online would be a great idea.

- For those who may not have other UB readers nearby I think having online meetings/study groups and once a year in person meetings may be more feasible.
- Online ZOOM events are very convenient and, when well-moderated with real participation, the results can be memorable.
- Study groups through online, events.
- On-line: Zoom, In-person: study groups, worship services, conferences. Via webcast or broadcast:

- I live in Houston, TX, but there is no meet-up group here. 4th largest city should at least have a Urantia group..

There were a number of interesting ideas about creating online databases of people interested in the Urantia Book that could be used as a way to connect with others near you.

- There probably needs to be a geographical hub e-mail connected located in ea. State capital. With a n annual e-mail mail list of all students and prospective teachers available, and from there ea. Outlying city people who could be the "heaf" contacts, if they wanted to set up Face-to-face meetings, I do enjoy meeting people in real life, especially Senior Urantians
- Website showing readers in your area, Get info, contact organize meeting. Also a Pod cast would be good
- Build a public database of readers, their locations, contact info and specific interests in the book.
- David Kulieke's idea about sending a list of names of readers to regions so people can contact each other.
- Create a email list with people who has an open house/guestroom, both one for adults as well as younger people. So when one travel the world one can contact...from the list
- Central voluntary registry of UB readers
- I suppose a list of voluntarily offered emails which people could access through your website, may be helpful. Of if you have internal facilitators who reach out by email to assess needs for study and/or connections
- An online "map" of geographically located readers and list of emails voluntarily submitted for on-line hookups for study groups.
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There are a number of ways that Zoom or other collaboration software could be used to sponsor online events that allow people to interact.

- Zoom study groups
- Online ZOOM events are very convenient and, when well-moderated with real participation, the results can be memorable.
- Online meetings Face to face meet ups Conferences and Forums Local groups ... Podcasts would be easier to listen to the discussions on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Zoom buddy system of experienced, spiritually mature readers with new readers, plus monthly Zoom sessions for new readers to meet each other, facilitated by a pair of spiritual elders in the community
- Forums, Chat rooms, zoom (video) sessions

There were other ideas about using apps or websites as a way to connect interested people.

- A "Matchmaking" site where members would list their "interests" , education, bios, etc.
- Through the Meetup Application
- Presently working on a project to connect people for virtual study groups
- A connection app To locate readers near-you

- Meetup.com
- Craigslist
- Use the Christ Experiment.org app - UnitingUrantia

Other people thought that forums or online chat groups would be a good way to get to know other Urantia Book readers.

- Forums that are focused on understanding and discussing today's events in the world through the lens of the UB.
- Prefer face-to-face meetings but have not been able to find any in my area. Could start with an online message board. Or maybe an online chat room with set hours for 1 talk sessions (for example, I know some people who are in Alcoholics Anonymous and they have online meetings that are scheduled at set times). Maybe something like that
- Need a forum for retirees similar to Link-In where you could list reading the Urantia Book as one of your interests.
- DESIGN A SPACE ON A WEBSITE WHERE PEOPLE CAN COMMUNICATE AND/OR EMAIL EACH OTHER

Social media was another way of connecting with others.

- online face book and whatsapp
- Social Media Groups seem to be the new reader frontier to me.
- Social media platforms, namely for the younger readers and via conferences and other events but that may conflict with many schedules, etc.

YouTube was mentioned as another way for people to communicate and potentially connect online.

- Do you-tube , Get some one to collect all groups over the world , contact details , through that , people will meet . Let some one present a short 20 min part and ask viewers to send their details . He / she can release details and introduce people in countries who can be contacted.
- So I recently discovered Byron Belitsos and Donna D Ingillos on U Tube. I refer friends to there books and podcast.
- You Tube Urantia topic comments
- More advertising of Facebook groups or other social sites like YouTube

Events. There were a number of ideas about planning events that would attract Urantia Book readers. These ideas included:

- Inexpensive gatherings committed to practical or spiritual themes. An emphasis on personal growth, education, and family life.
- Society sponsored events
- Sponsor a group cruise.
- Affordable events. Events in Europe. Events not to strongly scheduled, but to enable more socializing.
- Group studies finding a spiritual leader someone versed in Urantia to hold a seminar or study hall

- Create common interest groups to engage readers in sharing activities to share the UB and their inner lives in more diverse spaces than sitting around a table
- Local meeting places available for free to meet, commune and discuss Urantia, as well as hold conferences and such. Regional assistance training people to teach the material and set up groups. More regional conferences.
- yes,... have world class events with known artists, celebrities, in worshipful celebration for All
- Informal regional gatherings, mini-conferences, study sessions, and/or networking opportunities.
- Online, regional, national, and international conferences, study groups, parties or special gatherings,

Observations. There were some responses that were not specific ideas for meeting new people, but more like observations on the topic. These included:

- Urantia Book readers and their organizations might earn themselves needed credibility and grow awareness of the Papers if more readers interested themselves in progressive causes, as differentiated from insular attitudes and the navel-gazing.
- I am also writing a book to bring the Urantia Book to the attention of more people. The intent of the book is to convince those that believe that only the Bible contains the word of God, that there is a new revelation that warrants their attention.
- spirit will lead them
- It depends on whether you are thinking about online or face-to-face. It also depends on the age of the readers as to the means of meeting. Angie Thurston's articles "How we Gather " is excellent in suggesting new approaches for the millennials to meet to each other.
- providence
- Chance encounter
- Through TA collaboration and midway assistance. We have seen them and they are lovingly real!
- Fellowship
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- I read the book during college.... would love finding others to do it again
- providence
- I have met people through study groups, conferences, retreats, UB University classes, Fellowship socials, summer sessions, and women's group on Zoom.
- Chance encounter

- facebook and the internet seems to be working I thought the founding fellows stated that the disseminating of our book should not be broadcast, but from person to person?
- Through TA collaboration and midwayer assistance. We have seen them and they are lovingly real!
- Fellowship
- There is a Discussion Group close to home, but the "benefits" of assisting aren't stated nowhere and I have no way of knowing if it is the level of discussion I'd be willing to share.
- Through institutions
- YES I HAVE IDEA THAT IS WHY I HAVE TO SHARE WHAT I LEARN FROM THE GODS WISDOM AND THE ANGELIC HEAVENLY GODS KINGDOM

Systems Changes. There were some ideas that were larger and more all-encompassing. I have labeled these systems changes. Here are some of the ideas:

- Concentrate efforts with fewer organizations than what we have today, have a single organization census the readership, coordinate the various initiatives, create structures to engage readers in organized outreach projects (as opposed to being centered within the readership)
- The problem is that not everyone seeks help and those that do can not find help for where do you go to seek others within your state? not each city has even a church to go to so i think that more churches need to be started within the name of URANTIA
- City and state groups should meet up monthly on date designated, each group has a secretary to co-ordinate state functions with designated world groups, secretaries from that group. Each state has a leader, so does each country have a leader and thereby lead a planning group to assists naming & functions responsibility to each group like an index card. Group meetings with video & each person identifying themselves. Members list according to cities & countries. Info collected by city members & given the leaders of the state & so on. Compiled list to the world list, organizing our groups Compile North America, South America, Pacific Islands, North Europe, East Europe, Asia, other groups. Conventions, Mini Conventions, Portals of Various Dimension, Wholy Meetings,
- Yes, a proposal called "Light and Life Communities" that will be published soon in Mighty Messenger.
- The foundation can train some readers and create groups in each country to train other readers
- Not enough outreach. We need people in churches, infiltration I suppose in a positive way. Perhaps a school of sorts to train like missionaries. I couldn't find a group anywhere close to me and i live in DC/Northern Virginia.
- Maybe a mentor program (voluntary) such as Big Brother /Big Sister, or a sponsor
- I think it should be taught as a weekly religion course in the community. There should be some type of Urantia teachers training program in this area. It needs to be something solid that requires a weekly commitment to a series of classes each semester
- More networking between group leaders and intergroup activities. I think community building is of paramount importance. We need leadership training to develop leaders who can facilitate communication between members with diverse cultural and philosophical

backgrounds. I think that many people would like to participate in study groups, but do not due to time or physical constraints or because of philosophical differences. We also need to make a supreme effort to minister to minority groups, especially those of African decent, or the parts of the book concerning race and eugenics will be construed as racist. I would consider this an emergency!

Subtle. There were several interesting ideas about how to subtly identify yourself as a person interested in the Urantia Book in order to meet people and start conversations.

- keep my ear to the ground. When a conversation goes into the realm of spiritual matters, find ways to share the information of the book with others.
- Wearing pins or other subtle symbols in evolutionary religious and non-religious gatherings.
- As Jesus did....."in passing"
- How about a small concentric circle pin people can wear--but inconspicuously?
- concentric circle pin.
- In French-speaking countries, it would be good to have small pamphlets presenting The Urantia Book. In our days we meet people on public transportation or other means of transportation and we often have discussions that give us the opportunity to present the varied content of The Urantia Book.

Use of Media. There were several ideas about ways to use marketing and media tools to publicize the Urantia Book or Urantia Book-related events.

- Run an ad in their local paper.
- Utilize local media
- Advertising The Urantia Book in all media and telling how they can contact a study group.
- Being both US & Kenya citizen, I would appreciate more support in reaching more Africans here with these far reaching truths, like setting up radio/ tv channels
- Meet Up Groups Banner ads on spiritual websites Mind Body Spirit Expos A presence on any internet sites like Twitter etc
- Post more openly/publicly where and when meetings are held. The apprehensive approach to publicity is becoming outmoded ~
- New York Times editorials
- Newspaper ads. Social media ads.

Interest in Face-to-face Urantia Book Study Groups

The question about study groups was: “I would like to participate in a face-to-face Urantia Book study group”. Figure 20 shows the responses for younger and older participants. Overall, 25% were already participating in study group. Another 46% agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. Only 8% disagree or strongly disagreed with the statement. Older participants were more likely to choose the neither agree nor disagree option. Younger participants were more likely to agree or strongly agree than older participants. This item shows that there is a strong interest in face-to-face study groups.

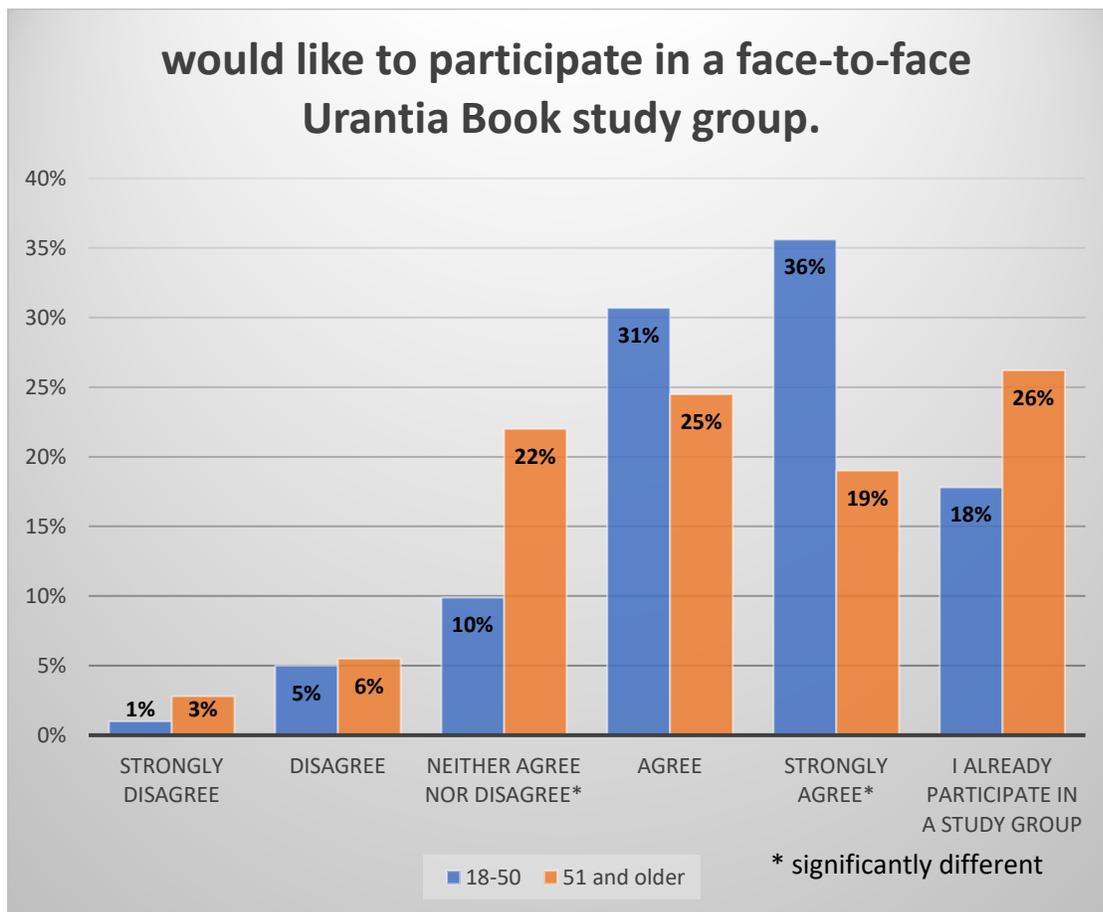


Figure 20: Age differences in interest in face to face study groups

Figure 21 compares American to international participants on their interest in study groups. The American were more likely to report already participating in a study group (29% vs. 17%). International participants were more likely to agree (30% vs 23%) or strongly agree (27% vs 18%). There is a strong interest in face-to-face study groups outside of the United States.

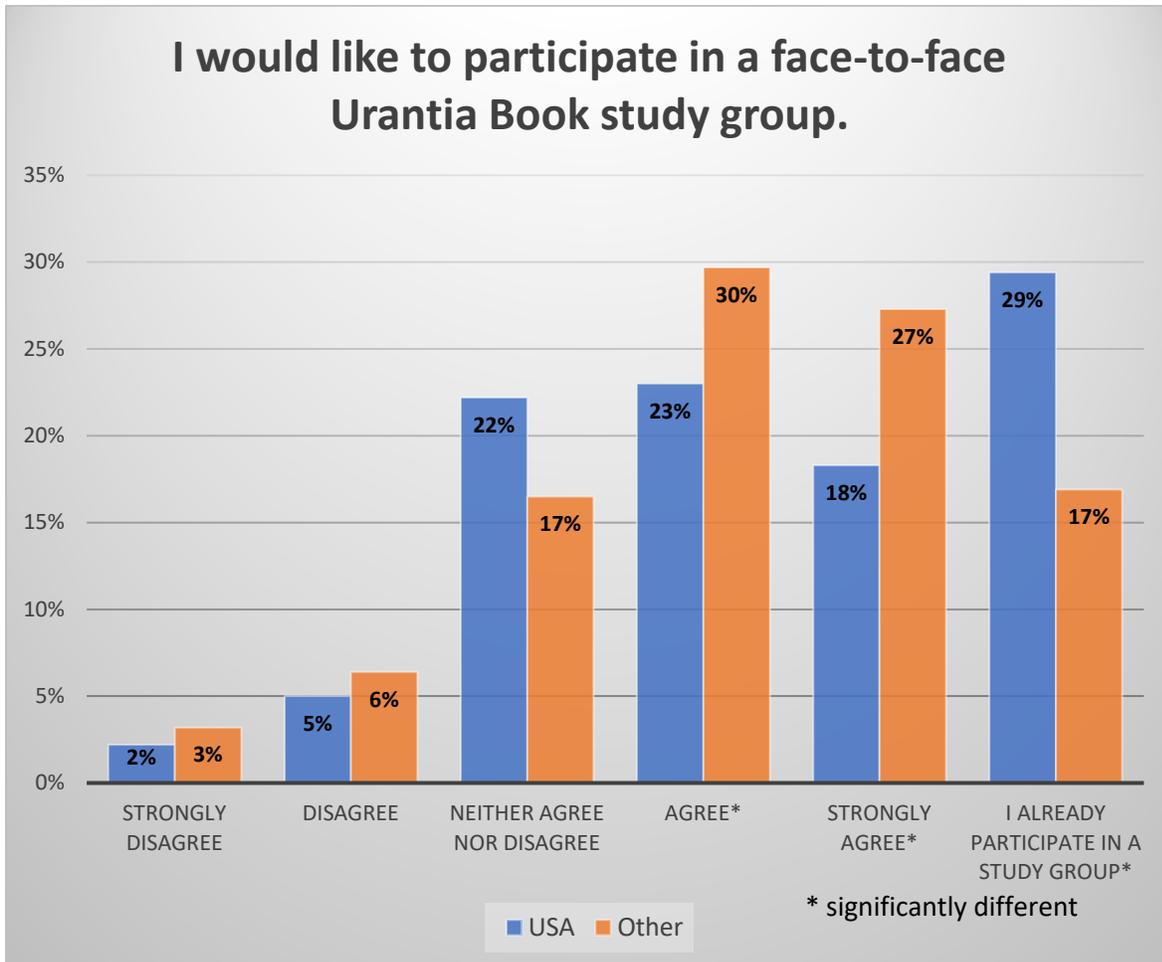


Figure 21: American versus international differences in interest in face to face study groups

How study groups enhance experience of reading the Urantia Book.

The open-ended question about face to face study groups was: "In what ways would participating in a study group enhance your experience of reading the Urantia Book?". Of the 753 people who answered this question, 301 provided text commentary. The responses were sorted into 7 categories: 1) Study group conduct; 2) Personal spiritual benefits; 3) Personal intellectual benefits; 4) Fellowship; 5) Outreach; 6) Observations; and 7) Social good.

Study group conduct. This category was used when the participant wrote about how a study group should be organized or managed. There were only three in this category:

- You learn so much, especially if you have a person who prepares for the study group. More resources would be helpful to enrich study groups, especially not those that are "fact based." Also, including prayer as a part of a study group is essential.
- only if they provide me an American Sign Language interpreter or unless they know ASL.
- A facilitator could make it meaningful for people at different comprehension levels to come together and enjoy each other's company.

Personal spiritual. This category was used to capture statements indicating that personal spiritual growth or development was a benefit of study group participation. Good examples include:

- To show me that I am not alone; to give/get support and encouragement, including enlightenment about moving forward in life striving for perfection
- The benefits and rewards of genuine and authentic prayer, worship, and fellowship--- based upon CHRIST-CENTERED meanings and values.
- Spiritual enlightenment
- Sharing spiritual lives with kindred spirits. Giving each other spiritual strength and courage. Hearing the opinions and interpretations of others.
- Reminds me to always be a student open to new and better ways to be an example of what God wants me to be
- Practicing the Masters teachings, and learning from my others.
- It will produce true happiness, great joy, inner peace, good health, well being and true humility for my life and the lives of group members.
- I would like to create a spiritual discipline and service that incorporates Urantian teachings along with the best principles from other monotheistic disciplines. I call it Our Divine Father's House
- From my experience with forums and the Urantia book internet school, being exposed to different viewpoints and experiences with the book, tends to enhance our own relationship, understanding, and religious experience with the book. There's a quote in the book that essentially says that that sort of activity quadruples the growth speed if I am not mistaken.

Personal intellectual. This was the largest category or response. The quotes in this group reflect enhancement of knowledge, understanding, insight, or perspective. Many of the quotes focused on

increased knowledge and understanding of the contents of the Urantia book as a primary benefit of participating in a study group. Here are a few selected quotations:

- Variety of ideas and interpretations
- Understanding the Foreword and the local universe
- to understand the teachings better cause of seeing other viewpoints.
- it would keep me focused on the teachings of the UB, and discussing the book with others usually expands my understanding of it concepts
- It would help me to better understand parts that are difficult to understand.
- It encourage one to know more , it fill the gaps many cant fill.
- clarity, answering questions, reading chapters
- Better and rather more in depth comprehension of read material.
- Adds greatly to my understanding of the multidimensional nature of the UB
- adds energy to the truth of the concepts, ideas and new knowledge

Another theme was the presence of others, often time more experienced readers, contributed to a better understanding of the Urantia Book.

- To be in the company of a UB scholar helps me to better understand some of the more challenging parts of the book.
- Reading with others gives me different perspectives and cuases me to think through what I read in the book. Other people's knowledge/experience bringing different point-of-view to the materials
- Other people have views, ideas, understandings that I don't have by myself.
- Everyone sees the same paper through a different set of eyes. By experiencing the frame of others you are able to tackle a problem from a multitude of angles that would have been impossible alone.
- Everyone on earth are our teachers and why i like attending a weekly study group.
- Consensus from long-time readers and actual students of the URANTIA Book can provide mutual enhancement of understanding a myriad of complex topics. By clarifying truth to other readers through careful practical explanation or vice versa interpreting the teachings of the Urantia book

Fellowship. Many responses focused on the social nature of a study group and mentioned ideas such as sharing, community, friendship, and fellowship. These quotes often included both a sense of fellowship with other readers along with the benefits of better understanding. Here are some examples:

- Understanding the depth of the "Urantia reading experience" on a group or collective level. My personal experience being extremely powerful and satisfying, I'd love to know how others go through the experience and how it organices under a group nature.
- togetherness to learn
- Through mindal communion
- thought patterns exchanged
- There's nothing better than getting to know each other closely. I think most people crave close friendships in support of one another.

- the sharing of other perspectives and insights.
- The sharing of ideas.
- The regular chat that accompanies Book reading provides enjoyable discussions re Urantia Book information and our daily living.
- The DIVERSITY OF PERCEPTIONS AND OF PERSONALITIES INHERENTLY REVEALS DIVERSITY.....so, more facets of INSIGHT are possible with more inter-personal contacts.
- Socialization, Increase diversity of knowledge, hear others perspectives and interests in T.U.B.
- SHARING OF UNDERSTANDING. REINFORCE FAITH. FELLOWSHIP. i currently participate in a small study group meeting once a month.
- The book tells us that human relationships are an end in themselves. Nothing takes the place of or has more spiritual value than relationships between personalities. Divine or human. Study groups are all about that.
- The awareness of fellow beings that know or are interested in the Urantia book.
- TA collaboration. We usually have a topic that wanders off and ties into current events or intellectually into new awareness of connections and realizations that we assume comfortably as being group led. Feeling being in a supportive 'family'
- Fellowship of like-minded individuals
- A sense of community
- Community of like minds with common divine and human goals.
- Connect with other who walk with Christ.

Outreach. Two of the participants noted that study groups are a good way to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas.

- Would like to teach more people about the content of the Urantia book.
- A good way to personally disseminate the real Gospel of Jesus

Observations. The observation category included a range of thoughts or experiences with study groups that did not specifically answer the question, but were interesting. Here are some of these observations:

- Wherever two or more are gathered together, in my name, there am I also....Jesus
- Where two or more are gathered together, there will I be in the midst of them
- VERY INTERESTING SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE I HAVE LEARN MANY THINGS LIKE IN THE GALAXIES AND MILKY WAY THERE BILLIONS OF PLANET AND URANTIA PLANET EARTH IS JUST A TINY PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE.
- Unfortunately, the local study group isn't energizing from an action perspective. It focuses on truth, which is great, but doesn't actuate or advance beauty or goodness. We read the UB, as I have done in many previous groups across the country, but it struggles to maintain more than a handful of active members.
- This would be a very long essay.
- Over the years I have been in four (4) study groups. Most have been very intellectual, it would be nice if they were more spiritual in their focus.
- Music Who's gonna drive ya home

- In ALL ways! I would not be invested in this revelation if not for the study groups I've participated in! My group motivates me to study independently, and provides a venue for me to safely articulate the deliberations of my soul and enact the highest values presented to me in the UBook. Let's not make the mistake of substituting technology for true human relationship. I'm interested in the various perspectives presented by my facebook friends, but those aren't my true friends.
- The Urantia Papers SURELY HAVE BEEN COMPOSED WITH THE ABLITY TO CONNECT WITH OUR MANY-VARIED MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN SPECIES. THE UNIVERSE CRYSTAL IS INFINITELY FACETED.....and is applicable to OUT MANY DIFFERENT MODES OF INTAKE AND OF FILING INFORMATION.

Here are some observations about study group history:

- I hosted SG in my home for about 35 years, it was good in getting to know our fellows, but it was a LOT of work. Today I enjoy steady meaningful fellowship on line in zoom groups and it is as good or better then those in my home. The quality of fellowship depends on the wisdom of the leadership who allow and encourage participation with out the need for authority.
- I hold my own meetings. People come and go without appointment. I invite others to make the teaching of the UB a full time occupation. After all, the Kingdom of God is at hand. 195:10.6
- I attended only face to face. Meetings and study groups in the early 1970s,our group leader was Kim Roland(now passed,and Micchael Stickney,a brilliant teacher does anyone know him? Sadly I have had little computer interaction, but do have an e-mail address and would love to hear from a sibling Urantian
- I am in one group we meet weekly
- I am a co-chairman of the SWFL Urantia Book Study weekly Group, one in Sarasota, FL, Agondonters Boot Camp and participate with other UB groups as available.
- Here on Reunion Island, my wife and I have been working with a study group since 2001. We would like to see more interest in The Urantia Book in Reunion Island.
- Being a longtime student of the Urantia Book, 50 years, as of 2020, I have much wisdom guidance to provide within a study group.

Social good. Some commented on the consequences for the community or the planet at large that come from study group participation. Here are some of these ideas:

- Working with believers of Urantia Book would help me get a better understanding and for the greater good.
- Just working with others is bring me, the individual to working towards become whole in a type of group ontology. We bring our uniqueness in a a part of an awesomely weaved living blanket or an awesome chain with many different types of links--some links will be strong than others but in this chain group all links grow stronger and bind better.
- Communing with others who are curious about similar ideas is important for understanding and empowerment of ideas. I believe in the tradition of many practicing religions of meeting weekly regularly to share ideas and bolster each other in the world.

- applying the information and knowledge from the Urantia book to 20th century living and directional influences for reshaping the human journey.
- always important to speak with as many others as possible to share your views and listen to your other Urantia (All Earth Family) members living upon Mother Earth to learn about our current state of Planetwide 'Consensus Consciousness' available to the masses ...

Other activities with Urantia Book readers.

The question for this section was, “I am interested in getting together with other Urantia Book readers for group activities that are different from a study group.” Figure 22 compares how older and younger participants answered this question. Overall, 54% of the respondents chose agree or strongly agree. Younger readers more often agreed (40% vs. 30%) or strongly agreed (37% vs. 20%). Thirty-six percent of the sample choose neither agree nor disagree, but it was a much more common choice of older readers (39% vs. 17%). There were not very many (10%) who disagreed with this statement. Overall, there was strong interest in coming together for activities other than study groups, especially for younger participants.

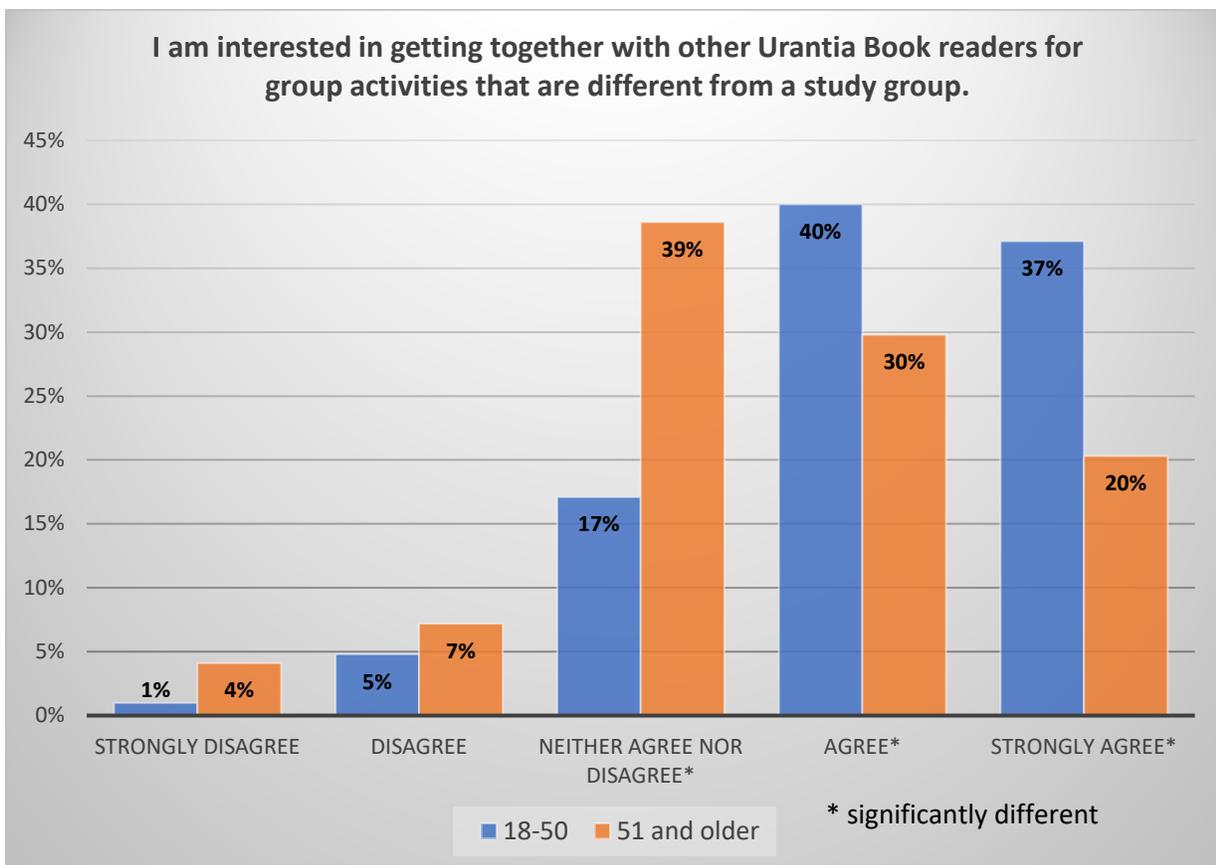


Figure 22: Age differences in desire for other activities with Urantia Book readers.

Figure 23 compares interest in other activities between American and international participants. The only significant difference was a higher rate of neither agree nor disagree from American versus international participants (39% vs. 28%). If social activities are planned, there appears to be fairly strong interest among more than half of the participants in taking part in these activities.

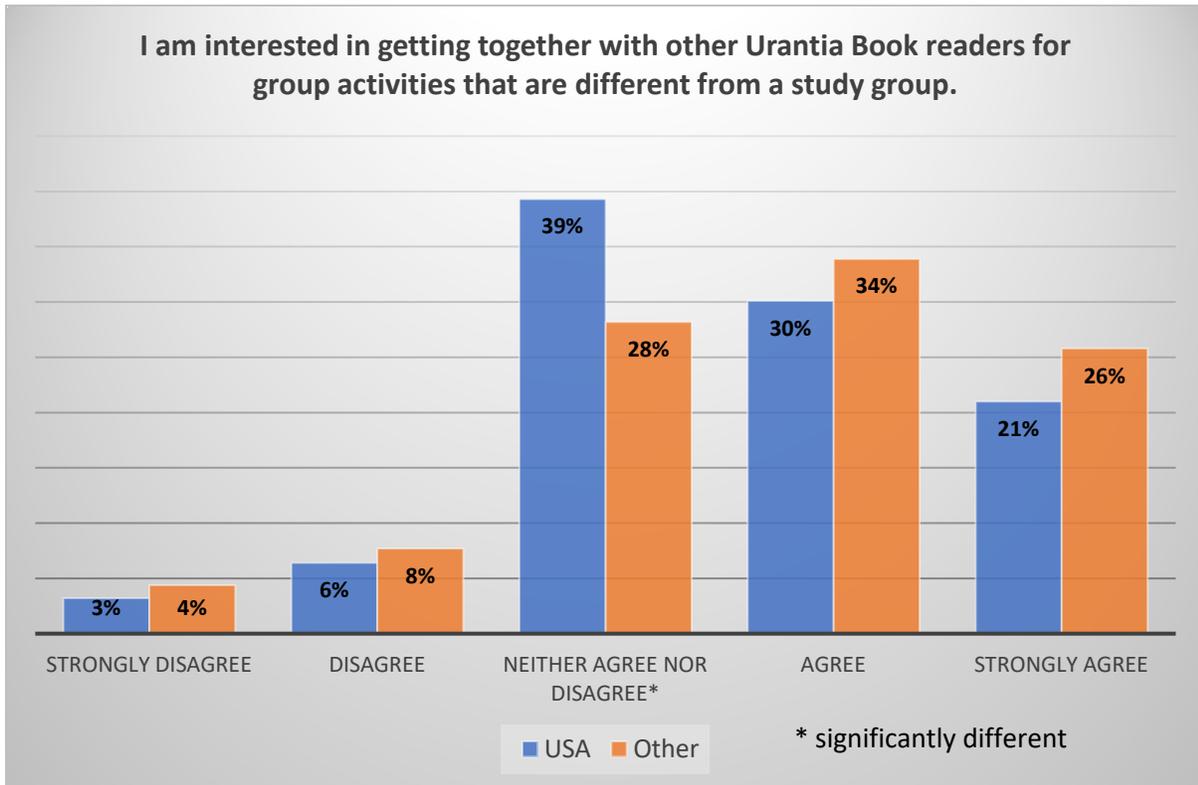


Figure 23: American versus international differences in interest in group activities

Ideas for non-study group social activities

The free text prompt for this item was: “What kinds of group activities would be interesting to you?” Of the 747 participants who answered the question about group activities, 238 provided a text response to the prompt. The responses were sorted into three themes: 1) Specific ideas; 2) General ideas; and 3) Endeavors or events.

Specific Activities. There were many specific group activities suggested. Here are some selected quotes:

- Hiking, bbq, kayaking, building, crafts, anything outdoors or anything you would join a meetup to do. Maybe sightseeing, there are so many beautiful tourist locations to see.

- Snowboarding trips, hiking trips, traveling to new places, cooking, enjoying life, serving others, living the father's will.
- Prayer, worship, meals, service projects. As many modern Christians have come to realize, it is also important to 'do life together,' as the religion of Jesus commands us to love one another, and that can't be done outside of a consistent community experience.
- music, poetry, art, group and communal service.
- what has to do with nature like hiking
- Travel, nature activities (hiking, bicycling, etc), meals, worship
- Meditation, camping, walks
- Meetings, celebrations, art, social activity.
- BBQ's or cookouts
- Social events, anything really
- Basically anything goes, be it playing music, cooking, reading, studying or ministry.
- Visiting art, music happenings. Worship
- Remembrance Supper Workshops Social/charitable Activities
- Star parties, live music and creative festivals.
- Worship, visioning, play
- service activities, fun and family things,
- Bowling, tea or coffee movies
- Topical study
- Go to events, have game night.
- Hiking, motorcycling, camping, retreats, dating.
- pot lucks and lectures, followed by discussion. Guest speakers, speaker series.
- Workshops in Libraries UB meetings in coffee places
- Hiking camping dancing beer pong

General Ideas. General ideas were thoughts about the benefits of getting together with others, or general thoughts about what those interactions might be like. Here are some examples:

- know how to spread and teach more people about the same
- sharing ideas
- Family-oriented
- Discussing topics and sharing Urantia Books
- Events
- Fraternal, convivial, friendly and joyful meeting in any circumstances.
- I don't believe groups should be emphasized.
- To know more of the book and how to introduce it in ministry
- Teaching/preaching the real gospel of Jesus.
- worship and communion, sharing
- Regular review of each person's progress at better aligning personal behaviors with UB-based ways.
- Any and all. I already attend conferences, participate in service activities, retreats, parties, gatherings, and online. I meet weekly with UB friends for lunch.

- Informal meetings with one or more people who have read the Urantia book or just have an interest in Spiritual topics in general.
- People who are particularly interested in discussing The Life of Jesus. Also I find it fascinating that apparently Urantia is currently in a kind of spiritual quarantine or a sort of isolation. Although, this is alluded to, I never seem to discover an elaboration on just WHY this is the case.
- Convincing scientists that the universe is bigger than their laboratory
- Sharing of personal experiences with the Spirit of Truth
- understanding and fellowship
- discussions about how actions can influence social direction
- Worship

Endeavors and Events. Endeavors and events were social activities that involved greater planning and that might include working towards a common goal over an extended period of time. Here are some of the ideas:

- Seminars, symposiums, social gatherings to get to know the "local" community of readers, even internet based lectures, debates, and discussions. Study group leader/facilitator training. Why not even excursions, group travels to urantia book related sites.
- Network of small groups for spiritual growth like the Progress Project
- Outreach, service work, or social time
- I am a member of a church that uses the Urantia book. I like the sense of belonging.
- Fostering research, doing social work, heading to organised social groups -scientific, religious and political- to start shaping a way of introducing Urantia Book ideas into the doings of society on a local scale. Also, working on communication efforts, as writing a script, or working on a scenic version of some of the UB ideas to address schools or social clubs. Again, research. Personally I'd like to create a research group that could validate some of the information on part 2 with up-to-date scientific findings and methodologies.
- ~ prioritizing whole health ~ sober environment ~ circle work
- Helping homeless people or trekking to Forest, mountains or related to be closer to mother Earth.
- Transmitting and receiving celestial teachers
- Service groups
- Astronomy, Astrophysics, Space-Science, Nature of Time, Power of Faculty, Big bang, Evolution, Gravitation, Philosophy, Universe, Cosmology, Creator, universe & Everything
- Seminars, conferences,
- Discussion groups that discuss Urantia philosophy applied to politics, religion, social issues...
- Co-writing and co-creating new songs and music, art and videos that pay tribute and reflect the wealth of knowledge contained in the UBook. Present-day worship & praise songbooks and hymnals often detracts and/or distorts what Jesus taught.
- Group farm for future prophecy turmoil
- Symposiums like those held in Chicago in 2016-2019 that can be attended over the 'net and well advertised in advance.
- Service projects.

- Conferences
- Conferences and book fairs
- Setting up a Urantia based church and ministry outreach
- retreats and annual weekend gatherings in my region
- group activities, like building something (tiny house) for our less fortunate... fixing roads... constructing small power production facilities... refurbishing discarded bicycles into useful transportation... and my personal favorite... communal gardening.
- Spiritual Retreats
- Worship, retreats, socials, service projects, online discussion.
- Pool resources family groups and start own businesses so not enslaved to system. Bible Prophecy future is to be hell on earth
- conferences that provide for some free admission and transportation because I would need both
- Joint study and travel.

Online Study Groups

The wording of this question was: “I am interested in participating in an online Urantia Book Study group.” Figure 24 compares the responses of older and younger participants. Overall, 52% agreed or strongly agreed with this item. Fewer older participants strongly agreed (12% vs. 24%). The older participants were far more likely to choose neither agree nor disagree (42% vs, 24%). Overall, 17% selected disagree or strongly disagree. Compare to in person study groups, there was more disagreement and ambivalence. Yet, over half of the participants had an interest in online study groups.

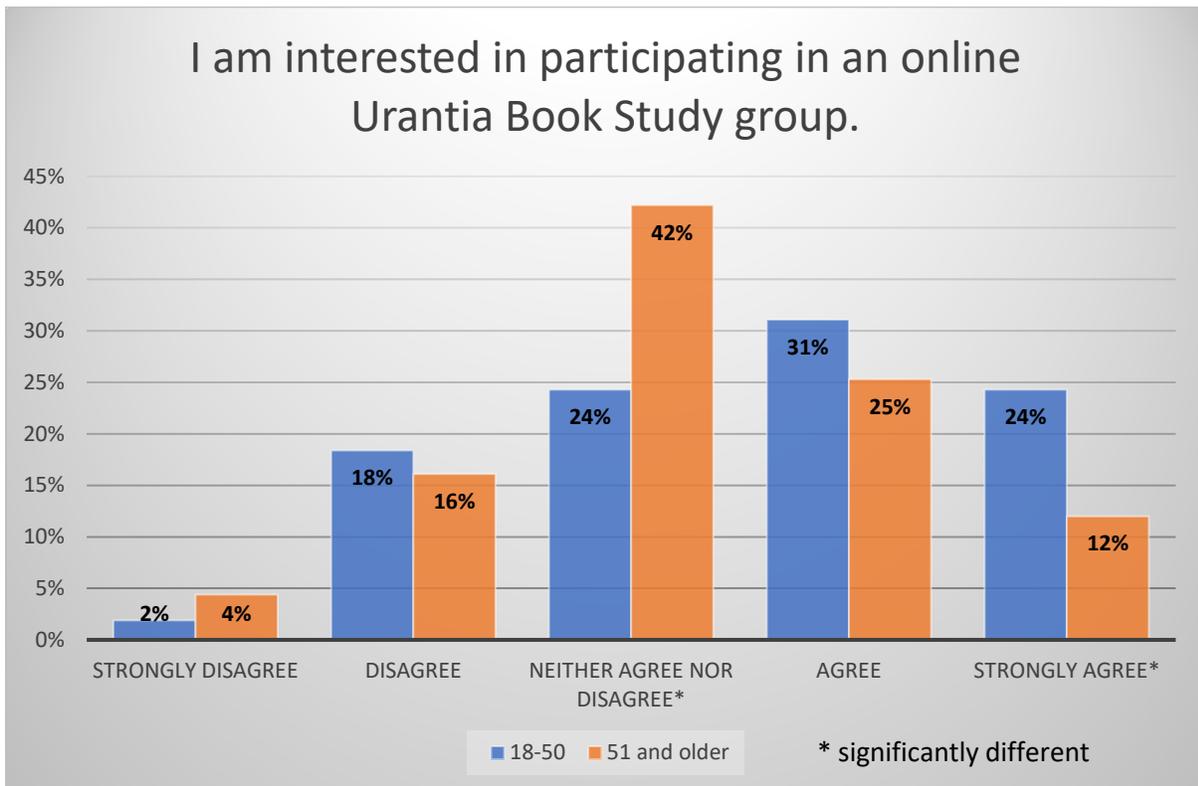


Figure 24: Age differences in interest in online study groups

In Figure 25, American participants are compared to international participants on their interest in online study groups. The two categories that differed when comparing American to international were strongly disagree (5% vs. 2%) and strongly agree (11% vs. 20%). International participants are a little more positive about online study groups than American participants. It appears there is clear interest in online study groups.

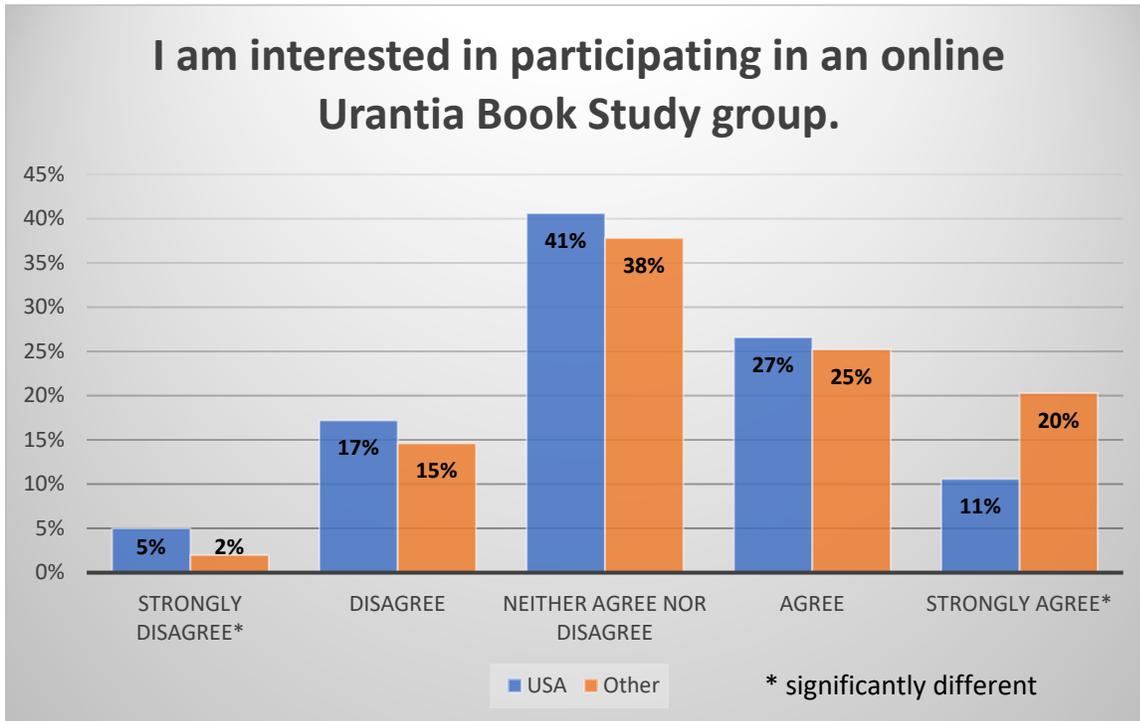


Figure 25: Difference between American and international participants in online study groups

Those who agreed or strongly agreed with online study groups, were asked how often they thought they should occur. Figure 26 shows how the 288 who provided an answer to this question differed by age. Overall, once a week was selected by 51% of the respondents. Once a week was more often preferred by the older compared to younger participants (52% vs. 35%). Less than once a week was selected by 23% of respondents with more of the younger participants selecting every other week (22% vs. 11%). Twenty-six percent thought online groups should be more than once a week with more young participants choosing several times a week (20% vs. 9%).

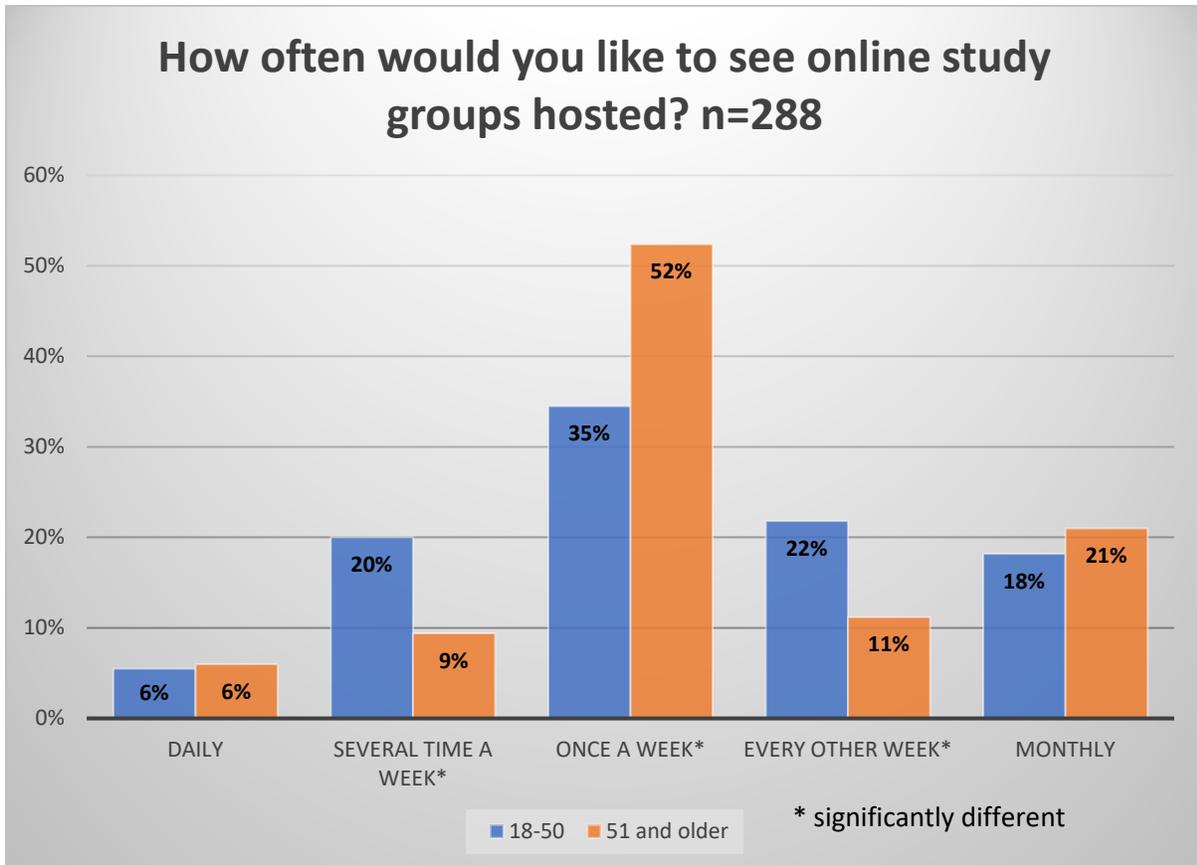


Figure 26: Age differences in preferred frequency of online study groups

Figure 27 shows the difference between American and international participants. There was only one significant difference with the American participants more often choosing every other week (17% vs 7%). A once a week format would meet the needs of the majority interested in online study groups, but frequency of greater or less than once a week would meet the needs of others.

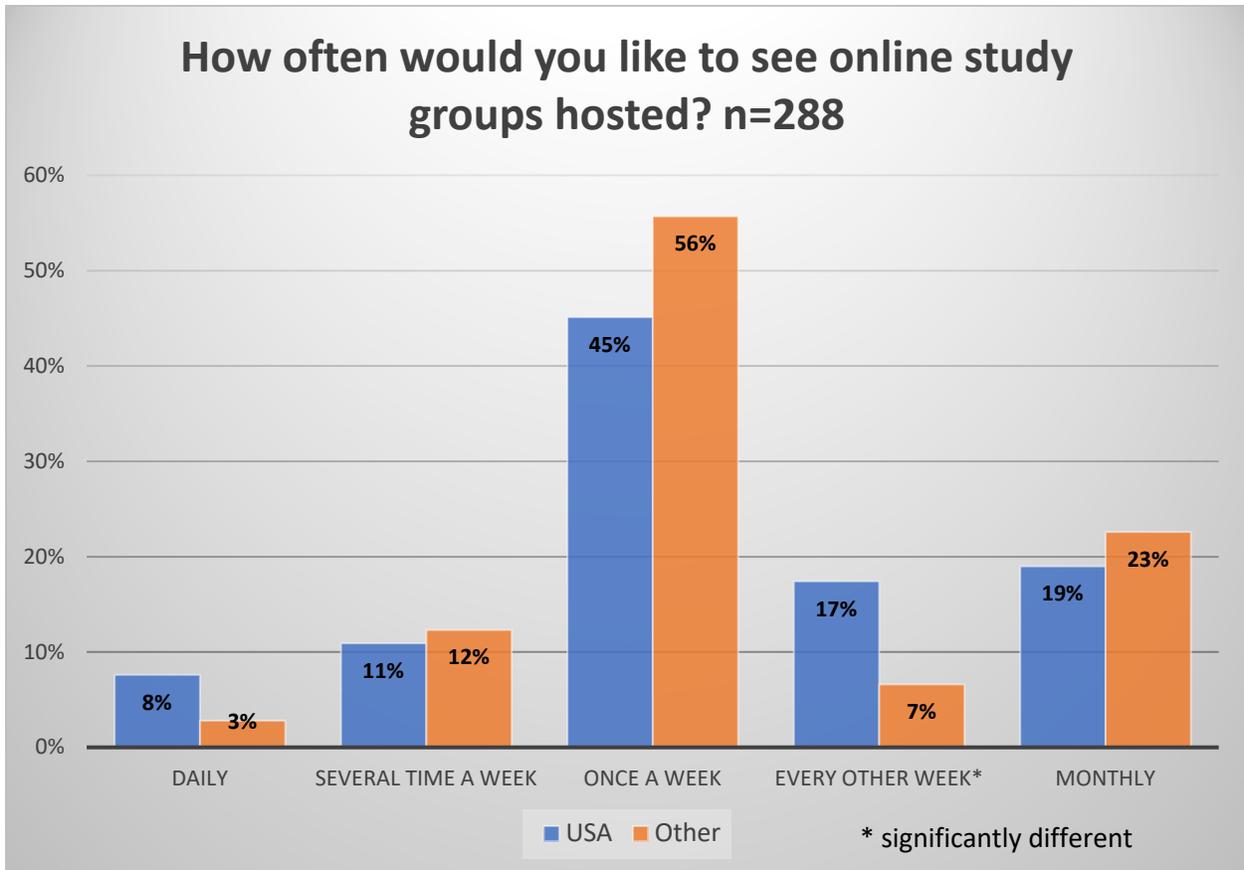


Figure 27: American and international differences in preferred frequency of online study groups

Organization of online study groups

The open-ended question about online study groups asked: “How would you like an online study group to be organized?” There were 166 responses to this item. The responses were grouped into 7 different themes: 1) Leadership; 2) Digital platform; 3) Topic or focus; 4) Format; 5) Planning; 6) Timing; and 7) Observations.

Leadership. There were several comments that specified the need for or the type of leadership that is needed for an online group. Some examples are:

- Unsure how to answer this but probably through Skype and a new person leads the study each time.
- Study group host over seeing, heading, and mediating between discussion topic and included parties involved.
- Thematic. With a trained facilitator to manage and administer the group, and an assistant facilitator, chosen from the group by rotation each week, where a different member of the group would be selected each week, who would be responsible for choosing the theme /paper to study each week. The selected paper has to be based on a specific part/theme of the book. Kind of like a curriculum set by the trained facilitator. To give the group a sense of accomplishment, progress, and a clear goal to reach by the end of each period. Or if this is what is currently done in UII and UBIS, then I guess this different study group would allow its own members to select their paper of choice to be studied each week based on their personal experiences that they are going through at that time.
- Create a weekly schedule where experienced readers host online study groups via Zoom, and folks can sign up to join based on their schedule / hosts they enjoy. You could use software like mindbody.online or other scheduling software that would integrate with the Fellowship website, study group portal, etc. Create a basic set of guiding tenets and general arc for these meetings so people know what to expect, and create a way for study group leaders to meet semi-regularly so they can mutually support each other.
- chat room style with moderators and participants
- Leader with group discussion around specific papers.
- maybe a moderator with various threads about the Urantia material being discussed, much like the way other discussions are organized on-line (such as about using java, etc).
- One leader selects topics or sections of the Book
- zoom with a skilled moderator
- It would be great to have a moderator who can move the study forward. With a large number of groups, users could choose what group they would like to join based on the topic.
- Experienced host

Digital Platform. There were a variety of opinions regarding the use of different digital platforms to host online study groups. Some of the comments included:

- Whatsapp groups or Telegram maybe
- video conference like ZOOM
- Not sure. Zoom is terrible.
- Like facebook, but centered in colorado.
- I'd prefer a Google Hangouts group where we can see and speak to each other, or a blog. Live chatting without video tends to make things a little more confusing in my opinion. Then again, I've never done one with Urantia interested people.

- I think it would be fun to sit in on a real study group, via Skype or Facebook Messenger video.
- Through forums or whatsapp groups.
- Zoom or GoToMeeting - the biggest issue with online study groups are letting one or two members hijack the meeting with 100 questions for a hour or the entire meeting where very little reading is done.
- using meet up group
- Online videos that you can download
- Like PHI and SOS - these are great. They are weekly because the content makes it worthwhile spending the time.
- Blog o forum
- Not sure. Depends on available technology. Video conferencing maybe. It would also be good if study groups streamed their meetings.
- Facebook
- On YouTube
- anything but Facebook
- Skype.

Format. There were many ideas regarding the format of online study groups. Some of these ideas included:

- Like a group chat
- Our format for The Urantian Think Tank feels like a chatroom with different channels for topical study and for each paper, and it flows much more naturally then a forum.
- Not to strongly and strictly. Free and joyful. Open minded.
- Live Discussions / Forums Per Paper
- Urantia Book Internet school
- I don't know if it is classified as a study group, but I liked Marvin's UUI class because it was all in discussion format. It was more suitable for me than lecture type learning because I learn better when there are interactions in learning process.
- Unorganized
- Where everyone is a student, learning together.
- post materials on emails face book and whatsapp
- To prepare with the topic in advance and prepare. Have a prayer or silence meeting before starting. Have some minutes for introduction if not much people present and start just lime any other study group. Someone should lead, so people don't lost themselves in the way.
- ~ gather ~ center ~ short reading ~ discussion, timed per person ~
- invite only -closed
- Friendly, inclusive, conversational
- Exchange of ideas
- Qs and As having read the document beforehand to have a better discussion

- less reading of the book, more discussion on the selection that readers should read prior to the session.
- Choice of listen only or interact. As myself sometimes I am in an environment with background noise.
- Reading and Discussion
- My favorite online group so far is the one offered by Rick and Susan Lyon. It is offered weekly at the same time, for 1 1/2 hours. It is topical, led by different people until the topic is covered. It is much like an in-person group, where we read and then discuss. We use Zoom so we can see each other, and people can raise a hand to be acknowledged to speak. Everyone is polite, no one speaks for too long, there is no interruption because you raise your hand to speak and are called upon.
- read through the text together and discuss
- Each person present reads a passage and then pause to full discuss the individual insights and pose/answer questions, starting with the person who just finished reading. This approach has proven to be the most edifying for everyone involved in the study.
- I think there might be a lot of ways. Our particular on-line study group is a loosely structured collection of more than a dozen people who plow through the Urantia book, one paragraph at a time--sometimes one word at a time.
- Avoid dreadful reading exercises. Studies should be thematic, which entails drawing from knowledge dispersed throughout the book. Also practical exercises such as doing a personal synopsis of specific sections or paragraphs.
- Reading assignment and discussion.
- With varying degrees of people at different levels of the books knowledge,so we can all learn from one another,I have spaces of years that I did not read the book and studied other religions,also I kept coming back to theIR rev.
- A different person from the group volunteers to take the lead each week by presenting material from the UB, their choice, Q/A and discussion follows. Everyone gets to participate if they so wish, lasting an hour.
- Free discussions, no gurus.
- Such that a single leader/host is not required.
- See the Urmia lectures for an example of what could now be done online. 134:3.sec A representative person from each religion or spiritual group on Urantia should be selected with methods of varying who sets the topic, who speaks and who answers. I have many ideas, too numerous to mention here, but we could have a world discussion, available to all through the internet, and demonstrate to all how brothers of Christ conduct their business.
- Decided by current participants.
- Reading of sections and input of understanding by participants

Planning. There were some good ideas about the kind of planning or organization that would need to be done to implement a successful online study group. Here are the ideas mentioned:

- I think it would be helpful to have a limit to the number of participants. A survey could be sent out to prospective participants to see what they each hope to get from the study group and maybe have groups be more homogeneous in terms of their "styles" and goals. I have

seen several study groups not last because not all individuals find that they address their specific needs.

- By county or city or state.
- Zoom is a nice tool. 1 hour and a half meeting. Multiple dates and time options to fit the needs of different people around the world.
- Sending out an email on a specific topic, with a new topic to be discussed in the forum at least 1x month.
- County Level.
- Regionally - so there's a chance of meeting others in reality.
- Common language. Calendar of topics to be addressed.
- through the fellowship or foundation
- You would have to gather the names of people who would participate in an online study group.
- keeping in mind time zones, movement of participants, making it easy to join avoid every Saturday, make it off days group those who are retired to have weekday meetings, reminders for us old folk

Timing. There were a few comments on the timing of online Urantia Book study groups. Here are the quotes:

- Monthly meetings
- EVERY OTHER DAY
- More often.
- A once a week group that would be recorded and accessible anytime.
- I chose Monthly because I feel involvement in groups providing social service work to our brothers and sisters (Application of the fruits of the spirit) are as vital to character growth as the study of the revelation. The method of attracting interest the Master employed was personal ministry to our fellows. We are not a book club, we are the living human fraternity of the Father.

Observations. Observations were reflections on or thoughts about online Urantia Book study groups. Here is a sample of these statements.

- I have health issues that impede my ability to commit to each and every meeting, so for me it would be nice to be somewhat lenient toward attendance.
- Reiterate: Online study groups are only marginally important to me. Any type of organization is fine.
- Non dictatorial
- This must be your own decision. I'm so new one for your organization...you are more experienced.
- I'd like to see a fresh face with some fresh ideas and a less clinical and more spiritual setting.
- We include online participation in our study group already, we have people from various places in the US
- Regularly held online ZOOM study group which promotes topical subjects e.g. the unadulterated history of the Christian churches, modern scientific advancements compared

to the UBook contents, inhabited planets' civilizations compared to popular opinions of experiencers. Also, participation and commitments to "special projects" that arise from study group member proposals. "DOING SOME thing, not just BEING intellectual and feeling privileged or exclusively insular."

- Keys of Enoch index lists thought adjuster is called Loki. Keys of Enoch study groups some are insincere applies to Urantia Book study groups too. Use what time of life is left wisely. Wise person must lead
- That is hard for me to say, I currently work three jobs so my availability is very poor. Once I retire from full-time employment I would be more available.
- I currently work three jobs, one full-time and two part time. Now is not a good time in my life to commit to this. I will be retiring after 40 years of civil service in 11 months. Then would love to pursue this more fully.
- Just use the hundreds of ones now online.
- Presently working on amplifications of UBSGD's new webpage
- I am a Zoom host for a very small group now that we do not at present wish to expand.
- Check out blog talk radio "symmetry of soul" as a model.

Internet Resources for Urantia Book Readers

Figure 28 shows age differences in response to the question: “I wish there were more resources on the internet for Urantia Book readers.” Overall, 48% of the participants agreed or strongly agreed with this item. The younger participants were more likely to strongly agree (19% vs. 10%) and were less like to pick neither agree nor disagree (37% vs 56%). Overall, only 9% disagreed or strongly disagreed with this item.

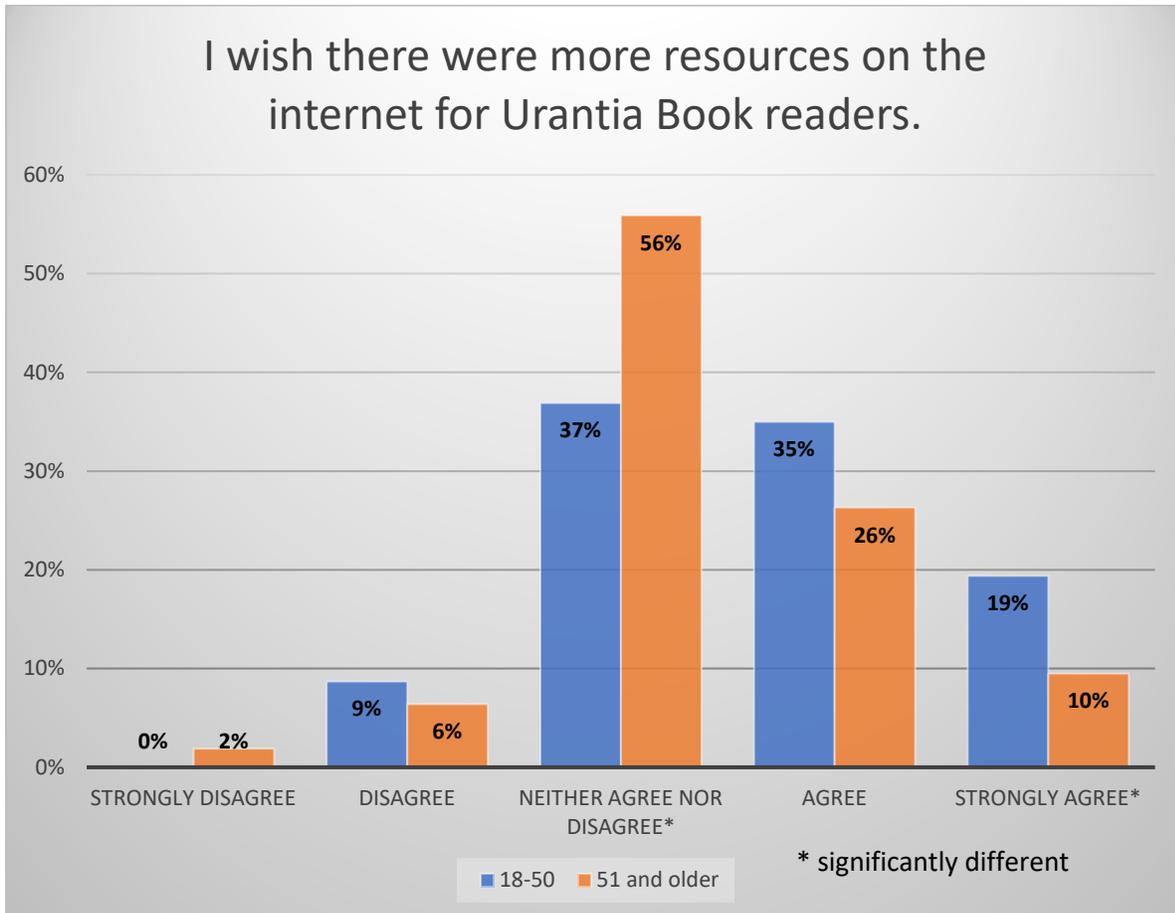


Figure 28: Desire for more internet resources by age group

Figure 29 show the answers to this item for American and international participants. The participants in the USA were more likely to choose neither agree nor disagree (58% vs, 44%) and less likely to choose agree (25% vs 32%) or strongly agree (8% vs 16%). Forty-eight percent of the international participants wanted more internet resources for the Urantia Book.

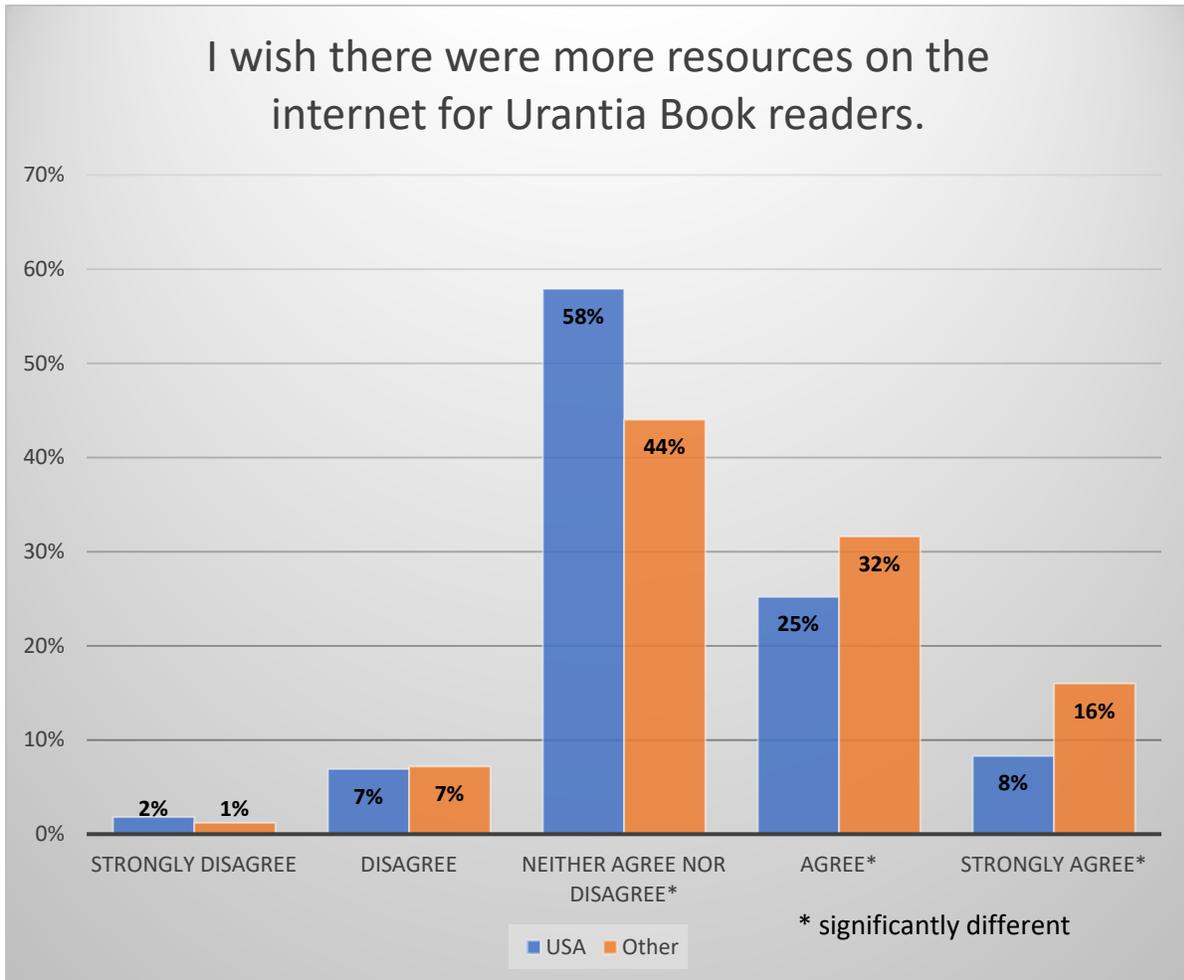


Figure 29: Comparison of American to international participants on desire for more internet resources

Description of desired internet resources

The open-ended question for this item was: "Describe the kinds of online resources that you wish existed for Urantia Book readers". Of the 746 who made a rating, there were 101 participants who provided an answer in the text field. The quotes were sorted into four categories: 1) Descriptions of existing resources; 2) Specific resource ideas; 3) Observations; and 4) Content suggestions.

Descriptions of existing resources. A small number of entries involved describing an existing internet resource as an example of what additional resources are needed. Here are these responses:

- The more the merrier, although now at this point there are already a multitude of resources out there, such as urantiabooksources.com squarecircles.com ubannotated.com firstlegend.info and more that it really just takes a good community for people to share with each other what they've found.
- Zoom.us
- Skype
- The Urantia app that I told about above.
- Many good ones already exist.. UB Historical Society is excellent, but could be updated as 'history' becomes available..
- more youtube, facebook sucks

Specific resource ideas. There were a large number of responses describing specific kinds or types of resources that could be developed. These included:

- Points of entry to online study groups and spiritual growth groups, and infrastructure for those groups. New readers should be able to meet experienced readers via Zoom via some kind of sponsor or buddy system.
- Visualization aids help retain and connect information better
- Blogs which allow polemic debate and clarification of concepts. Ask a question and see the results from the audience and participants.
- I would watch online classes or lectures.
- visual aids... urantia is a very difficult book to read and understand. your average joe will struggle and most likely find it to be challenging. not saying that the Bible is any easier, either. i've searched the internet for documentaries or some kind of visual aid pertaining to Urantia and there's nothing.
- Study UB, like study bibles, topical detailed courses, study books, spiritual audio podcasts
- I found the urantia book in english on youtube, but no one seems to have put the french version in there. I saw some cartoon/movies made from teaching of Jesus, there should be more audio-visual material created by the reader or group of readers, to offer the teaching in a more diverse way, the goal is not to have people read the urantia book absolutely, but to have them understand and evolve and grow in their path to enlightenment.
- Most of the time, I listen to the book and it would be nice to have an easier interface to listen to it
- ebook of the whole
- More networking, A platform where you can find all the serious web sites, study groups etc around the world, like an umbrella place over all what is available and was mentioned before
- It'd be great to see more study resources and essays evolve
- coffee mugs with choice of saying, bookmarks also.
- Rooms for discussion
- Better organization around events and groups.
- I'd like more online readings of the book, video productions on topics with interaction on Youtube.

- study guides
- More spaces for informal interaction, conversations on UB topics...different languages,
- Groups or chat rooms
- Improve the search engines.
- more churches in each city to open and online too within that church
- Be able to read book on line but able to mark what area on line where you were able to stop. And able Pick up again. An an extra large print copy to buy.
- Any visuals that help explain parts of the book Articles people have written Youtube videos Movies that dramatize the Book
- A list of questions that come up while studying the UB, along with moderated comments from "experts" regarding the questions.
- Online talk group or a home page
- Identifying READERS in my area!!!
- I would like to see some way where people from different countries could interact, although I know there is the language barrier. I don't have a solution...just, it would be great to have more international exchanges.
- Updates on new information about the Urantia Book and Spiritual matters in general.
- As mentioned, I really value the videos you make of group meetings explaining a certain topic. It helps my understanding immensely. I even purchased a necklace with the Urantia symbol to hang in my vehicle.
- concordance, glossary, topic indices
- Workbook

Observations. These were quotes that were more personal disclosures or thoughts that were not specifically about resources or content. Here are some examples:

- I have outlined 12 books that I think the movement should publish and this could include electronically.
- I am certain there are plenty that I haven't even had the time to discover.
- Lets be real. Its a book, no Christian will open it without a full truthful knowledge of where it came from. It takes a leap, gigantic leap to look elsewhere then the Bible. This whole endeavor is dead in the water until we figure that out. People are content in the Bible and have no reason at all whatsoever to seek anything else.
- Such that would promote and advance the Urantia culture
- The Internet is a mishmash of information. A lot of it is warmed of repeat. I would like to see a higher quality of writing on subjects that span the book or at least several papers. The forums are not worth my time.
- More information that is hip, current/relevant and constantly being updated to reach the newest seekers arriving on the world stage.
- Those that we are in the process of creating.
- Applied raising of Spiritual consciousness.
- T/R transcriptions. Urantia organizations ignoring these new revelations are losing out on very important work we need to be doing now.
- N/A - barely computer literate ...

- There already are many study groups. If a person has a computer, they can join and are welcome.

Content. There were several people who made suggestions about the content that should be included in web resources. Here are some examples:

- More resources around actually LIVING the teachings and less about the background of them.
- scientific help to analyze it heavily
- We need a childrens urantia book with pictures.
- History of the book
- Maps. All sorts of conceptual maps. I've been working on my own, actually, but dont have the means of bringing them to a digital format that honours the UB nature.
- more content and art
- More videos and other multimedia presentations that distill the concepts in the UB to make them more approachable. Some of these exist today, but we need more as we know that the immensity and complexity of the book will be an obstacle for a high percentage of the general population.
- Dictionary of unfamiliar words used to enhance understanding for new readers.
- Urantia for various interests groups. Youth, scouting, camping, teens, dating, motorcyclist, entrepreneurs, families, retirees,
- more historical sites that get into the history of the Book. There seem to be too many politics within the organization itself and YouTubers like to disparage it without really knowing what they are talking about.
- More online descriptive language and the grouping in the time periods and listing of those involved, including the leaders. Specifics of names belonging to the hierarchy of each level & what each did to bring the humanity down to the 21st Century.
- summaries of the four parts of the book, and a list of how to find other readers.
- Readers from across the planet ought to be polled for any articles, x-mind maps, other visually created maps, powerpoint slide presentations, PDFs and videos they may have created. These may then be reviewed or appropriate inclusion/offering/availability to all other readers.
- Science supporting the UB
- topical presentations from conferences
- Topic research discussions.

Interest in Printed Materials

Figure 30 shows age differences in the answer to the question: “I wish there were more printed materials like books, newsletters, or magazines related to the Urantia Book”. Overall, 43% agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. More participants (47%) chose neither agree nor disagree. Only 10% of participants disagreed with this statement. Younger readers were more likely to disagree (13% vs 7%), less likely to choose neither agree nor disagree (31% vs 49%) and more likely to strongly agree (22% vs 10%). There were mixed opinions on this item, but the creation of new printed material may very well meet the needs of a large number of Urantia Book readers.

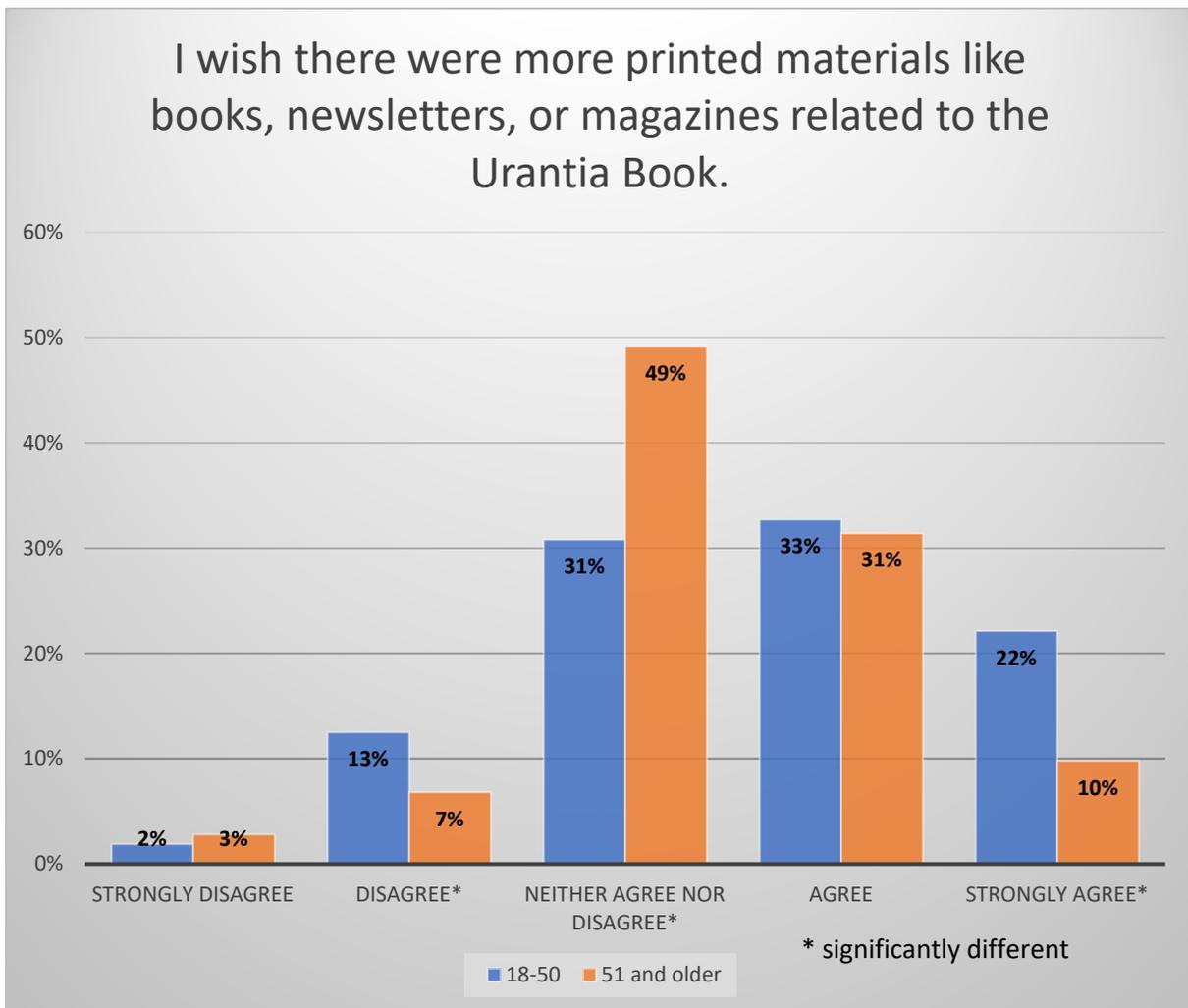


Figure 30: Age differences in interest in additional printed materials

A comparison of American and international participants resulted in only one significant difference on this item which is summarized in Figure 31. More international participants (16% vs 9%) strongly agreed with this item. For some of these people, new printed material would have to be in languages other than English.

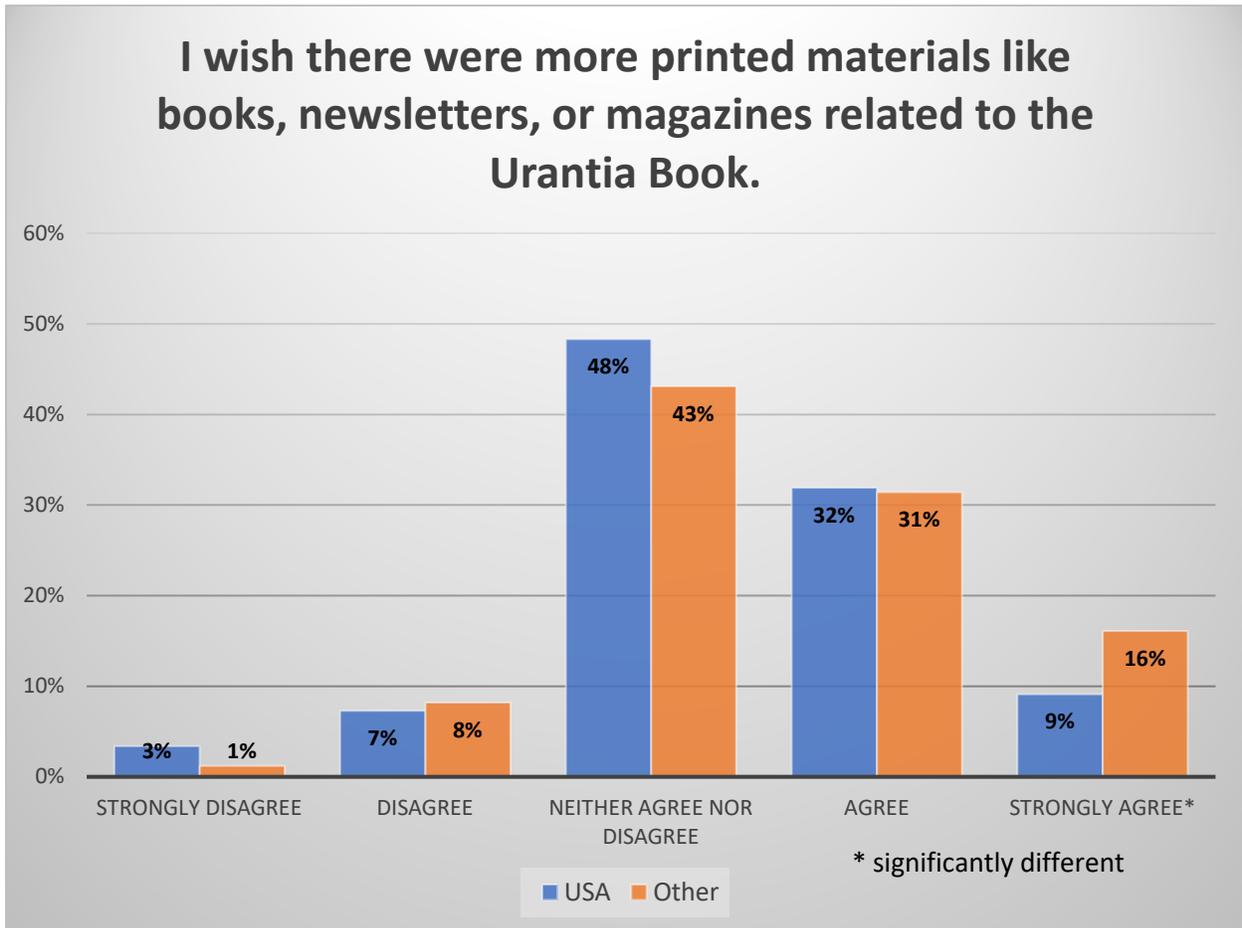


Figure 31: American versus international differences in interest in additional printed materials

Ideas about printed materials

Of the 750 people who provided ratings on this question, there were 192 text responses. The responses were sorted into 4 categories: 1) Purpose; 2) Type of publication; 3) Content ideas; and 4) Observations.

Purpose. Some of the participants reflected on the larger purpose of creating additional print materials. These responses are below:

- Using the Urantia Book to close the gap between science and the church.
- Books that translate the teachings to a popular audience.
- As above, more resources around actually LIVING the teachings and less about the background of them.
- This is more personal to me, but I enjoy reading both genuinely academic and genuinely spiritual content related to the Urantia Book. I think there is a need for works dealing with the relationship between students of the Urantia Book and the Christian religion.
- I am tired of UB focused literature that essentially preaches to the choir. I wish to see information directed at every type of truth seeker that helps them transition from current beliefs to revelatory thinking.
- I know there have been additional teaching missions since the printing of the Urantia book. Readers need to be aware of these.
- Books that allow the spiritual principles, teachings and beliefs revealed in the Urantia book to evolve into books and films like Angelesis by John VanOrsdell 2013.
- Urantia Book role in raising spirituality and personal relationship with their Thought adjuster and Guardian angels.
- explore individual subject matters. Offer ways to combine/ engage the truth of the revelation with truth being uncovered/ realized in the world outside the 5thER. Broaden our focus
- 1. Jesus life and teaching 1. An in-depth study book that correlates the U B with current events. I am going to be very specific. My people perish for lack of knowledge. The only person who would qualify for that is my teacher, Carl Robertson. As a student of the U B, we can no longer hide that because humanity is in danger. I think it is possible b c humanity needs a shock. In fact, He should be on U tube. There are many teachers who I listen to on U tube and they lecture being conscious but the lack knowledge on truth, beauty and goodness. They are forerunners and they have power and teach about the mind. They also have unbelievable followings. Time is of the essence. It's no longer just about the U B. There is a collective consciousness being taught, but they are lacking the knowledge of the truth.. Imagine, just imagine a teaching of the U B correlated with current events. It has to happen.
- Printed materials are no substitute for the actual experience of working as a peacemaker on the cutting edge of social change. The act of "getting in the way", standing between the oppressor and the oppressed, between the soldier and his civilian target, is a stimulus to spiritual growth. Why is it that UB readers seem to think this kind of work is beneath them?
<https://www.wrmea.org/005-august/book-review-iraq-a-journey-of-hope-and-peace.html>
- We need a Network devoted to the work David Zebedee performed for the 4th Epochal Revelation. Giving out the good News of the Kingdom in remote places and gathering economic and material resources for those working in the fields. Impartial to the outlooks and viewpoints of any one person, groups of individuals or organizations.

Publication types. Many of the responses were about the types of publications participants would like to see more of. Those ideas, when they were not paired with specific ideas about content, are presented below:

- Magazine

- A quarterly magazine.
- A quarterly magazine
- Flyers, small booklets
- Magazines
- I am guessing a monthly magazine-like publication wouldn't be too bad to gather the information from different sources of the Urantia book community and put them together into one monthly or bi-monthly publication. I think there's too many Urantia book online sources, and it would be a great help to see all the news put together in one place.
- Magazines
- Magazines, newspaper, study papers, spiritual books, study books ... Ebooks is ok as well
- books , magazines
- Magazines
- A simple brochure presenting The Urantia Book.
- Individual papers booklet style.
- Pamphlets and books
- magazines or newsletters from the organization
- Like the old newsletter
- Magazine for ads
- More interesting books
- brochures
- Magazines with ads people who follow Urantia serve people who follow Urantia
- newsletters and magazines
- Workbook
- magazines
- Getting a newsletter online.
- local newsletters, visits free to Chicago headquarters
- ones like the mighty messenger
- Newsletters
- newsletters with readers' perspectives on the book
- Newsletters. Question & answer pages. Papers on the origin of the Urantia papers.
- Magazines and study documents in spanish
- Banners fliers.
- A journal
- e-books or sections of books on the net
- More "hard copy" books and magazines
- Magazines
- essays ,journals
- Any kind
- A quarterly magazine.
- All

Content ideas. The majority of the comments included one or more ideas of specific content or topic the participant would like to see in print. Here are some examples:

- Blown up picture books of mentioned central and local universes.
- I would like David Fabe's adaptation of the Jesus Papers made available (in print) for evangelistic purposes.
- I would like a publication which examines and expounds and explores various main themes in the URANTIA Book and which contrast and compares to mainstream Christianity viewpoints of all sects and religious affiliations.
- ~ children's books { of which i have begun } ~ games ~ coloring books ~ novels based on ~ self.help based on
- Other translations
- German translations of secondary literature.
- Maps and conceptual schemes. Newsletters closing the gap between faith and science.
- Updating the terminology to the date and providing easy readable scientific cross references. The contents of the UB must be released from the expressions of the time.
- Summary of the 1st two sections as there are lots information and names that can be confusing.
- I love 2nd ary works like 21 steps to spiritual awakening type things that compile great resources of encouragement
- Updates to climate. Changes
- Research
- More channelled materials or revealed materials
- stuff along the lines of "Venture Inward" by the Edgar Cayce organization. Updates on efforts to make the Urantia Book material more palatable, accessible, etc.
- I would like to see summaries, interpretations, and commentaries that would be useful when studying specific chapters.
- Written distillations that advance general concepts presented in the UB without complex terms and labels.
- New concepts to be thoroughly explained to aid understanding.
- More in depth anylsis and study aidds
- I love receiving your publication. I would like to see more writing about other readers perceptions on how the UB relates to their daily lives.
- I have a very large personal library of books related to the Urantia Book. A lot of them seem to be of low quality. I want books that quote the UB less and amplifies the teaching more.
- excerpts
- Articles on various papers or concepts in the UB.
- A glossary of terms unique to the Urania Book.
- The Life After Death booklet
- The Book itself indexes and in extra large print as it is a strain for me to read.
- Reference materials
- Any kind of study aide Diagrams Books for young people
- Something for people who don't know much about the book but want to learn more about the teachings. All of our current periodicals are about deeper studies of topics in the book that a Newbie would not relate to.
- artistic impressions side-by-side translations personal experiences

- I would like a workbook series (like what was done with The Course in Miracles) that provides an overview of each paper, defines unfamiliar terms and words and has a few study questions as well.
- Longer, well thought out, perhaps even scholarly articles.
- More maps and more diagrams to help us to really give us many ways to really dig into the details and remember them...
- I love much of what is already out there but especially the works of Bill Sadler (Study of the Master Universe and his Appendices). It would be great to have a study on those!
- the types of ministry that other readers are engaged in
- Magazine entitled "Democracy Allows Me What I Believe" How the Kingdom's of Heaven have been manifested throughout time. This could be it's 1st article in the magazine.
- the how to pronounce the names of the various beings and places.
- Publications on angels, for instance, or on family life, and much more for children.
- More personal stories
- Short reviews of a part of book
- related books, biographies of UB students
- Explanations
- Study aids, topical in-depth articles, correlating the UBook with history Proofs the revelations are scientifically correct.
- A small summary pamphlet summarizing the UB
- Introductions to the Urantia Book for beginners, greatly simplified and with visuals. This would include all types of media.
- More secondary works with academic quality.
- I'd like to see the Urantia broken down into sections as books for younger people's leaning materials. It is hard to carry the larger book around.
- Received some over the years. Including Fellowship Herald, Mighty Messenger, and some no longer published. Like articles that explore/extrapolate subjects in book, esp. History, mythology, et.al.
- A list of topics explained and clarified that are the controversial topics the UB settles in historical perspective.
- Reprint of Study of the Master Universe, detailed info on Forum discussions on each paper, any unpublished info on the workings of the Contact Commission.
- Philosophy, science
- books: I enjoy the novels being published. I miss receiving the Fellowship Herald. Having the print version in my home facilitated reading it and referring to it over time.
- Novels and short stories.
- time for a supplement to the U.B.?
- More fictional stories based on the history of Urantia as background.
- movies of the books of the Urantia book.
- Specific topic (question and answer) research analysis publications
- Books or whatever about our local parents, Mother & Michael
- specific articles on highlights

- Monthly print and online magazines are very helpful for introducing TUB to newer students as well as fostering the continuing education of experienced students of TUB. We all seem to benefit from visual learning materials like well-made charts, maps and illustrations. which
- The Adam and Eve story, what a story. Why does not anyone make that into documentary. 8 feet tall or more!! Compare with skeletons of that size being discovered.
- Character Building on Friendship and Relationships. The Tips given by Rodan in Paper 160. The Apostles, Seraphim, Midwayers, Adam and Eve true story. Andon and Fonta Love Story Christ Michael and his Divine Complement, Divine Minister Story. What Happens After We Die, where do we go? The Universal Father and the Universal Mother
- Reprinting of some of Dr. Sadler's teaching texts, new illustrations, and the beautiful Jesus books by Larry Mullins, and Mo Siegel. Perhaps the Clyde Bedell Concordex could be updated with the page references that fit the Papers' numbers and sections, etc., not just the First Printing's page numbers.
- Cut and paste, guides, boardgames
- How to practical apply the principles of The Urantia Book
- The thoughts of the more experienced readers on the various concepts put forward by the book.
- I would like to see more maps of the universe like Truthbook.com used to sell.
- Definitions of Urantia-specific language, terms, phrases, epistemology, science and cosmology. ...Urantia dictionary; if such a thing doesn't exist...
- Playing cards with fruit of spirit values to replace spade, clover and diamond
- 1) Bilingual, English and the other foreign language; 2) One Volume for each one of the four parts of the book.
- More visual charts about some content of the Urantia Book
- UB topics from other countries
- Sections of this book in story detail
- Better literature dealing with the origin of the book and individuals associated with the early days.
- Updates on current discoveries of data in the book
- Summaries of the big ideas.
- the life and teaching of Jesus
- Something is needed that spans the interim for those who find the book daunting. More work needed at the beginners or intermediate level.
- Printed discussion of concepts collated from the four books.
- Again, answers to readers' questions.
- models, schemas
- Opinions and interpretations on utilizing the information and knowledge from the Book towards 20th century "Character" evolution.
- Quizzes, synopses of individual chapters, recounts of personal experiences related to the Urantia Book.

Observations. There were a number of responses that reflected on personal experiences or that talked about existing publications without suggesting new content. Some of these are presented below:

- The book is a hard swallow for some people, I have realized over the years. Not everyone is ready for it at this time on our planet. So I wish there were materials that would be more non-reader friendly that I could share with others. I was excited when the parable book came out because I was looking for one for my kids, but the art work was creepy and it was too in depth for my young kids at the time. I would LOVE a magazine if it was done well. And I would really like some of the art work from the recent book on the life of Jesus to be made available for sale. I think a lot of my frustration with the lack of printed materials out there is that they are either simply lacking, or they have a "new age" mystical feel to them that isn't in keeping with the message of the book.
- I've only got the Urantia Book. im curious about the study aids, but have not purchased yet.
- The Urantia book itself so that i can introduce it to people around to discover what's in the book
- Even if its is difficult nowadays, for the older generations is sometimes necessarily
- EVERYTHING
- provide the media portals for the creators to share their content
- Retirees Dating Long distance relationships Hobbies Hosting Reader Groups
- Probably anything the only computer I have is my phone so I would like to read more about the ranch Rubicon my phone I appreciate the daily messages I receive
- I enjoy reading the Fellowship 'Messenger'
- Anything about the Urantia book and other Spiritual topics.
- OK, here goes. I would like to see a more user-friendly on-line source that allows me to do word searches and Boolean Searches. I would just about give ya my eye teeth to see/hear some breakdowns of the science behind certain statements made in the book (but they have to be phrased in very simple terms that could be easily understood. (I am suggesting something similar to the Idiot's Guide publications). Plus, I would really like to meet up with some folks who are keen on astronomy and have read the Urantia Book and could offer simplified explanations to what the book is trying to describe. And doggone it, I loved that little computer generated video off line that showed fly-by of the universe. Who took it off?
- I get the newsletter now and read it online and enjoy it. I think money could be an issue if more printed material were available. It makes more sense to continue to circulate the original book to parts of the world where it is needed.
- Anything - Everything - in this case More is Better.
- I have particularly enjoyed publications like the Urantia Fellowship's "Fellowship Herald"
- Not sure,as I am not familiar with any pamphlets these days,my fault
- Not sure. The Truthbook daily subscription is awesome however. Easy to share with others who are unaware of the book.
- I have over the years enjoyed printed materials on a number of topics. I am grateful for their availability.
- just the Urantia Book it's self
- I wish the book was published in volumes like the Untold Story of Jesus. The Urantia Book can be cumbersome to maneuver because of its size.
- Would like to see more Urantia books offered that are not in the double column format. Full page format seem easier to read and more often requested at meetings.
- all types

- I like very much the "secondary works" by believers. Papers/books written by Dr. Sadler, Dr. Sprunger, Clyde Bedell, JJ Johnson, Marvin Gawrin, No Siegal, videos by Gary Tonge, Derek Samras, to name a few.
- There are online study groups for certain parts of the book . Have that available as well
- That can translate in my own language. Type of translation that makes the reading much easier
- The Fellowship's Herald.The birth of a Revelation by Mark Kulieke.I was familiar with him.
- Related to Urantia papers
- I would like to see a "bookstore" that allows all of the secondary works to be in one place. Rick Warrens writings, art (Positive Values Chart, Chick Montgomerys paintings, etc)
- Depends upon the quality of the writing!
- Updated Semantic (replacement of Genderized words).
- I loved the magazine recently received and the articles in it.
- I don't have anything in particular in mind. I just like to read discussions of related subjects.

Dissemination of the Urantia Book

The next item was “I would like to see more efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book.”. The differences in response between younger and older participants is shown in Figure 32. Overall, 59% of participants agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. The younger participants were more likely to strongly agree (30% vs. 21%). Thirty-five percent choose neither agree nor disagree, with only 6% disagreeing with this statement.

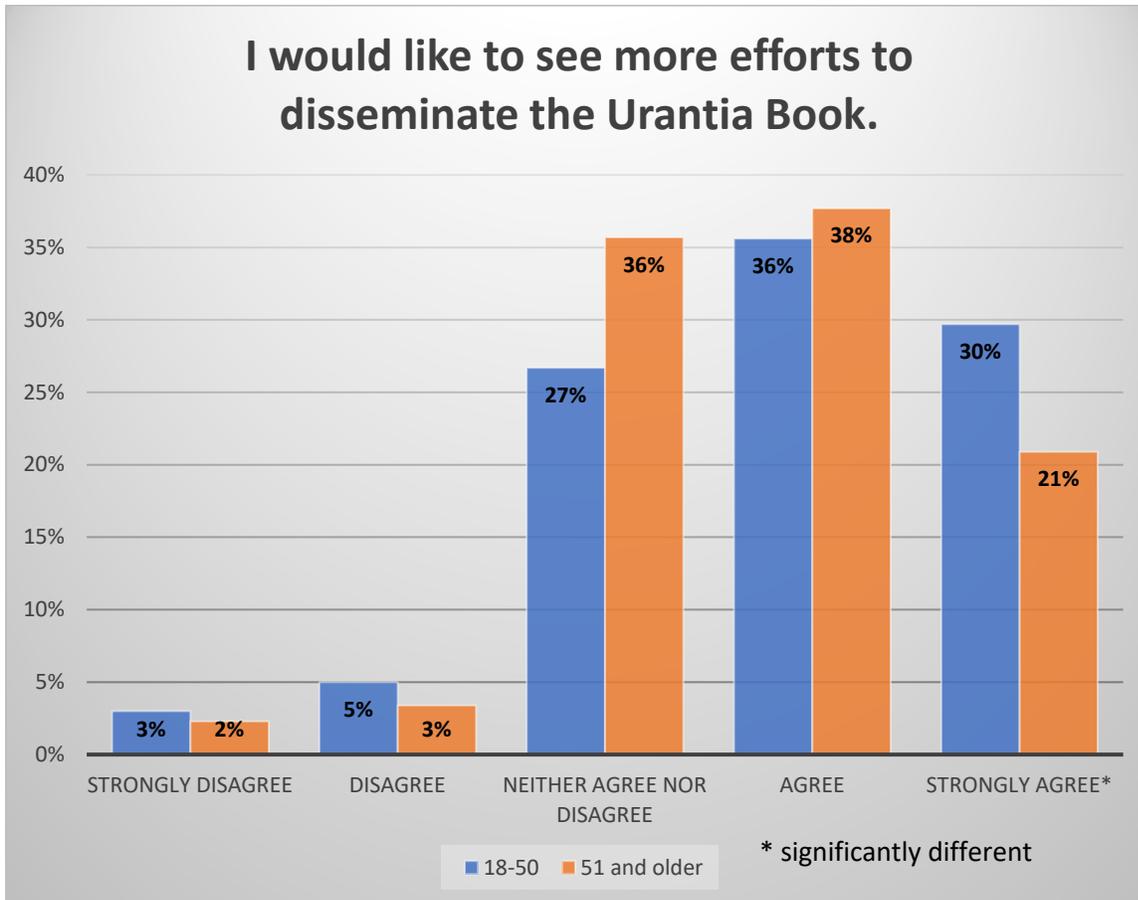


Figure 32: Age differences in more efforts to disseminate the Uranta Book

Figure 32 compares American and International participants. There were no significant differences with the results showing strong support for more efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book.

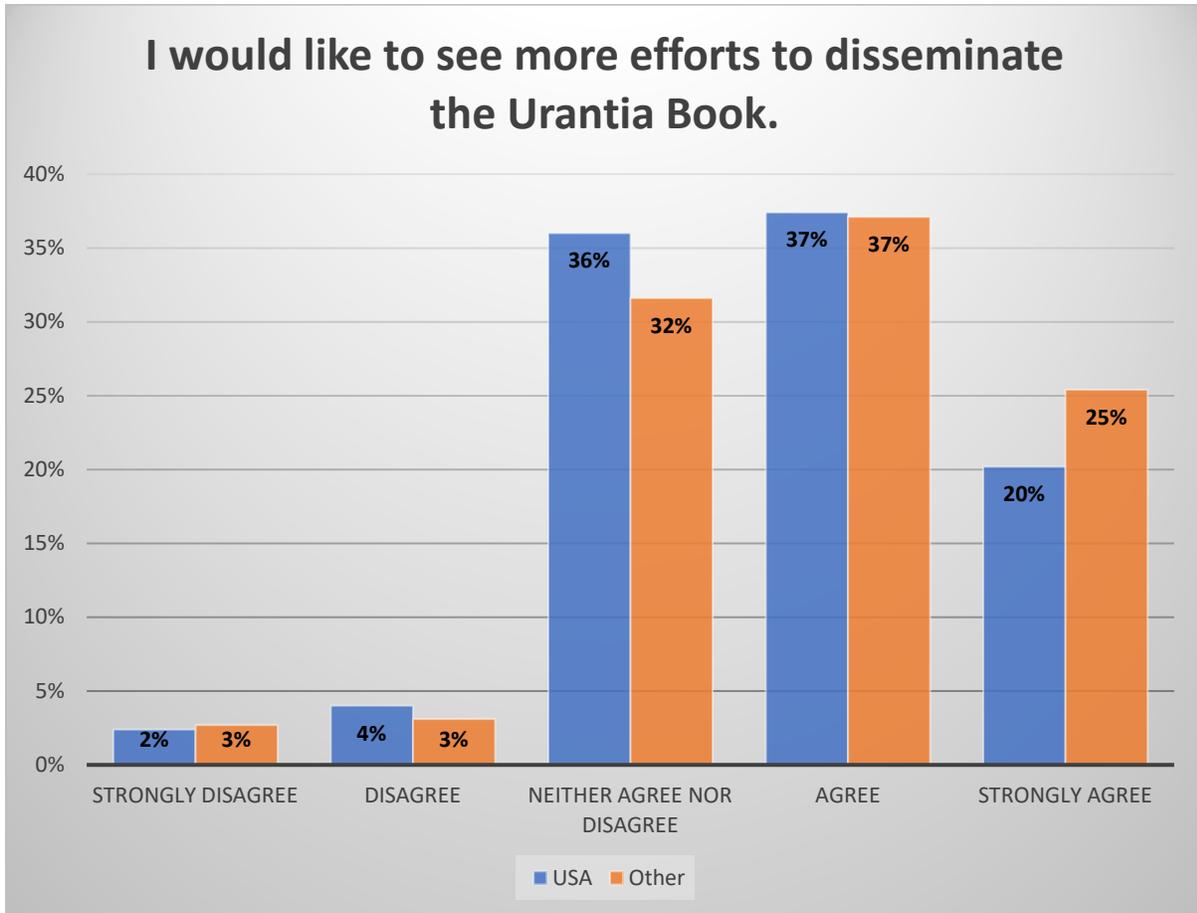


Figure 33: American versus international differences in support for more efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book

Ways to Disseminate the Urantia Book

The open-ended question for this item was “What ideas do you have about ways to disseminate the Urantia Book?” Of the 751 people who made a rating, there were 221 who provided a free-text response. Three themes were used to sort the quotes: 1) Public outreach; 2) Personal outreach; and 3) Perspectives on dissemination.

Public Outreach. The majority of the ideas were focused on different forms of public outreach. Here is a group of suggestions for using the internet for public outreach.

- The internet is the best way to share the book in today's world. Make it easy to find for when the truth seeker goes seeking. That's where I found it. Good ole Google.

- Conference Video YouTuber
- More Youtube videos that are teaching the details of the book not just the basic concepts.
- Through any of the following means: New releases, social networking sites, cable or satellite TV.
- online groups, forums
- process hard copies and send to members soft copies to install on mobile phones and computers
- Online Library
- If I thought I was more educated in it and understood its origins and goals, I would be more willing and able to talk about it with whoever wanted to listen. I would use social media to start. But I Don't think I know enough to be able to share it with others.
- YouTube testimonials from people
- Podcasts More videos
- Maybe more u-tube,,or teachers involved in podcasts???
- Movies based on the UBook, blogs, YouTube discussion groups & lectures...
- I believe we must go virtual to find younger readers
- of course the internet is the best Urantia has at this time
- Blog sites
- Online is all people do today. Article in Reader's Digest?
- on line list of sites with texts of the Urantia book
- in social media
- Digital Paramony.
- Posting up more articles relating to the Urantia Book at internet.
- Maybe more Facebook, etc , sharing.
- Use stories of Jesus' love and courage, to educate young children in today's struggling world. For many years, I would chat with strangers and give away Urantia books which were many times given back to me as they would buy their own copy. Today suggest, Merritt Horn audio version CD or downloaded to iTunes.

There were many suggestions for using books, movies, and other printed materials for dissemination, including making copies of the Urantia Book available:

- A movie
- hardpaper
- Netflix documentary
- Special subjects related papers presented in comprehensive easy to understand language. For instance there is a simplified paraphrased version of the Forward which makes it easier to understand currently in circulation prepared by either Bill Sadler or his son
- use other media as a means to demonstrate the history discussed in the Urantia book: Movies, documentaries, radio shows, blog shows.
- Support the dissemination of not only the U. Book in the US but in countries where there are translations. Offer grants to individuals who have dissemination projects. Provide information in newsletters and any other publications that focus on dissemination projects.
- more exposure in traditional "Christian" publications
- Movies, TV series about how life could be.

- Op Ed's.
- Short excerpts, printed, to attract seekers from all spiritual paths.
- I personally give books to people who intuitively strike me as open or might be interested. I think David Kantor's films are a great way to disseminate the book.
- Make the book more available in bookstores.
- High quality papers based on science and philosophy supporting the UB.
- Indirectly through books based on the UB but not directly referencing it.
- Printed materials and magazines in schools especially on college campuses, waiting room at hospitals and airports...places where people have to wait for services or be served.
- Make a good movie
- Individual books on each of the four parts, especially parts two and three just like the one on "The Untold Story of Jesus". I would like to see the Untold Story of the History of Urantia in its own book with illustrations...YAY!!!
- additional translations into other languages.
- In South Africa , Sell the book in Exclusive books , GUD gospel stores , I can help ,
- I like to publish a big article on the origin and content of the UB for weekly ukrainian newspaper,for the very beginning.But global intherfaith meeting would more effective.The World Parliament of Religions,for innstance.We need our own "Greta Tunberg".
- + Courses Studiesgroup; Shipper Books
- Movie
- Summaries of the big ideas.
- More "hard copy' books and magazines
- Make a good movie, write books, approach potential readers.

Some other suggestions involved using radio and television for dissemination:

- More appearances by representatives on shows like Coast to Coast AM, KGRA Radio and Urantia Radio. It seems like most actual videos of Urantia Book in general are very old and dated.
- Make contacts with mainstream media.
- A netflix series or full length movie of John Van Orsdell book ANGELESIS
- Greater presence in mainstream media.
- Movies and TV based on the UBook.
- talk radio
- Via media

There were a number of interesting ideas for how marketing strategies could be employed to disseminate the Urantia Book:

- write "The Urantia book" phrase through the world!
- Bumper stickers. Social media seems to be covered. When I was a teenager I thought I used to see bumper stickers that read, "Read the Urantia Book."
- At universities, specifically the sciences. Interstate Billboards: race, eugenics, government...

- Hand out a flyer or something.
- More visible and pervasive advertising of the Book's existence and content.
- Advertise on TV/Cable networks.
- Airplanes flying over sporting events with Urantia Banner. I think it would pique some people's attention.
- Billboards that include suggestions on brotherly behaviors that anyone could understand and resonate with.
- Billboards Let's do a really good movie on the life of Jesus!
- Trains, Planes & Automobiles - folks out traveling the countryside talking to folks who may be interested in listening. "Billboards, Movies & TV" - what's the point of hiding under a bushel basket? Never Say No.
- Maybe flyers to give out to others.
- Millions of pamphlets.
- Limited, sophisticated print advertising in quality publications, to start. Maybe a billboard along a busy freeway with just the word, "URANTIA" on it. Or the word "URANTIA" with the quote, "Of all human knowledge, that which is of greatest value is to know the religious life of Jesus and how he lived it." Yes, we need to raise the book's profile. And regarding the question below, Yes, I worry about resistance from some religious and political groups, but whatchagonnado? "The weak indulge in resolutions, but the strong act." A little comment area in each of the sections would be nice. For occasional qualifiers.
- Identify the Urantia Book as the scroll that the prophet Daniel was told that it would be opened when knowledge was increasing and people were running to and fro.
- more prolific on-line ads
- bumper stickers, radio/tv interviews, emails, classified ads, leaving pages from UB in bathroom stalls---I've done them all
- How about all media ads?
- Advertising in all media!

Other ideas focused on how to use different kinds of events as a way to disseminate the Urantia Book:

- The desire for truth comes from within. Personally I am always thrown off by Jehovah's witnesses and that style of dissemination so I would vote against something of that sort. Attending spirituality events and talking with open minded people would probably be a good start.
- Street preaching, free books distributions, service activity for those in need (materialistic needs, or psychological needs)
- Street smart approaches. Making it seem intelligent and inspiring as an activity as well.
- Word of mouth, book clubs, book store readings, studies.
- Hold forums, meetings, gathering etc.
- Hold study group meetings in some community center, or place where non readers would go. Word of mouth will grab some people.
- Study groups seem the best way to share and grow concepts in UB
- The organization fostering readers for fairs and other public displays and education. The expense of supplying books, etc. is too much for some people.

- regional meetings in every country
- Develop a religious service that has workshops on the various teachings in the book.
- more study groups
- Again, using smaller meet-ups with maybe public book booth and discussion roundtables. Service Projects!!! Time a meet-up with "river clean up day" and work along side others: GOALS not creeds in action.
- Podcasts, Books On Tape or Audible. A set of CD's of lectures by established and accredited people that can be purchased. I have purchase collections from Sounds True (The Power of Shamanism) as well as from another source "The Time Of The Sixth Sun". Since I have retired however my finances have reduced the disposable income to purchase freely and require I budget for most things. Seminars at places that allow expansion of ideas for humans. Places like The Light Center in Black Mountain NC and others.
- periodic local gatherings on a Saturday or Sunday
- You could send a representative to, for example, the Glastonbury Symposium in Somerset, England, held every year for 3 days with speakers from all over the world. Look it up online. I'm sure they would love to have you and you would have an enthralled audience.

Many of the ideas were focused on places as a way to disseminate the book:

- I think making a book available in every rehabilitation center which enjoys a library would be very effective in introducing the book to a segment of the population thirsting for spiritual waters.
- publish Urantia book in publishing houses ,especially in the Arab countries because the book is not published there
- Make it available in book stores and if possible get more hardcopies to other countries like ZA were we can distribute
- In Germany we have open public libraries. You can freely borrow a book from a stand and return it when you are done. It would be good that tu is stands have UB related books.
- College campus booth and Urantia Book clubs
- Create spiritual centers as outreach ministries that help people (UB readers and others) work on their circle attainments, not so much the intellectual study of the Urantia Book as the first and foremost goal.
- What other groups can be united here? I see some churches will be fine, yet others won't. Yoga studios. Book store appearances--especially smaller, private bookstores if the larger ones do not allow. University presentations.
- Start a Urantia Institute, Fellowship Center and Bookstore in every major city, charge student membership, develop a ministers training program, and market the events at all the local new age venues and new age community publications.
- Minister to needy communities, and to youth, especially on college campuses.
- Like the Gideons (in hotels) Book Store promotions and events Public libraries Regionally targeting with Urantia postcards, newspapers, coffee house events, public tv, cable tv, brick and mortar Urantia Book places of worship and teaching.
- Make sure it's in as many libraries and book stores as possible, but under "religion" not new age or occult.

- Contact Libraries, Unity Church's and other New Thought if they like have copies in their library.
- Libraries Bookstores Table at religious/spiritual events Business cards readers could pass out with Urantia Book website
- personal and money donated to approach book stores, libraries and other online outreach
- Participate in events on college campuses, alternative lifestyle and healing events, UFO conferences and interfaith events.
- As I have said earlier, why not an Idiot's Guide to the Urantia Book. Plus, ask a few readers who are teachers in the sciences how they would like to see the information disseminated.
- Ask Churches after hours to hold meetings of the Urantia book
- Book fairs and Religious gatherings.
- Outreach activities in local areas.
- I think that the continued dissemination is important. I wonder if we could have a booth on the campuses that we have the conferences and summer sessions.
- I'm not sure. Certainly more in libraries.
- Send copies of the Jesus Papers to influential people.
- More books in Libraries.
- Those who donate books to libraries in the U.S and in many countries abroad are doing great work. Spanish language editions are fruitful; I'd like to hear about other languages' results.
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- Give it free to christian priests. ... To read. .it might change a few minds
- Book fairs
- Local invitations to individuals who might be interested in a "New Revelation". Use local organizations to increase interest, i.e. churches, Acholics Annonomous, etc. Also prison ministries.

There were a number of strategies that would involve institutional involvement, such as Urantia organizations or churches, for planning and money:

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Personal outreach. Other participants made suggestions that involved one-on-one contact or living an exemplary life as a way to share the Urantia Book on a person-to-person level.

- I'm focused on disseminating the opportunity to form and deepen a personal relationship with god as described in the UB. Through writing, issuing invitations to the inner life, and creating infrastructure for community around personal spiritual growth.

- ~ living by example ~ printed material, as above ~ interfaith dialogues ~ short quotes on paraphernalia
- I myself have bought 6 Urantia Books to give as gifts and of course to spread the knowledge. If I had more books, I could keep spreading the good word.
- Sharing the UB at book fairs and other events is all well and good. Aside from this, if groups of readers can truly 'do life' together, and love one another, and invite others in, new people will make contact with the teachings and perhaps show an interest in the Urantia Book.
- Continued organic word of mouth growth. With no sensationalism, proselytizing or fanaticism.
- Fred Rogers advanced principles of Christianity through Mr. Rogers Neighborhood without ever making reference to God, religion, prayer, or other terminology generally associated with the religion. I think UB thought-leaders can do similarly and advance the concepts within the UB, where possible, and not make it about the UB specifically or feel that it is a requirement to reference all of the unique names and terminology in the book.
- I feel we need to help people to understand worship better and they will choose to read the book to the degree that makes sense to them.
- I believe person to person encounters, libraries, and bookstores are among the best means, so I suppose we need a continual supply of persons with the motivation, energy, social skills and wisdom to effectuate such contacts.
- Live and active life focused on serving others.
- Apply lessons to everyday life through group study and discussion. Read other books that support the UB.
- Person to person
- I buy them and give them to people I think are ready for the information presented in the UB
- Conversation. I find in simply listening to others at some junction they will say something with respect to God or religion or mysticism of personal belief or thought to be "generally understood" which sometimes present opportunities to suggest another, often slightly varied, Urantia Book revelation. Or I'll ask if they've ever wondered how the Garden of Eden came about and where that snake hung out when he wasn't tempting Eve?
- I believe we should try to live the concepts which are suggested in the Jesus papers.
- While I am not fond of social media, this seems like the venue for younger readers which we NEED. Have always felt the best way to disseminate the truths in the Urantia Book is one-to-one. More teachers to show UB students how to talk about God comfortably and with over-teaching would be helpful. Many conference themes have focused on this.
We need educational centers
- keep on trying to get people to read it
- Share with family and friends.
- spread the word
- Personal new acquaintance contacts. Non-religious truth-upgrade conversations. Spirit-partnership conversations.
- personal give aways.
- Door to door like the JW's :))
- I always have books on hand to give to people I feel are interested. In everyday conversations with strangers, friends, and acquaintances, I find a way to say "Urantia" at every opportunity. If

a person asks "What is Urantia" I answer whatever comes to mind, i.e., My Answer Book, A Revelation, The Actual Words of Jesus, etc. "Urantia Book Readers" is printed on our business card. There again, if someone asks, I tell them.

- giving books
- Make it interesting and inspiring for people who are not ready to believe it entirely.
- Through personal contacts without the Book.
- We all need to be more proactive in our personal ministry, the way Jesus first trained his apostles...not easy, but we mustn't "take off our hand from the plow"...too easy to give up, and just read alone. We, of all people on earth, know that since sonship is a planetary reality, we must interact with everyone as brethren. That alone should inspire questions! And it does.
- Make a new friend a day
- I give away as many as 7 books a month. Everyone involved with the book should commit this year to give away 1, 5, 10, or more books to their friends and acquaintances. They should spend time and prayer deciding who needs it, and then they only need hand the book to the person and say, "The Kingdom of God lives within your heart and mind and is at hand. Here, read about it in this book.
- I tried very hard to participate in individual contact with fellow readers. Maybe you do not have enough readers in the uk.
- when it's appropriate to discuss the Urantia book
- Service, service and more service, not only related to the expansion of the news a revelation has arrived on earth but also devoted to the Master's ordination sermon. 140:3.2 "I send you forth to proclaim liberty to the spiritual captives, joy to those in the bondage of fear, and to heal the sick in accordance with the will of my Father in heaven. When you find my children in distress, speak encouragingly to them, saying: 140:3.3 "Happy are the poor in spirit, the humble, for theirs are the treasures of the kingdom of heaven. 140:3.4 "Happy are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. 140:3.5 "Happy are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 140:3.6 "Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 140:3.7 "And even so speak to my children these further words of spiritual comfort and promise: 140:3.8 "Happy are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Happy are they who weep, for they shall receive the spirit of rejoicing. 140:3.9 "Happy are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. 140:3.10 "Happy are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. 140:3.11 "Happy are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. 140:3.12 "My brethren, as I send you forth, you are the salt of the earth, salt with a saving savor. But if this salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.
- Person to person is the best way. Continuing to see that the book is available. Supporting service organizations and their websites.

Perspectives on dissemination. Some of the comments were not so much about specific ways to disseminate the Urantia Book, but more thought, observations, and perspectives on the issue of dissemination. A few were also personal anecdotes.

- It's not for everyone, and I believe there are people who would be better off not even knowing about the UB, as they have closed their hearts so tightly that they would immediately reject it. Despite this, truth is truth and it doesn't matter what someone's opinion about it is; in the end you can't alter the truth, only one's perception of it. There are many lost souls out there just craving truth as it's portrayed in the UB, yet they may never chance upon it. Us UB readers feel as if we're standing atop a tall watch tower, looking out across humanity and watching as our brothers and sisters stumble through a dense and foggy maze. With our vantage point and clear objective vision, if only we could shine a beacon for others to find us! There was a jazz musician who was struggling to find motivation in his work. Then he beheld another musician who was just having so much fun with his freestyle improv saxophone, that he realized why am I not doing this? If those who don't understand what the UB is, could only behold a lively community who is seeking after the truth and having a good time at it, who wouldn't want to be a part of something so wholesome? It's only a matter of reaching into the hearts of others in just the right way.
- I would be happy to tell people about it if I knew I was opposed to be
- more people need to know about the help available who are suffering across the world!! not doing much more is tremendously harmful to many who need the help!
- I think maybe a survey of how readers came to find the book themselves so that a clearer picture of the best ways to get the book in the hands of new people could be discovered.
- quotes
- The reason I didn't put "strongly agree" is because I appreciate the effort being done by all to disseminate the papers are being done. In a nutshell, learn from other novel "religions" out there. Using inspiration from marketing tactics used in the business world.
- Like others christian denominations do.
- I believe that the book is "Too Much" for standard readers. Perhaps a hand-off version of pieces of information, carefully curated to attract the attention of the people to get into the thorough experience of the whole book would work well. Even an urban comms campaign could attract young readers that are more prone to understanding the nature of the science-spiritual legacy of UB.
- It seems that actions are being taken now, such as this research and emails I have received, but before I only heard about it through a friend.
- If it would positively affect others as it has me, I'd hope everyone would have the opportunity to be benefitted.
- EVERYTHING
- I don't know
- I would like to see experimentation with synthesizing UB truths into various world religions
- Not sure
- I personally would like to make a video illustrating the concept about the Superuniverses and compare to published scientific research on the universe, comparing and contrasting to show how they may be observing things described in the Urantia Book but got it wrong because of their limited perspective (sitting on Earth). I actually already wrote a chapter in my unpublished book on this and wanted to follow up with an animated video, but have not had time yet (had to drop everything to defend the planet from an alien invasion, but not that that's pretty much under control, I might have more time in the near future to resume that project ;-).

- Christianity is failing, help them
- Maybe secondary works could be subsidized?
- That's difficult when people have no idea what it is you speak of. Some know it as the Martian Bible, but I'm not interested in dealing with people if that's their understanding of it, which is they don't understand it or, have any idea about it. I would use techniques I used to build my Amyway Global business. Send out tickets for a free dinner after a presentation about what the Urantia Book has to offer society. I used to get 300 people in a Marriot meeting room and usually get 10 people to sign up. 3 usually caught on, but I built a huge business doing this twice a year. Dinner was pricey, but good food, a professional meeting room gives the manner of prestige and persuasion people are looking for if they want to get into a business that will make them money. Business write-off as well. Luckily, I was a Double Diamond and could afford it, but this is what it takes to make good money. Urantia doesn't have to do just this, but something like it may work? Who knows?
- The biggest issue with dissemination is, for me, the "pearls before swine", or "lead a horse to water". Having the Urantia Book available is one thing... developing the desire for what it addresses is another.
- People need to go to a church that is open to new truth and carefully introduce the teachings of the Urantia Book, whether the name of the book is mentioned or not
- I'd like to see readers stop arguing with each other and start responding to searching religionists, like Christians and others on great sites like Patheos.com.
- I'm not versed in this.
- I have personally bought and given away over 20 Urantia Books to various people throughout my life. Unfortunately, no one has ever come back to me to say how much they liked (or didn't like) the book.
- I am hoping to be able to financially help your organization with frequent donations once I'm retired and financially stable.
- Publish the good news to everyone.
- I don't have any new ideas to add to what's already been done
- None, sorry
- Maalxolm Locke, the urantia revelation,for an intro
- N/A
- Many are being tried already... I'm active with UBIS
- Sorry, no ideas.
- In light of the Jesus example, the teaching and sponsorship of a myriad of live and animated 'spokespersons' effectively communicating via the internet, tv, radio, etc., so as to address the revelatory explanations of the myriad of continuing questions remaining unexplained as to our ascendant existence -- to our humanity of this world today.
- Speak to people's emotional and spiritual needs. Recognize that idealism may not be all that is needed to fully engage a new student. We have answers, but we need to share them.
- Learn how to interact with organized religions to enhance and enlighten - gently and with patience. You cannot make someone better by telling them how they are wrong. Gently emphasizing universal truth is more the way Jesus prepared the way during his Mediterranean travels. God asks us for ripples, He takes care of future tidal waves.

- Finding living or fossil proof
- Existing ways are effective. Would be happy to see more groups and individuals involved.
- It's too early to display those new ways publicly.
- Proof of stories on the history of urantia
- More devotion and active participation
- disseminate judiciously..
- Major religions appear not to be interested. Governments & educational institutions appear to have banned UB from curriculum. MSM refuse to acknowledge any contemporary information about God.
- sift fact from fiction ... Their is reincarnation as an example ...
- Comparison to ancient knowledge
- Learn to Love, Truly, without dogmatic influences.

Religious and political resistance to dissemination

Figure 34 shows age differences in the answer to the question: “I worry that more aggressive efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book will lead to resistance from some religious and/or political groups”. Thirty-one percent of the participants agreed or strongly agreed with this item. Thirty-nine percent choose neither agree nor disagree with 30 percent choosing disagree or strongly disagree. There were no age differences in response to this question.

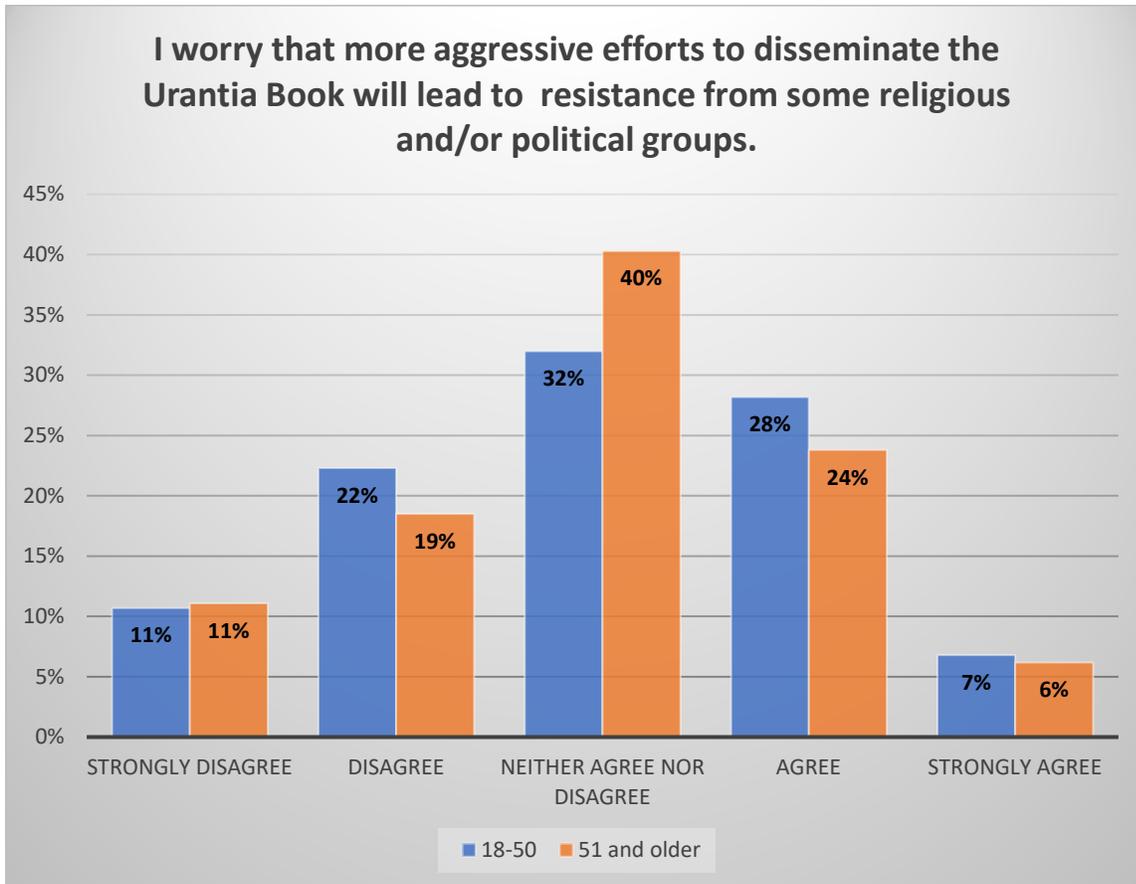


Figure 34: Age differences in worries about resistance to dissemination

Figure 35 shows the distribution of responses for American and international participants. There were no significant differences. Overall, there was a mixture of opinion on this item.

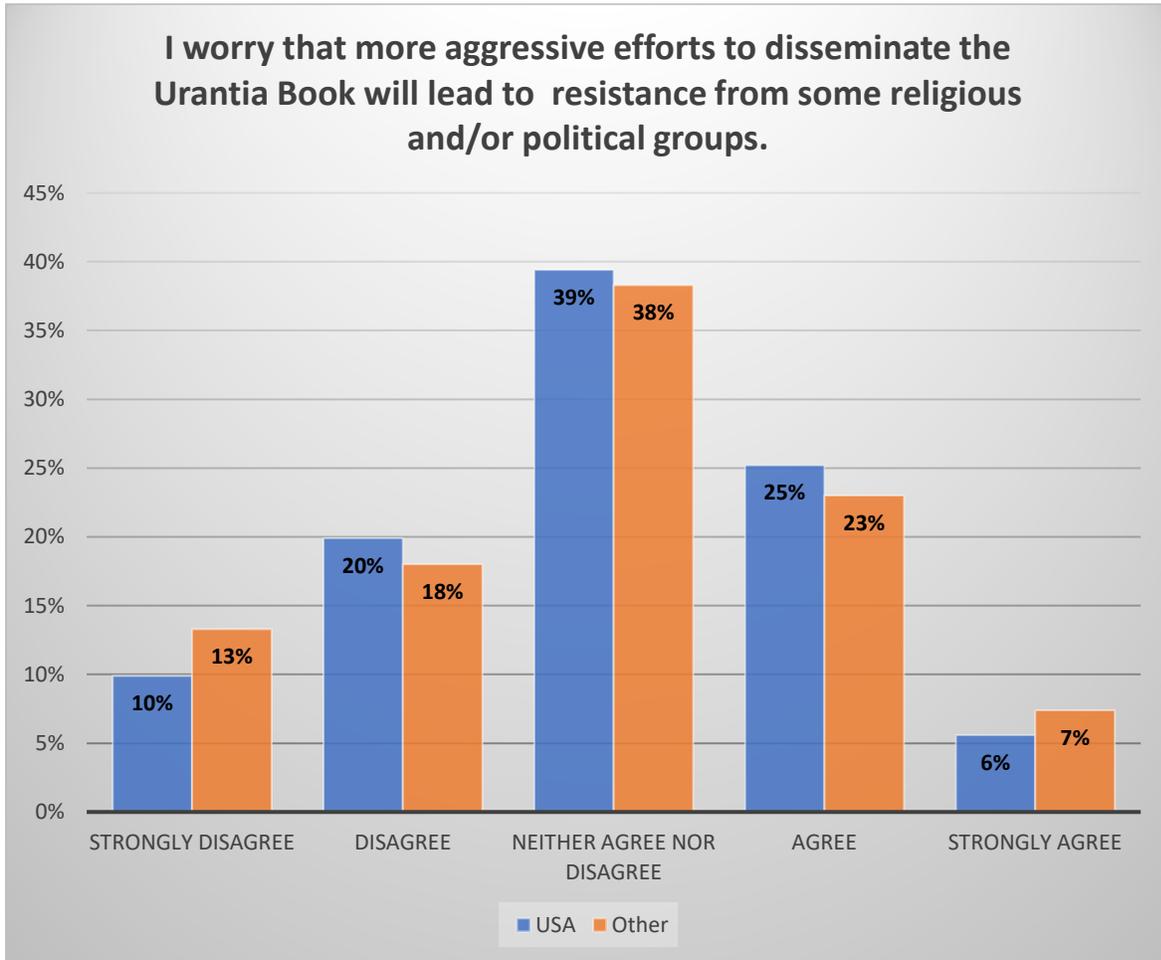


Figure 35: American and international differences in perceptions of resistance to Disseminating the Urantia Book

Anticipated resistance to Urantia Book dissemination

Of the 753 who made a rating on this item, 178 provided a free text response. The themes were sorted into 4 categories: 1) How to minimize resistance, 2) Specific topics that will create resistance; 3) Differences with existing religions and religious beliefs; and 4) Reflections.

How to minimize resistance. A few of the participant made observations on how resistance to the Urantia Book might be minimized or overcome:

- Well, I don't like the idea of aggressive dissemination. I don't think that is encouraged in the book either. I do like the idea of living the truth and teachings of the book which I think the book calls us to do. I personally think more efforts should be directed at training and supporting those who aspire to be teachers of the truth and followers of Jesus.
- Something from every section will offend religiously bias persons. Including agnostics. Start by explaining to people the Urantia Book is not a new form of religion, and doesn't seek to replace any religions.
- It's important to go slow. Being too pushy or aggressive will not be productive
- There already exists strong resistance from the churches, but I have a ministry to the churches and have met some limited positive results. I think the preacher class is afraid they will lose their jobs if the truth is known that they are not needed in any individuals desire to connect with their destiny adjuster. But I think people would continue to go to church, even after discovering the book, and churches would thrive if they only taught more of the truth. If a new John the Baptists doesn't appear (170:5.19), then the next best option for our planet is for the churches to accept this new message and begin teaching more truth. I've began calling the UB, The Jesus Bible and people instantly know what I mean. It would help to have a dust cover for the book that calls it by this name. After all, no supernatural sources named it The Urantia Book, as they call it the Urantia Papers of 1934. The importance of the Church in the future process is mentioned at 195:10.16

Specific topics. The specific topics were further sorted into 5 groups: 1) race, eugenics, or gender; 2) Life of Jesus; 3) God and the superuniverse; 4) Violations of specific Christian beliefs; and 5) The origin of the Urantia Book.

Race, eugenics, or gender. There were a large number of comments drawing attention to the clash between some of the Urantia Book content on race, eugenics, and gender and current cultural ideas on these subjects:

- Race, eugenics, gender
- There are areas for example eugenics, race, discrimination of inferior genes, wording or concept that could be misunderstood many are not ready to hear that, or life in other worlds, that "heaven" is not an automatic bliss, that our pets don't survive, etc, etc
- the heredity stuff
- 1. The "eugenic" nature of spiritual evolution. 2. The detrimental role of organised religion. 3. The book doesn't give sufficient importance to spiritual messengers that are of outmost importance for the stablished religions. * I believe that Urantia Book adherents could organise under an academic or scientific format to study deeply the sacred scriptures such as The Quram, Torah, Pali texts and others, in order to enhance in respectful and com-passionate conversations with the faithful. Scientific arguments of refinement are not enough to go to a brothers faithful heart and try to "convince" her/him. Urantia Book readers and adherents should always work under an "enrichment" logic, not the search of displacing other previous belief bodies.
- An erroneous understanding of the biological elevation of the races and the failed Adamic plan.
- race, religion of the spirit, the fact it claims to be a new revelation of truth to the world
- Races

- the atonement doctrine race differences the truth in general
- channeling (even though it's not in the UB), patriarch, eugenics
- I worry that the topics of eugenics and race in the UB are a barrier to adoption - and will generate the most resistance - based on contemporary progressive beliefs in these areas. A Magisterial Son bestowal might be a path to enlightening the general citizenship about these contentious topics, but it hard to imagine these topics not generating considerable resistance by those people who are the most likely to embrace it.
- Personal as opposed to organizational religion. The concepts of racial improvement which WILL BE misinterpreted as eugenics. The concept of Michael of Nebadon/Christ Michael/Jesus (our Creator Son) as one of a Class of Creator Sons rather than the one and only son of God.
- Race related. Specifically about the indigo people.
- The ideas of the mansion worlds are not in sync with modern Christianity. Also the mixing of the races, Adam and Eve, and most of all the concept that Christ Michael is not God's only son. That will drive them nuts in particular.
- Race issues. Powder kegs. Not just what they say, but the way they say it.
- atonement doctrine "fatherhood"-sexist language "genetics" not "Bible" based
- Virgin colored races Adam and Eve Dalamatia
- ostensible "out-dated" science
- Race issues - this is the most volatile one. Challenging the belief that the Bible is the Word of God. Anti-atonement doctrine stance. Purple people 8 feet tall. To politically left leaning types, the idea that inequality and hierarchy are endemic throughout the universe.
- The whole concept of guarding the gene-pool could be really weaponized in today's tribal atmosphere...
- All the SPECIFIC FACTS about Celestial Beings
- eugenics, race
- Passages that discuss race Passages that mention the mentally handicapped Very nontraditional ideas about the meaning of the life of Jesus
- Probably the eugenics one, which-rightly or wrongly-seen to rub blacks in the wrong way.
- Inferior race comments, a seemingly indifferent or unempathic attitude towards non-normal minded individuals, controlled reproduction, and a subtle denial of reincarnation. I believe the forum participants' personal prejudices may have impacted some of the contents in Parts I, II, & III, and that is possibly why the revelators produced Part IV without any human intervention.
- Races Eugenics "degenerate stocks" Sadly all knee-jerk responses. Such people are reading into text stuff it does not say!
- Race and eugenics. My god how that would be distorted. 30-50 more years before this issue can be broached.
- Inherent racial characteristics, weeding out inferior stock
- racial evolution and history, and genetic info
- Eugenics, racial topics, crucifixion not as fulfillment of prophecy
- Race Eugenics
- racism, as per common usage. If I were a Trumpy, I could have a field day with the UB
- Race and differences with Christianity

- Eugenics The atonement doctrine Jesus as "A" not "The" son of God Inferior and superior humans The UB concept of evil God the Mother - the cosmic mind minister Purposeful evolution. The eye of the spirit and the eye of material harmonized. Jesus travels to Rome and those missing years explained. Reality as Jesus explained to Ganid. The three Absolutes. The age of the universe and our planet. Science in the UB. Much more
- Eugenics and the opening (too complicated for many readers)
- Eugenics and challenging the Bible as the literal word of God
- Racism, eugenics, and false history as disproved by mitochondrial DNA and other recent science on early humans.
- Adam and Eve, race purification
- eugenics, race, early 20th century language

The life of Jesus. Many of the comments focused on part IV of the Urantia Book on the life and teachings of Jesus:

- Life of Jesus.
- the life of Jesus
- Life of Jesus especially among church
- Jesus being a creator son "equal" to 700 000 more other instead of being the eternal son. The side that talk about genetic control over population to prioritize "stronger/wiser" individual. All the story of Jesus being different that the catholic/christian group believe. Most Christian religious group I went have strong adoration/chanting which is totally lacking in urantia book and readers which is more mental and conceptual sin some ways.
- Jesus live....
- Jesus
- Part IV Life of Jesus
- Jesus teachings
- Section 4
- part four
- The mission of Jesus.,
- The Jesis papers
- Jesus is not the second person of the trinity.
- Jesus Papers. Creator Sons vs Eternal Son. Revelator comments on Christianity. Truth of who "Satan" is. Truths about Jewish religion and people. Program of mortal ascension vs "chosen People.
- Jesus teachings. Earth's origin. Remember, most humans have knee-jerk reactions based on 2000 year old religious writings (bible, etc.). Most come from the perspective that humans on earth are the smartest intelligence other than "people-like angels" and a few other biblical people. They haven't a clue that the universe(s) have been around for zillions of years and that there are innumerable other life forms.
- part four
- the focus on Part IV Life of Jesus. also there needs to be an effort to place an emphasis on the universality of Christ Michael's Gospel being all inclusive instead of solely a Christian approach.
- The religion of Jesus for one.

- The story of Jesus
- Part IV
- Ideas about race.
- The concept of God no
- Life and Teaching of Jesus The very validity of the origins of the book.

God and the Superuniverse. Several participants identified the first three part of the book as specific content that might create resistance:

- The complexities of God and Divinity. Too many Sons of God.
- the concepts about deity maybe it is new for people , and michael bestowals
- All of it
- First half of book!
- The Universe concepts
- All of it
- All of it
- All of it...
- the part about universes and superverses.

Violations of specific Christian beliefs. Some of the comments identified differences between Christian (and occasionally other religions) beliefs and the teaching of the Urantia Book:

- The manner of which the papers came to be. Christ Michael as Jesus. The devil concept. Christ did not die for our sins.
- Church is not needed. Salvation depends on myself
- Teachings concerning the death of Jesus, historicity of the urantia book, some afterlife concepts and the hell fire concept
- some details not found in the holy bible like dead of josph father of Jesus and death of Zacharia father of john the Baptist
- It's stance on the atonement doctrine Life on other worlds The origins of Jesus Fandors
- Lots of stuff about Jesus that the Christians won't like: born of a virgin, atone for our sins, religion about Jesus. It smashes so much of the dogmas.
- some science material, reincarnation
- The atonement doctrine
- Story of Mary and the siblings of Jesus
- 1. Denial of Virgin Birth 2. Disbelief/doubt regarding the origination of the Book
- Criticism of organized religions The Atonement Error
- God not forgiving sins without the death of Jesus! Grant is book does not require death to forgive sins --- will be misunderstood or deliberately misinterpreted !
- Mary wasn't a virgin. God did not require Jesus to die in order to forgive us
- The concept of the Atonement.
- The basis of practice doesn't involve rites, chants, insistence on following certain rules.
- No "Virgin Birth", no "Body and Blood" in the Remembrance Supper, no Atonement Doctrine of sacrifice by Jesus' death.

- The non-virgin birth, 700,000 Creator Sons all God, the real gospel of the kingdom that Jesus and the 12 chosen apostles preached, not the atonement doctrine,... you know. You know. Any Urantia Book believer, especially those who have been "Christians," or have been associated with them, knows what concepts will generate resistance. And the Catholics will be even worse. "Outside of the Catholic Church there is no salvation," they say. What an abomination that church is, calling priests, "Father," and praying to dead human beings. Etc.
- The Adam & Eve Story. Who the authors are. No one is permitted to add additional information about the life and teachings of Jesus.
- Atonement doctrine, Jesus as a son of God and not THE son of God and the concepts God /Gods, Adam and Eve, race
- The difference of the atonement doctrine in the Urantia book compared to most Christian doctrine.
- Not sure but things like folks still see Jesus as a bearded robed man when he is now a planetary wonder.... Oh how about the idea of an adjuster being sent to asset you???
- Trust in God instead of in a human religion-leader. Learn to correct distortions from one's mind.
- Well - it would be viewed as not politically correct - at least if you really dig in and read some of the things. Our present world is still steeped in the Rebellion and it's perverse ideology so it's 180 degrees from the truth.
- Micheal's name. Revealed by 'aliens'. God as the adjuster within.
- Jesus did not die for our sins
- Spirit concept.
- God as a Father (too gender specific, "God as a spiritual parent" seems more acceptable to modern, well-educated secular-oriented people. Also, the ideas about world government and nationalism are going to meet with resistance from those who cannot think beyond "God and country".

Origin of the Urantia Book. There were several who though explaining the authorship and origin of the Urantia Book would lead to resistance:

- The book's origin
- Who wrote it
- The fact that the "papers" were written and materialized from celestial beings. This was the part my brother would not believe.
- The idea of a book in and of itself.
- authorship, Jesus the redeemer
- 1.) The long held "ransom and atonement" concept. 2.) Women as being able to teach Jesus' messages in any group setting, and without being under male supervision or any alleged church "authority". 3) The concepts of hell and purgatory. 4.) Confirmed life, civilization and culture on any other nearby or faraway planets. 5.) All sacred scriptures have "some" truth in them, but that the Bible, Koran, Book of Mormon et al are not exclusively the definitive word of God. There exists error in all of them. 6.) Ecclesiastical authority over the individual believer to attain eternal life is a dead concept.

Shared Experiences

There was a final open-ended question: “Is there anything else you would like us to know about your experiences as a student of the Urantia Book?” A total of 361 participants provided a response to this question. The responses were sorted into 5 themes: 1) Encouragement/gratitude; 2) Personal history; 3) Calls for action; 4) Wisdom; and 5 Appeals.

Encouragement/gratitude. A few were grateful for the survey and for other efforts to support the revelation. Others were more generally grateful for the book:

- So happy to see all the data both on the web and hard copy that present for new and old readers, it has come a long way.
- Lovely job of deliverery
- Thanks for doing this survey!
- There is a place for Urantia now. It's exposure is vitally important. For those who seek, platforms and information is everywhere. We are putting the puzzle together. I'm grateful you are taking the time to gather this info from readers of the book. The channeling of this book isn't the only channeling to happen here in the planet. If your aware, you will know this or come to know it. We must make what is thought on the fringe more commonplace if we are to be fair and transparent. Challenges will always come but the truth isn't known, it's felt. People who are ready will feel it's truth.
- No sir thanks for doing this
- No thank you
- Thanks for doing this survey- good idea!
- Keep up the good work.
- Grateful Daily for the Urantia Book !
- Very thankful for the internet which has immensely broadened opportunities for Urantia Book study and fellowship.
- I'm very grateful for it. I describe myself as both a student of the UB and a student of Paramahansa Yogananda when people ask.
- Be courageous
- I just want to congratulate you for your effort!
- the spirit of the truth is out there; if your looking for it you will find it; I did. having said that; I thank the uranita foundation has done a wonderful job of representing the urantia book.
- correct,still a student after over 50 years with the UB,and my slow comprehension of it's entirety will probably be long after my sojourn on the First Mansion World.
- You have done a wonderful job of protecting the UB. Keep up the good job.
- The UBook has been a very positive influence in my life. I considered myself an atheist when I started reading the UBook. Long before I got to page 2097 I was a God knowing child of God.
- Life changing
- I'm not sure if it is my age or the increased knowledge that comes with 40 years of reading the UB, but I am content and feel little trepidation at the prospect of death.
- I am grateful to have found it before I ascend to the mansions above.

- The book changed my life by giving me the assurance of survival. It collapsed the isms of evolutionary religion. I gave up 'nature worship'. It brought clarity about God as our Universal Father and the Eternal Son. It gave me a better understanding of creation and evolution. My childhood 'why' questions were answered such as: Who is God, Where is God? What is Love, What is friendship, Where did I come from, Where am I going when I die, How do I go to or get to heaven... And then my adult questions such as: Why do we all look different, Why are there so much many different racial groups, Why can't we get along. It answered my scientific and historical questions. Most of all it made me want to sincerely love and serve my fellows. It is helping me to become faith centered and practicing the Fruit of Spirit as Jesus taught his apostles/us now. It keeps me busy and I love it.
- Great spiritual growth!!
- I am very thankful to have received the Urantia papers and the Urantia community are my friends and kindred spirits. Very grateful for all.
- it change my beliefs and my life
- I am celebrating 50 years a reader.
- After many years of study, I realize I'm a beginner. With the amazing ministry of perfecting horizons institute, I'm learning to recognize the parts and the whole, individuality and unity and see it as a philosophical text. Also I've enrolled in university courses on human philosophy to get the bottom up story and get some ideas on where we get to without the help of the revelation. Sorry to say, we just spin our wheels from the bottom up. We need top down revelation to flesh out the story.
- As a child, I never accepted the concept of the crucifixion. So the Urantia Book gave me the explanation I craved! And so many other surprise answers to my Q. Water to wine. Mary's role. Judas. Recently, over the years, I got discouraged that many of the Urantia book readers were not following the ideals of Jesus -more interested in arguing intellectual points, copyright restrictions etc. Arrogant. Many Years ago, I corresponded with "Christy" Emma L. Christensen, [one of the flve Founding Trustees of URANTIA Foundation] about sharing stories of Jesus with children. I am now disappointed that the seeds of Urantia teaching have not flourished. My mind has problems with age and communicating so I did not answer questions about study groups. But hopefully they will be of benefit for true seekers of Truth. I do appreciate you reaching out and the few kind Urantians or the years that responded to me. Thank you PS: I have learned how destructive Bitterness [rooted in disappointment] can be...
- Thankful for the revelation

Personal history. There were a large number of comments that provided personal history or very personal options about the Urantia book, religion, and other topics:

- Overall a good experience. Meeting Christy, the Boulder School, getting to know Mo. They were fun times. The Vern debacle was ridiculous, but hey. :)
- I adore this book and wish I had more time to read it. I currently drive to and from school 4 days a week for a total of an hour a day and listen to the Audio book through the Urantia.org site but this is nowhere near as intimate as reading alone in silence or in study groups. Anyhow blessings to you all and I wish you and yours much health, love, peace, joy and spiritual growth!
- I'm in a stage of life that is generally keeping my attention away from UB involvement.

- Since I put the book down, my life has improved.
- I have very little experience or knowledge of the book, but am very interested. We do carry it in the shop I work at here in Sedona, "The Center for The New Age"
- It is liberating, it brought peace and happiness to my life, it makes sense to me God its purposeful organization and creation, the story of our planet and origin, and it gives me a better understanding of my purpose in life, I don't need to fear the devil or ghosts any more, I feel excited about the future after death, it gave me acceptance as a widow, it widens my perspective of what really matters and helps making life decisions, that and the powerful and incredible narration of Jesus since birth to adulthood.
- Audio libro in very good Spanish
- It has absolutely changed my life and I wish I knew ways to shout this to the world, but that doesn't seem to be the way. So perhaps having more ways to share these moments with other readers would be helpful.
- So simple, and yet so complicated!
- I like UBIS but I don't have time to do the courses
- I would love to attend a course and understand better. Like a three/six months course for each chapter of the four chapters
- I do not like how some study groups are focusing on weirdly dancing and extremely noisy and strange music, the UB is greater than just some people wanna go hysterical !
- It took me 9 years of study to get into a fact-backed, fluent reading of Urantia Book. I went through several of the latest publications regarding physics, biology and archeology, as well as a serious personal development undertaking (Under the Instituto de Semiología - Semiología de la Vida Cotidiana in Mexico, led by Dr. Alfonso Ruiz Soto) along with consistent Zen practice (Under the Zendo de Teotihuacan direction and Dr. Sergio López Ramos). I was able to embrace the reading only after building a solid intellectual and compassionate maturity of understanding. I have been pondering, after lightly sharing little by little my convictions under the Book of Urantia light, how can that background could be hacked. Im working on it, as I also believe that one of my linguistics teachers was -somewhat secretly- working on creating those hacks. Except for Part Three, I believe that studying the Book of Urantia can be a daunting duty, and at the same time I am convinced that the journey is worth it all the while. Nevertheless, spiritual curiosity is not so strong now a days -in my opinion- and people has lost the courage to undertake such an exciting inner pilgrimage. How can us, whom have saw the bight light of it, help into waking that courage, that couriosity?... That is something I think about every day.
- It have made to understand my purpose on earth and to clarified the mission of Jesus
- The Urantia Book has being a blessing for me that moved to the UK 3 years ago. I was part of a community (not related to Urantia Book) and I miss being part of a community here. Would be willing to help form a study group. Thank you
- I am a salvaged faith son of the Paradise Father and our father/brother Christ Michael/Joshua Ben Joseph/Jesus of Nazareth and will help whenever and wherever I can 'till I finally tip over.
- SO FAR NOTHING AT ALL BECAUSE I THINK I ALREADY LEARN A LOT.
- I keep in the closet around Christians. My "new age" friends are sometimes open to it, but like their "past life" belief system and karma stuff. it's hard to find people ready for it, though we do share.

- Unfortunately, I have not been able to spend much time in the past few years to read much of the book. When I do have time, and energy, it would be nice to have a more local group or community. At the same time, I've never had a thoroughly positive experience with "church" so would like to see that the Urantia community doesn't become too dogmatic.... not saying that we have!!! I just don't like the feeling of "club"-iness when it comes to religion. I should also state that I have not sought out or made use of all the resources out there for the UB, so I can't say I wish there were more. I do wish there were more people in my everyday life that knew about the UB.
- I find the stories of how people found this book fascinating.
- I was tipped off to the existence of the UB by looking up some unfamiliar words in song lyrics by a band called 'Deadsy'. Once I located the book, I took one glance at the index and in that instant I knew I had found 'the answer'.
- I want to know what's next and how will we know when we are ready for what's next... They gave us this book in preparation for something apparently imminent with a focus on the otherworldly realms. I want to know where we are going and when, and who will lead us out of the catastrophes that weigh upon us...
- I find it hard to listen to the Blogtalk radio because of the talking over all the other hosts...If they could visually "see" each other then each person can talk when they raise their hand and the leader can pick who talks next. Too many people calling in and talking is too distracting.
- I know that Jesus is the Son of God and our only Way to eternal life. Had a very personal revelation of that in early 1989. I believe that the Antichrist will appear soon, and I am sincerely hoping that the Urantia Book won't be used to promote that personage. The book seems to have been carefully written by some very intelligent fallen angelic personalities.
- I am more interested in developing a connection with my Thought Adjustor and deepening my understanding of the whole Urantia book. Much of this feels like solo work. In time perhaps there will be more of a pull to connect/share with others.
- I started reading 30 years ago at the age of 21 and I've struggled with the ostensible absence of growth in the movement (at least in the U.S.) to advance awareness and readership in the book during that time. I know it is meant "for a future generation" and that could mean we are still in a latency period. However, much as this survey is perhaps rooted in the same quandary, my own desire to advance awareness of the book is hindered by concepts that I feel are relics of beliefs in the 1930s (e.g., racial mixing and eugenics) and are now contentious obstacles to adoption by those who are the most likely to read the book.
- As I mentioned above, my one experience with the online class was not very satisfying and so I would not be so inclined to do it again; this just further contributes to my lack of knowledge about the book
- there are too many urantia organizations - it is confusing for someone new and searching for community
- I have the audio cassette version and the MP3 and have it downloaded on my computer and transfer it to my cell phone and listen to it over and over and over again while walking my dogs. It's pretty clear that they new this would pretty much unfold like this before the Bible was written. The Luciferian's orgy of death and destruction is coming to an end. they are hammering us with 5G, vaccinations mixed, Agenda 21 microwaving fires, subliminal messaging in broadcast and movies, satanic cult initiation visuals, poisons in food, poisons to drop our

sperm count, mind control - all death by a thousand cuts. The Universal Governance has tolerated them like the Book of Job. Their reign soon will come to an end. Earth will swallow the Dragon's torrent. We will enter the promised land and start to heal, mend, raise our vibration and graduate. Don't use the Urantia Book like the person who took the one coin and buried it only to keep it safe for the master when he returns. Have you heard of "From the Christ Mind"? or "Jesus, My Autobiography"? Peace be with you.

- I studied with a teacher for 30 years. It helped me to understand the complexity of the material.
- I think it is a mistake to use FaceBook to share the teachings. Social media is not very social in my view. Facebook is a very questionable organization. I do not use it, probably never will.
- I love this book! It has revealed truth to me in a real life living way!
- All Urantia readers I have met are fundamentalists and consider everyone is limited on Earth until they fuse with their thought adjusters. I know people who have read the book over ten times and still have misunderstandings about the material.
- I made some amazing friendships over the years. Unfortunately, my dear friends were older and they're gone now, so it behooves me to make friends with other UB readers who are still here.
- It has changed my life for the better.
- My 30-45 year old kids are avid readers, participate in study groups and have no interest in conferences. Maybe we burned them out when they were little.
- Not yet really. I studied for a few years, then had a family, etc. and only recently got back to it. I seem to be growing closer to accepting it as it states it is, but am still somewhat skeptical.
- I would like to see more efforts directed at helping people LIVE the teachings rather than being involved in a cult about the book.
- It revolutionized my thinking about most everything - I see the world, life and others in a way that would seem completely foreign to others.
- Only that the Urantia Book returned me to God, turning me away from an agnostic existence (that had resulted from having been educated by a very conservative denomination from elementary school through my undergrad. college years)
- Enjoying the expanse of thought and new ideas.
- It took the fear out of my life...so be unafraid to disseminate it.
- It has made a huge enhancement in my life and testimony
- I have tried to align my thinking and learning with my painting and artwork. I hope that someday this may help others to find their way.
- I was lucky enough to spend time at the foundation when forum members were still alive
- Service work has helped engage me with new friends and increased understanding
- I believe in it 100%. It is our guide to the future.
- It has shaped my entire adult life, and has enabled me to associate with high-quality people.
- I have really enjoyed the videos online. I have learned a lot from the instructional videos hosted by very knowledgeable people. Especially on the topics of the universe as a whole and the ascending planets. It is a lot of information to understand and work through alone.
- Not unless we can clone the old Boulder-Denver study groups and their activities!
- Chris Halvorson saved me from a shallow understanding of Revelatorial English. Learned more in the last few years than in the previous four decades+ of study.

- I have read the book 3 times in 11 years and I still feel like the information is unknown to me. At the same time, I can tell you the Urantia Book info changed my life completely.
- The Urantia Book is just what was missing in my life, I feel that I'm much closer to Jesus and the Universeill Father
- I have been a participant in or leader of study groups since 1972. I currently host/lead a group.
- Like all scriptures, daily reading, pondering, and prayer open the mind to the truths we need to know and deeply understand. I find that as I study, I am understanding more and more.
- It's been a life-saving revelation...each time I read it I learn more and I shudder to think where/what I would've become without this Revelation.
- I carry the book around me wherever I go and am frequently asked about it which often leads very interesting discussions about Spiritual matters in general which is one of my favorite topics. I am also a huge science fiction fan and often see connections with the Urantia Book. I am also a recovering alcoholic and go to AA Meetings on a regular basis which being a spiritual program often lead to my bringing up the Urantia Book since I'm always carrying it with me.
- Urantia Book has been my bible since I left home. If I hadn't seen it at a friend's house, I never would have known about it. In the 1970s the book was kept behind the counter and not on display. I have not had much success getting others to spend time reading it. Thank goodness it's gone digital and I can read it on my kindle.
- I look forward to the mansion worlds
- Group study has really deepened my understanding of the book.
- It's been like pushing a boulder up a hill.
- I worry much less since studying this newest news and connecting with the spirit power.
- I wish there was quality fiction - good stories - based on the Urantia book.
- It truly changed my life.
- Study groups sometimes attract people from fringe New Age or occult belief systems.
- I am not called to be or do anything for the 5th ER other than what I am currently doing.
- It has given me peace of mind about life and an inner calm I did not have before reading it. I've lost my fear of death, and want to tell the world about this amazing revelation.
- It took courage to get the book in circulation initially and I'm grateful to those who made that happen. If I read the Urantia book correctly I think it stated that a major religion would be the one to introduce it further. I'm hoping to be around when that day comes.
- It has made a difference in my life.
- Electronic connection is better than none, but face to face is best. Without some human interpersonal relationships as a foundational framework, even the necessary efforts to develop a movement on line will be significantly hobbled.
- I grew up a Christian, but life experiences made me agnostic. Finding the UB not only restored my Faith but multiplied it many times over. The UB has the Ring of Truth to it, and the Fingerprints of God all over it. The UB is the most important book to ever appear on earth to date. It will prove to be a Classic by Mortimer J. Adler's definition.
- It has helped me in my growth.
- It has expanded my consciousness of what is reality and the meaning of life..eternal life! Also, that I am an extension of God the Absolute! I AM Son of God and a Son of Man! A priceless revelation of self! Much appreciation and gratitude for this revelation...The Urantia Book!

- The single biggest encouragement to shift my allegiances from the material to the spiritual.
- I have been to some International Conferences. I went with my mom. She was my support. I have had no work. I learned of the UB from a psychologist I was seeing and he recommended it after I told him I joined the Masons. I underlined all the Clyde Bedell selections in one book I had but it was not returned by the daughter of a minister. Very disappointed in that. A Methodist minister's daughter.
- I learned about the book from a friend, and I trust this friend so I looked. I think this is the best way for people to engage others. And I know it takes more than one introduction, as people need something to cross their path at least 7 times before they engage. So again, maybe small cards that one could carry and hand out to friends as the occasion presents itself, with web sites and resources on on the card.
- It has changed my life, because it took every question I ever had about why we are here, and answered them all! Of course it also answered many questions I had never thought to ask!!
- I completed this survey not because I consider myself a "reader". The entire culture of "the Urantia Book assumes that just because someone has the "revelation" and uses it as a spiritual resource they want to be called "a reader". My religious identity is no more relevant as a ""reader" of The Urantia Book, than my identity as a ""reader" of Huckleberry Finn". Humans do not become readers, just because they have read them.
- The Urantia Book has been and continues to be the most important positive influence in my life. I am eternally grateful! Other than passing on its teachings to my sons, I have not been able (and stopped trying long ago) to interest any friends or family (even my spouse) in reading the book. Three years ago after an absence of 40 years, I returned to my childhood religion in an effort to quietly shine a light. I have no idea if this is making a difference or not at this time.
- Reading the book, thus far, has made my life more complete...
- Life changing. Thank you!
- My husband read the Urantia Book for almost 40 years. He felt that there was nothing in the book that conflicted with our Christian beliefs. I never read most of it but he occasionally read it to me. He recently passed - to whatever comes next and I promised him I would read the Urantia book. He told me to start with Jesus and go backwards. I guess I am ready now and I need some suggestions.
- I loved my early years spent in the company of some very brilliant teachers of the U.B Revelations, I hope to reconnect on the mansion worlds, Unfortunately, I became quite ill and my intellectual gathering have diminished, but I would really like to offer that I have also gained much by the Pagette revelations, and truly I have deep belief that these two 20th century revelations should be taught "hand in hand or heart so to speak. The heart of the Lord Michael Christ is Mercy, and the heart of Our Eternal Father is Divine Love.
- I have read the Urantia Book at least 14 times, "cover to cover". I have a very scientific background, and I enjoy the "latest science breakthrough / discovery" that verifies science / cosmology contained in the UB.
- I've incorporated the UB in social functions and EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS locally in Pueblo, Co as often as possible. Even had the 2014 USA MISS EARTH pose for a photo with the Urantia Book on ED 2017,
- Would have loved a face to face group in the first 15 years of my journey. Last 25 years the walk and relationship have been enough.

- Really interested in the book. Not interested in a fellowship. I do like the indexing and readability within your fellowship website.
- Reading, studying & discussing the UBook has been one of the best experiences/influences of my life. It's given me a cosmic perspective on life. It's greatly expanded my thinking. It helps me stay in a good mood most of the time. It's greatly increased my knowledge of God. It eliminated my fear of death. It's made me try harder to love others the way I love myself.
- It has brought much joy and happiness interacting with like hearts and minds who make the world a better place to reside.
- Still learning my own way cause I cant find any deaf friends who are hungering to dig for the truth or willing to share with me. Anyway, I keep reading it. Also an Abundant Hope website, Christ Letters, Hazel Sinanan, etc.
- Why my willingness to be like Jesus in the written and spoken words that I have asked to be seen and heard HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN.
- It alone gave me what we would call "faith." It has brought for me "a peace that passes all understanding." I am a strong supporter of translations. The world needs this book.
- So weary of Urantia folks associating the Urantia Book with Christianity or other organized religions. The only thing of importance to me is my own personal spiritual experience and sharing the UB with other individuals. I'm a progressive Jesusonian, not Christian or any other organizational religion and Jesus did not start the Christian religion. This was the well intentioned but misguided effort on the part of Paul, Peter, and others. The message our Master tried to impart to us was the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and living a life of service.
- I do have some questions, and would really enjoy being able to ask the questions through an online study group.
- Quite simply, it changed my life.
- Regular attendance at my Sunday Study is part of my spiritual practice.
- Have read entire TUB 15 times. Almost finished 16th read. My husband is a reader since 1982...I was later to start to read. I did listen to my husband.....thought it boring....hehe... how dumb of me....!!!!!!
- Yes, in more recent time, ... (say the past three (3) decades) I have first-hand experience, along with many others, of Earth Humans having various definite and positive contacts with E.T.'s/Angelic Beings/ other Cosmic Co-Creators who have come to assist Earth Humanity as we progress further into/toward the Ascension Process. How to included this meaningful data/information into a relevant discussion about the Urantia Book data ...
- Only that I am blessed to have come across the book through another reader.
- I love the Urantia Book and continue to enjoy studying the book, even after all these years.
- I have found the Jesus Papers most compelling and a wonderful expansion of what we know about the person orf Jesus.
- For me, it's become critical to maintain a wide arrange of spiritual and intellectual input/ involvement with outside sources. I do not want the book to become a fetish; we must not become insular or cultish.
- I truly appreciate your efforts in administration and outreach. I served on the General Council for nine years. I saw much that made me proud to be involved.
- Reading the book has changed my life in many wonderful ways.

- Reading the book answered many questions from my childhood. It's a keeper! Keep up the good work.
- Too many leftists and immoral people infiltrating the solid groups. That includes your group. I am a conservative student-teacher of this Revelation.
- Harder to have a study group in a new age environment, and anti-Christianity or religious beliefs. People generally want one liners or quick reads. Hard to find anyone to actually read the whole book. We have given many out only to have them returned because of anti-religious beliefs.
- I gave a Beatitudes presentation at the 2004 IUA conference in Chicago and hope to do so again in 2021 in Peru.
- 50 years reading, this year.
- I am concerned that some readers are identifying the UB with Christianity, that all readers are, in fact, Christians, which we are, in fact, NOT.
- I think it's the most important book in the world, especially with the story of Jesus.
- Wonderful Revelation that has added so much to my understanding of life, myself and others while stimulating my desire to learn more, teach others and enjoy life in the moment. Expanded my world view to include the cosmos and helped me envision a friendly family of creative beings, maintained and directed by a Loving Source and Center, the Father of All.
- For me, the book is personal. I turn to it all the time, but unfortunately religion is failing in the United States and I'm getting the impression that the Urantia Book is also not getting as much attention as it used to get. I also believe we need to take politics out of study groups. I left a group because one member had the attitude of "it's my way or the highway."
- It continues to change my life as I read deeper
- I need to spend more time studying it. The recordings make it much easier to "read it" while getting things done. Listen to it over and over and you will get parts missed before due to distractions.
- I have given away more than 100 books to friends and acquaintances without having anyone fully reading it. But I have been asked by a number of people if I had read it. I am now aware that many readers prefer anonymity
- I have been locked out of most online sites because of information that was partially entered when I was cut off. When I tried to re-register, I was told I was already registered and since this old information has proven impossible to erase, I am blocked.
- I have learned from unfortunate experiences to be very wise in discussing the book. That is why, I usually wait to be asked about the book before discussing it with anyone who is not a Reader. That is why I will say - I went to a UB Conference, my Tuesday's are reserved for UB Study Group, it is on my business card, etc.
- It has been very important in my personal, spiritual, journey in my life, even though it has been an independent one.
- I believe I'm one of the luckiest individuals on earth due to the Urantia revelation falling into my hands.
- As a air show skydiver I have been interviewed for news papers and written articles for newspapers. I always get the Urantia Book mentioned.
- I don't know is there anything else yet see my book else at: <https://lnkd.in/fg3pm27> in thesis URL's file found the Universe & Cosmology everything else.

- Been to some groups. They act cult-like and will not let people gather in small groups to chat. It seems very controlled and not what the Urantia Book would want people to act like. Getting this info to others isn't about oppressing them or "converting" them. It is about opening minds!
- It brought me closer to God , it made me have peace.
- I was gifted a copy of TUB in 1990, I was about 26. At that point it amazed but did not resonate with me at that point in my life, the parts on race did not make comfortable reading for someone with my level of understanding. Many years later I re connected with the person who had originally given me my first copy, he was still into it and I felt drawn to it again. My older eyes read with much more understanding. When people are ready to read it they will. In my opinion TUB is spreading across our little sphere quite well, slow but steady. These are very early days for an epochal revelation! God bless.
- I have to study alone as I have not yet met anyone else that is either studying it or will admit to studying it.
- I do not regularly read the UB now. I am not involved with the organisation apart from receiving online newsletters and i donate when i can. I do crave connection with others. I have requested to be a contact in my area but that role is currently occupied by my ex-husband. It would be great to if you could post videos of study groups.
- I love the UB!
- Very negative experience of communications with UF and UAI.It costed me too lot.A peace of my health,5 years wasted and a lot of money.
- Since the Urantia 'movement' became a second hand religion 'about' a book, I have been disinterested in being part of it.
- How is a fraud named Neil Donovan was able to publish a book called The Urantia Book to which he claims to be the conduit? Are there any UB readers offering guidance to UB readers about publications claiming to reveal info about the UB? 65 years after availability of UB, it remains relatively unknown. A quote from the Quran 43:78 "Verily We have brought the Truth to you; but most of you have a hatred for Truth." You may also be interested that Quran refers to UB 3:184 "the Book of Enlightenment"; 5:15 "a perspicuous Book"; & 5:111-115 even reveals Jesus requesting Allah to send down the UB, & Allah's Reply. I believe Book of Revelation 21:1-7 refers to the UB. Much Prophecy has been Fulfilled since 1996. Messiah David was revealed to Nation & religious leaders in 1996. Urantia Foundation members in Australia & Chicago were ALSO notified last century. Probably did not fit into their misinformed preconceived ideas, & thus rejected.
- My personal experience of the Urantia book has been nothing short of a BLESSING. I would, however like to clarify a kind of incident. About a year ago I was involved in another spiritual community on line and through their physical Encampments in Boulder Colorado: www.newmessage.org I advocate on Facebook and gather in on-line study groups to comprehend these vast Revelations, as well. Finding no disjunct between the two regions of revelations, I'd studied them both in tandem. However, at one juncture, one of my fellow students found inconsistencies between the two sets of scriptures. As I say, I personally don't have a problem with any disjuncts between the two bodies of material, but as it tuned out it was cause for my friend's departure from the New Message from God World Wide Community. The ideological details around her departure from these Revelations received by Marshall Vian Summers and her movement to The Urantia Book, are not so important as for me to take this

opportunity to point it out, only with the hope of hearing from someone within your community. I had corresponded with (Paula) briefly about this material. My curiosity is benign but genuine in desiring to hear from someone experienced and knowledgeable with URANTIA about how these two profoundly important spiritual "camps" can communicate. I had "turned" my friend "onto" The Urantia Book and although I was delighted that she so loved and "got" it, we've now lost touch entirely. Of course there's nothing to solve here, except as I say to probe my curiosity as to whether there might be anyone who is either knowledgeable about www.newmessage.org or will to read some of it and get back to me? scotkyle@gmail.com Faithful Urantia Book reader and Student of The new Message from God. (all over on line for free access and download) THANKS.

- I am amazed I had never heard about Urantia book in all my theology training until a few months back. I have been pondering on my financial constraints in wanting to disseminate the astonishing revelations from Urantia. Is there even a University that supports this book?
- made me realize Jesus is who he said he was - the Son of God and the Son of Man
- After more than 40 years of studying the book, I've developed sufficient master of key topics to be able to add useful comments, like on YouTube video comments sections for places like the Atheist ones.
- As far as I can tell, reincarnation is refuted in the Urantia Book. This and the absence of Jesus's marriage to Mary Magdalene (see "Jesus My Autobiography") as well as the non-identifiable authors curtail my reading or promoting the book.
- I have yet to meet a UB reader who has taught me much of anything about the work of the peacemaker in the modern world.
- My life flows with a vision of a bigger picture. Difficulties are easier to see as a part of this eternal adventure.
- Many concepts are difficult to understand.
- It changed my life.
- I'm profoundly moved by these Revelations and believe that it's useful for students of the UB to sometimes describe some of their journey toward arrival at it. I'm currently a devoted Student of the Revelations coming through Marshall Vian Summers in Boulder Colorado: www.newmessage.org ...just as profound, moving and vast as the UB Revelations, in my view and strongly believe it would be globally constructive to have some kind of communication and/or dialogue between these two bodies - communities -societies.
- It takes patience and artfulness in how we decide we are going to bring up the UB in our conversations...skills I have yet to hone. Because at first we were SO excited about this motherlode, we blasted people away. Today, I do my best just to mention the Creator when I can and if there are any "takers", I go slowly from there. My recent reintroduction to the New Testament via the Christ Experiment has shown me that the 2 books truly go hand in hand.
- Where do aliens fit into the Urantia story line? How do other dimensions fit into the Urantia story line?
- My life has gone from one of wander to one of wonder.
- I love my URANTIA book!
- Whenever I attended any meeting, the people there treated me like a stranger, an enemy, even though I came hoping to share Genuine Affection, expecting to find a home, with Like-Minded Persons on Earth! It seems people were most interested in illusionary power, position, and

prestige! Every so often I would give it another try again, but the same results, it seems the members were Blind?

- I read The Life and Teachings of Jesus at a critical time in my life and it had a very positive effect. Now, years later, I am reading it again.....
- I find the complimentary writings of Mary Ebben Livingston and Richard E. Warren to be very helpful in my understanding of the U B.
- I BELIEVE WE ARE ENTERING A TIME WHEN THE METAPHYSICAL AND RELIGIOUS WORLDS WILL FIND MORE COMMON GROUND THROUGH THE MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE 3 D WORLD.
- I have trouble with the sexist language and for that reason, I don't pick up the book often anymore. It is very frustrating for me.
- Yes. I am shocked that so few people have even heard of the Book, and no one I can share it with.
- Life changing
- It has been most helpful in putting to rest the mental confusion that inevitably arises in studying organized religions. Has filled in many gaps and answered many troubling questions.

Calls for action. A number of the comments were about what should be done or what should not be done about the Urantia Book and its dissemination:

- Feel we could all serve more
- Apply the revelatory Conciliating Commission online document...
- A lot of us have spent years, decades, reading writing and sharing the UB and it only seems right that we get the chance to help spread the word.
- Find readers not associated with Study Groups
- would like more diagrams and charts
- I think the UB movement is turning into a cult. You should just publish the book, in print and online, and leave it at that. Don't try to form organizations around the UB. People can read it for themselves and grow in relation to/with Spirit on their own.
- Further response to above question. Of course there will be resistance from established groups, but we will only become vulnerable to these influences if we allow ourselves to become divided against each other, as we've already seen. We stand united in our regard for the book as the fifth epochal revelation of God to man, even though we may disagree on the interpretation of the material. We agree that this book is a gift to all people on Urantia, and we defer to our organizational leadership in cases of internal strife. No person or group of persons has exclusive rights to its interpretation. If the book is helping someone to grow closer to God, find internal peace, and serve their fellow humans, all may rest assured that that person is using the book correctly
- Yes. Be careful when telling other people especially Christians about the Urantia book or you will end up getting the wrong reaction. In particular you are family members. Don't let your enthusiasm end up turning people off regarding the Urantia book. Try to be tactful and careful
- There is a serious lack of organization and vision for the Urantia Community. A new approach is desperately needed. Look at the Baha'i approach. They are setting up great Baha'i architectural buildings in every country of the world. They are uniting other Baha'i's contributions to establish

the vision and expertise to constructing incredible Houses of worship for the Baha'i world community.

- we just need to create that critical mass that will bring the rest of the world together
- We need to learn to live the teachings and encourage one another to do so. If we use just the UB as a guide we should all be helping each other turn our lives over to God, as a priority!!
- Message to the UB council; tread carefully and softly as this revelation is meant for another age. Secularists and authoritarian religious types will not accept these truths at this time. The book should be easily obtainable- that's it.
- As long as we don't establish The Urantia Book with an identity that can be publicly understood, it will be difficult to spread the book. Are we a religion, a religious movement, or a what?
- The book should never be associated with any political, economic, regional or cultural groups or issues. It's focus should remain spiritual, not of this world, as Jesus described the kingdom of God. I don't want to ever see a "religious right" or a "religious left" form as has happened with Christianity. That would be toxic to what the book teaches.
- As I stated earlier, it seems like most of the information about the Urantia Book is very dated and the videos are terribly old. It just seems like no one is really wanting to put it out there from the Organization.
- Have to approach the Book with an unbiased mind.
- I strongly support UB translation into other languages, but don't feel dissemination of the book is or should be our primary objective. Training teachers and leaders who go out and share the good news (and I don't mean hand out Urantia Books) is high on my sense of the divine priorities.
- Spread the GOSPEL, as the Book says. Share religious experience with other religious believers.
- I don't think it's the book that needs to get out there; it's the teachings.
- I don't think starting yet another church is the answer. Personally, not being Christian, I would not have given it a second thought if it WERE connected to any organized church.
- Always remember, spreading the U-book is a grass roots movement. One of the greatest selling points we offer to prospects : "there is no church to join, no missionaries will knock on your door & you can read it on-line for free! That's a gift of revelation! Please don't ever allow any church to be formed in our name - there're already too many out there & one of our greatest selling points indeed!
- The organizations must have regular contact with independent entities that can reflect back to Urantia based groups where they exhibit cult-like behavior and are not following the tenets they profess to believe and live by. Genuine spiritual experience and growth requires more than just a sufficient number of members and money in the bank.
- There is too much arguing! The leadership of the various organizations needs to really take seriously Jesus' statements about spiritual unity, not intellectual uniformity, and to model this behavior for their respective memberships. Until we can demonstrate that we love each other, we are never going to be very attractive.
- We must strongly use influence on our democratic principles, as a right to support our beliefs.
- Too much book worship and study, Not enough service opportunities
- I would like to see more effort put into reaching families and children.
- The Urantia movement should never be turned into a church!

- I believe the best way to pass on the teachings in the UB is to live it. When others are attracted to your life, they will ask you about your beliefs.
- We are commissioned by Jesus to go out and share the good news. I believe it's important to be forward looking and analyze what the book tells us about how we might help our planetary administration move towards light and life. I am in favor of sharing the Urantia Book with those who are interested, but I don't think that disseminating copies of the book will lead us to Light and Life. We are asked to train spiritual leaders and teachers, share the good news, and reflect the life of Jesus, not pass out books.
- Well, a simple question this is! (Just don't expect a simple answer.) The Urantia Book was written by non-humans who (and I am trying to be kind towards them) were not used to speaking English. Their style of writing is very stilted and frankly comes across as though a computer ran through the language and wrote the text. These factors when combined with my dyslexia mean that I really don't get much out of reading the text (I am a sight reader and although I have memorized a few thousand words the text of the book is a cause for confusion). There's no way of going back and having a conversation with the authors and suggesting that they try again but this time with an English major and a couple of High School Science teachers. I guess that means that it is up to us, the readers, to write an Idiot's Guide to the Book of Urantia and find some English majors and scientists who can help explain the facts as they are presented in a manner that someone with a 6th grade reading level could appreciate.
- Increasing decisiveness and increasing sincerity - the willing to allow oneself to be spirit-led - pledging oneself ever-momentarily to the will and way of our Paradise Father, along with a willingness to let go of every emotion, thought, thought-image and belief which has no survival value is the key to increasing self-mastery and the conjointly supremacy dominance of the personality and spirit-dominance of mind over matter.
- I believe it is more important to share the teachings of the book with the world rather than the Book itself. We should be doing what the revelators tell us to do, and nowhere does it tell us to spread the Book.
- STOP identifying UB readers as Christians.
- Continued revelation and discourse with Celestials openly to maturing and sensitive spiritual persons.
- You might have asked what else we're doing now with regards to the UB>.
- The TRUTHS, within the Urantia Book; Takes away the common. Peoples emotional false beliefs. Give local referrals, into open discovery groups, at coffee houses.
- As with the evolution of the Urantia Book study groups, so too is it a need to evolve. teach, and sponsor a group of individuals dedicated to the obvious question of just how best to progressively disseminate to the evolving humanity of this world -- the revelatory truths as revealed in the Urantia Book.
- read THE URANTIA REVOLUTION by Malcolm Locke
- See my website, UrantiaBookProjects.org (I'm Jeff Wattles) . . . the website is anonymous since I'm mainly working on reaching out with the teachings to non-Urantia Book readers.
- Most readers are afraid to approach non-readers about the book so they "preach to the choir" - other readers. The teachings need to be broken down into very simple concepts that can be conveyed to non readers without the use of the "Book". As a group, we need to stop obsessing about "intellectualizing" the UB and start sharing the teachings through love and simplicity.

- I think it is important to disseminate the TEACHINGS (The Universal Creator loves us. Treat others as Jesus treated humans. Study the life Jesus lived to emulate that life.) and not the book, itself. If people are curious, I am happy to share books with them, but since it is available on line for free, they can choose to explore it themselves and move forward to purchase the book if so inclined.
- After all is read and done, the Master leads me to leave the UBook reader fold to serve my fellows as I pass by, having a knowledge base which I can share on their level of understanding. Them closer to God and God closer to them.
- Let the world know much about urantia book.
- When I started sharing the book it was unknown for most of people now it has been differnt a lot of people has heard of it and some are not convinced it is a good book so resistance is a product of good work in disseminating
- I think we need more study groups in the Uk. There is really only one and it is a lot of travelling to attend face to face and they don't like using zoom. So I rely on the PHI and SOS archives (they are live at about 2:00 am my time). More work needed in the UK definitely.
- The biggest challenge in LIVING the Jesus message and the 5th Epochal Revelation seems to be NOT mentioning some strange-sounding new book, but rather following the actual and UBook-described teachings of Jesus and attracting rather than contending with truth-seekers and spiritual searchers anywhere on the planet. We don't have to thump our BigBlueBook at all to anyone. Absorb, create avenues to sharing your personally experienced good news, and mention the URANTIA Book only if Absolute-ly necessary.
- However tempting,, Urantia fellowships or any other group should not be monetized. You will run into the same issues churches are experiencing today.
- The big picture is that there are 1.3 billion Chinese and no Urantia book version for them. My argument is that it could take off like wildfire if we make this available. In a few short years South Korea is 50% Christian, a remarkable translation.
- Let the Thought Adjuster lead everone in exploring the Book
- www.spiritualspectrum.org
- lol! For too long the decision makers in the organizations have neglected to go to the readers: in smaller groups with the intent to develop a real and meaningful support systems for service and fellowship. In my lifetime I did not have the monetary ability to travel to many conferences and when I did it was often the same ten people who presented ideas with little involvement from the attendees, very little has been established to welcome those who are new readers- we can not go back in time and begin to establish home studies- that ship has sailed. We can however draw from the wealth of seasoned students to create zoom groups for study and fellowship that is not based on "personality of leader" but rather on the value of each persons unique viewpoints. Training leaders in this skill is essential! The day of the individual as figurehead is done, it is time to learn new skills as facilitators of the brotherhood.
- Make available to churches by reaching out to the pastors
- I am afraid that the organization will be come an other new church.
- If we are seen as living the teachings, they will find the book.
- All my life I have tried to help people with little true success. But since I began reading and teaching the Papers, I have had great success in bring this good news to those in trouble. The youth of the world are hungry for these truths and it would be rapidly accepted around the

world, if only we could get it into the public awareness. My suggestion would be to start a GoFundMe account and make it such that anyone who donates, say \$50, could submit a name and address of someone to send a copy of the book. I would recommend all politicians, teachers, religious leaders, native Americans, and any other group that needs to understand the truth and be willing to follow it wherever it leads us.

- Regarding the translation to other languages, the Foundation and Fellowship should coordinate to create/ select one advanced version, so as to avoid disharmony among local readers.
- Try to be human in your messages to readers and stop preaching or talking down to them.
- The German translation needs an overhaul. Sentences are often too long and too difficult to understand, at least in part 1 and 2
- put it more in simpler terms
- Where are the people the revelation has been here for 65 Years.
- My regret that so little has been done in England to bring together readers of the Book.
- There seems to be an over emphasis on dissemination without understanding and reflection. Trying to encourage people to read the book without their real interest helps nobody.

Wisdom. Some of the comments were reflections or thoughts that convey wisdom about life and about one's relationship with the Urantia Book:

- A good student acts as a teacher, and a great teacher always remains a student.
- ...it's intriguing that more readers have yet to truly take care of their health more fervently
- need much more scientific help with in-depth questions, and many readers cannot answer the questions
- Awakening and evolution of the soul.
- People find it hard to detach themselves from their religious affiliations. They don't want to believe in anything else besides their supposed holy book. They resist the brotherhood of men. They believe that God's love is for only believers of their religion especially for Christians.
- Nothing you would not know by experience too. :)
- No matter how we approach this, we will get resistance. But, depending on the civil laws of the country, maybe we don't really need to worry about resistance. If we give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, then we ought not be worried about giving the things which are God's to God.
- Some of the language in the book sounds racist and would pose a challenge in disseminating the book and developing study groups in Africa.
- Although it is logical to keep the front identifiable, it must be perceivable as spiritually enlightening branch.
- Where I think the Urantia book readers need to be strong to share Urantia book knowledge is: The Universal Father love for all The main Father commandment, be perfect as I am. The understanding of evolution through the morontia, growing toward more wisdom, more patience, becoming stronger than the animal recreational nature of our origin. Most people to be happy believing or not in God, feel better when they have this feeling that life is progressing and not stagnating, Urantia book is a revelation of near eternal progress toward a better state of the temporal universe and the beings living in it. Urantia teach us about cooperation and true brotherhood of souls.

- I'm really grateful and amazed how people are working to let other people know about it, but don't forget. This is a 1000 year project and I think we must proceed slow and precocious. The book reach the people, when they are ready for it, never before. People need to be hungry for truth and also there are other ways, where people find God and is not going to be through the UB. We need to respect that as well. Our task is to grow to love our brothers and sisters and find the way how to serve in this world, so it becomes a better one and we become better persons...
- The books are educative
- Not everyone is ready for the UB, and many never will be (in our lifetimes). But it would be unwise to aggressively disseminate it based on our selfish and short-sighted timetable. I'm not concerned about resistance from religious or political groups - those with eyes will see, with ears will hear. I think the 12-step (anonymous) programs say it best: "ours is a program of attraction not promotion."
- There is a LOT more information in the Urantia Book than first meets the eye, if you learn to "read between the lines".... just as people have learned to do with the Bible over the millennia.
- Jesus said that an old wine skin will crack if given new wine. Most Christians are old wine skins, so our efforts should be with new wine skins.....
- Love it and living it. Learning and being the will of God. It is the good news. Revelation, a blessing sent. To stand in the presence of the Master is to be of service to all.
- Jesus, our Universe Master made His desires very clear. "Jesus endeavored to make clear to his apostles the difference between his teachings and his life among them and the teachings which might subsequently spring up about him. Said Jesus: "My kingdom and the gospel related thereto shall be the burden of your message. Be not sidetracked into preaching about me and about my teachings. Proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and portray my revelation of the Father in heaven but do not be misled into the bypaths of creating legends and building up a cult having to do with beliefs and teachings about my beliefs and teachings." But again they did not understand why he thus spoke, and no man dared to ask why he so taught them." ~ Jesus 138:6.3 Jesus did not need to refer to a book. He referred to our indwelling Paradise Father as the One who releases our soul 'powers' in order to bring an uplift one person at a time. Once a group of individuals have attained their indwelling Paradise Father for themselves they have living truths and expanding spiritual insights directly from God and His associates. The book is a wonderful revelation but it will never be a sufficient substitute for personal revelation from the indwelling Thought Adjusters to their personal subjects. Our Revelators never intended for the 'word made book' to become a tool to study or discuss 'about' God. We are to present the religion OF God and His Son. There is no spiritual power in promoting a book. However, there is Spiritual Power in promoting our indwelling Paradise Father. "And now I declare to you that I, if I be lifted up on earth and in your lives, will draw all men to myself and into the fellowship of my Father." ~ Jesus 174:5.13 Jesus has spiritual drawing power. 33:1:3 Our Creator Son exerts the same spiritual drawing power, spirit gravity, from the headquarters of the local universe that the Eternal Son of Paradise would exert if he were personally present on Salvington, and more; this Universe Son is also the personification of the Universal Father to the universe of Nebadon. Creator Sons are personality centers for the spiritual forces of the Paradise Father-Son. Creator Sons are the final power-personality focalizations of the mighty time-space attributes of God the Sevenfold. We will consistently, discreetly and Zealously

promote Jesus and His gospel message of "the kingdom that dwells within" all of God's children on our world.

- Now is the time to break out with the true nature of our existence as discussed in the Urantia Book.
- I think the Urantia Book finds its readers and in my experience giving it to people who are not looking is a waste of time. Perhaps more people are getting ready now and hopefully there will be books ready for them. I don't think there is a way of a need to force it. When people are ready they will find it.
- The book cannot be surpassed as a tangible source in the confirmation of advanced worlds and experiences above and beyond Earth, including the spirit realms and the infinite.
- Separate those who window shop for a religion outreach programs from sincere followers, disciplines and Holy Spirit anointed who have Angels God Yah visit them in dreams visions Acts 2:17
- I think there are very few people who really understand the book and study it deeply. That makes things difficult on many fronts.
- Spiritual awakening
- Very enlightening and spiritually encouraging
- Life is a process of growth. Faith is essential toward spiritual growth.
- Yes. Very much. Way more than I have room for here, but where do I go? who do I speak with? And is it relevant to any purpose?
- I would rather be persecuted than ignored. The book allows us to access divine wisdom in meeting it's two objectives stated on page 1.
- There are many levels of study for study groups. It is not a one size fits all. This makes it difficult for people who have been readers for a long time and people new to the book.. A world apart...
- Both Urantia Book and Holy Bible people are ill prepared for new World Order NWO King Anti Christ "Satan god of this world, blinds minds of those who don't believe" 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Each of us, in our own time, has at best a very brief window when we can actually go forth and participate as evangelical servants. Why squander it by counting heads, or trying to evaluate which is better, this or that? Such things are the tools of the merchant, with each designed to maximize the profit, things materialistic and as such, they are simply the wrong tool for the job. Faith is the tool of all things Spiritual. Use It or Lose It - which is to say - If you have Faith then Use your Faith. There is a difference between testing & using. The first is done tentatively, the latter wholeheartedly. Have faith that no matter what we do as mortal custodians, the Celestial's who authored this Epoch Adventure will never allow it to fail. Sincere intentions matter far more than results. At best, we need to support and encourage those willing to go forth and "be" - creatively active in spreading these Amazing Papers and the Teachings they hold. Remember to; suggest rather than direct. Remind them of their core. Lend them your courage, in our steadfast beliefs. And then set them free. Do this generously and when they need important council, they will return seeking sound advice.
- It is not attracting so many young people. Seems a bit straight laced, conservative. More honoring of the feminine. Father father Son Son is off putting to young people I think.
- Like the Bible, you have the truth revealed to you as you are ready to discern it.
- There's been more divine downloads of information revealed related to Urantia 🙏👍🕊️🌍

- It's excruciatingly important to preserve American English dictionaries from the same era the book was written in. The American English language is morphing at a speed faster than it ever has in history.
- It's a mysterious thing, led the Spirit of Truth .
- There is little control over others reactions aside from simply showing "tact and tolerance" and avoiding the opposite in our interactions with all who are potential friends or enemies of the Book.
- this book means something different to each person that reads it. we believe the book was written specifically for us. revelation is personal.
- When the student is ready, the teacher appears. Same with the Urantia book. Those who seek it will find it. I wish I had found it sooner in my life, but maybe I wasn't as prepared for it as I was when I did discover The Urantia Book.
- It's tough. LOL. Like the Maytag repairman.
- People don't "find the Urantia Book"...the Urantia Book finds them.
- Raising our level of Consciousness by spiritual growth and guidance.
- Total acknowledgement and ever growing trust in the Heavenly Government
- I love everything in it. Even though I have been given information about the Supreme Being imploding due to his wanting to be larger than planned in our lives. God is all.
- The text reveals truth and it is not the printed words. It is very difficult to find people that really try to synthesize the truth that flows through the words. Way too many egos and even fanatics.
- Why worry? Jesus didn't worry about seeking truth. Should there be any political or religious uprising from more dissemination, we have truth, beauty, and goodness on our side.
- The most important thing really is to intimately study the life and teachings of Jesus -- not so much to study the text and become a scholar as to live a life that conforms with Our Universal Father's Will and Plan for us and our world. This boils down to becoming ever more loving, wise and discerning. We really need a balanced approach to living like Jesus did, one that leads to REAL personal transformation, i.e., becoming a little more God-like in our thinking, speaking and acting. This is accomplished through a balanced approach to study, worship and loving service-action. It comes from living a truth-coordinated life that harmonizes science, religion and philosophy. We know all this ... we just have to pursue it sincerely, willingly, and wholeheartedly.
- I think you have to be ready for all the information. Until you are at a certain level of spirit it is a book that you are mystified by. The beauty of the the truth just fits when you are ready. The moment when all makes sense.
- It's a great book, but the "true believers" leave little room for people who like it, but who don't believe that it is the 5th Epochal Revelation. A revelation, perhaps, but not at the same level as the bestowal Jesus. By the book's "meager fruits," we know by now it is not an epochal revelation.
- We humans are blessed to have this UB treasure of enlightenment, clarity and advanced teachings.
- Who cares about resistance? Truth is truth.
- It fits like a key in a lock for the right person at the right time. Rightness is all it seems. Being awake always to the possibility of connecting with a 'right' person.
- Keeping the habit of reading between the lines

- No Latter Day Prophet's appear to have arisen.
- Greatest spiritual resource on Earth at the present time.
- Yeah! When is Jesus going to return!
- Reincarnation is a factual truth and lucifer is definitely not locked away ...
- The formula for universe which I came up with is Spirit over Mind over Matter ! 😊
- Teach patience, perseverance, and the pursuit of wisdom. All things in time.
- I believe we have the right to believe what we believe, the right to study what we want to study, and the right to do so irrespective of what other people who are exercising their rights think.
- My experience has been that readers pick and choose what is convenient for them to believe, regardless of what the FER says if they disagree with it.
- Especially the 4th part is the greatest Book ever written
- I work in my community with interfaith activities. I find the most important aspect of understanding why the UB has been given beyond the emphasis on the personal relationship with God is to share the Golden Threads found in all religions and the UB.
- It assumes a soul has worth. A soul has an eternal career. Why? What is the point?
- It does not appeal to Holy Spirit Christians, only intellectual Christians
- readers of the UB are ordinary people
- The information given to us for "information and knowledge" for character evolution is virtually independent of the eras of our human society. Only the "backdrops" have changed

Appeals. There were a few statements that represented specific needs or problems people would like to have help with:

- How can i access like 100 copies of the book so that i can share with Ugandans who have developed interest in the book yet accessing them is hard economically
- I have not been able to find a group in my area in Houston, TX. I'd like to do what I have to do to help form one then one or two or three mores spreading outwards. I am very interested in this.
- UBF participation appears to be unconsciously organized to filter out people who don't have enough personal financial budget headroom to participate fully. It costs about \$5,000/year for a couple to attend all GC meetings and GC-meeting related conferences (including lodging and meals) and most people do not have that kind of such budget headroom, so the UBF seems to be optimized for fairly affluent people. This seems to be hurting the UBF's ability to optimize benefits for the not-so-affluent UB studiers, actual and potential.
- takes money, I'm trying to fix that
- The Urantia Book study groups listing is very out of date.
- Are there any branches or representative contacts in Australia?
- I'm elderly and it is hard to find urantia book readers.

Membership in Urantia Book Organizations

Figure 35 shows the differences between younger and older readers in answer to the question: “Are you a member of any of the Urantia Book organizations?” Overall, 39% said yes, 45% said no, and 15% said they were not sure. The only age difference was that more younger participant chose not sure (26% vs. 14%).

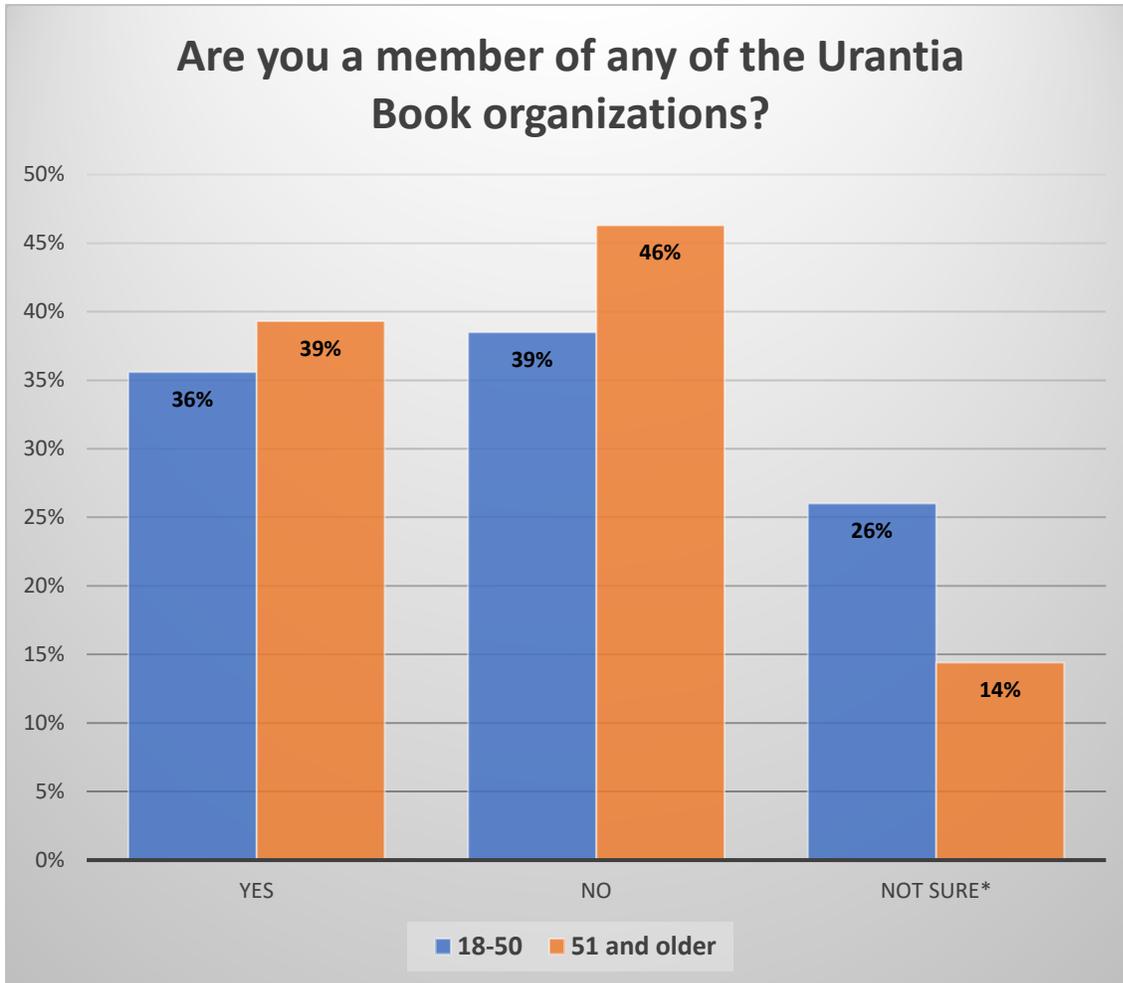


Figure 36: Member of Urantia Book organizations by age group

Figure 37 shows differences in reported membership in Urantia Book organizations between American and international participants. There were no significant differences.

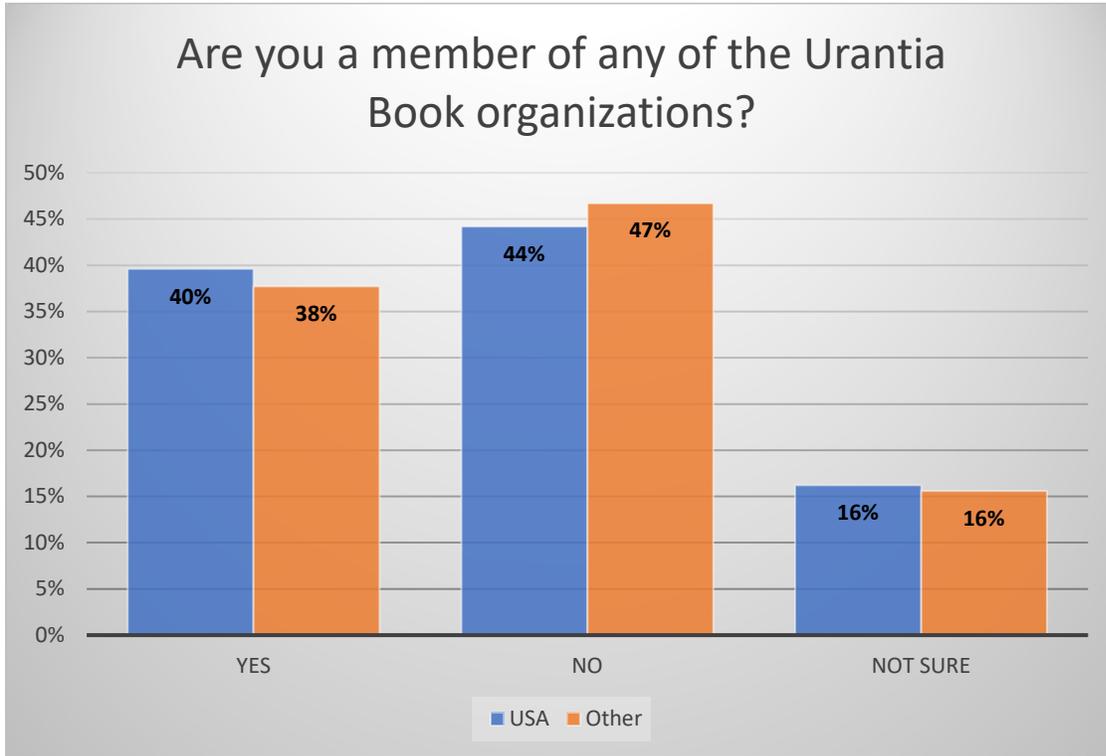


Figure 37: American versus international differences in organization membership

Non-financial support of Urantia Book organizations.

Figure 38 shows age differences in response to the question “I am interested in supporting one or more of these organizations in a non-financial way”. Overall, 46% said yes, 17% said no, and 37% were not sure. Younger readers were more likely to say “yes” (62% vs 43%) and less likely to say “no” (9% vs 19%).

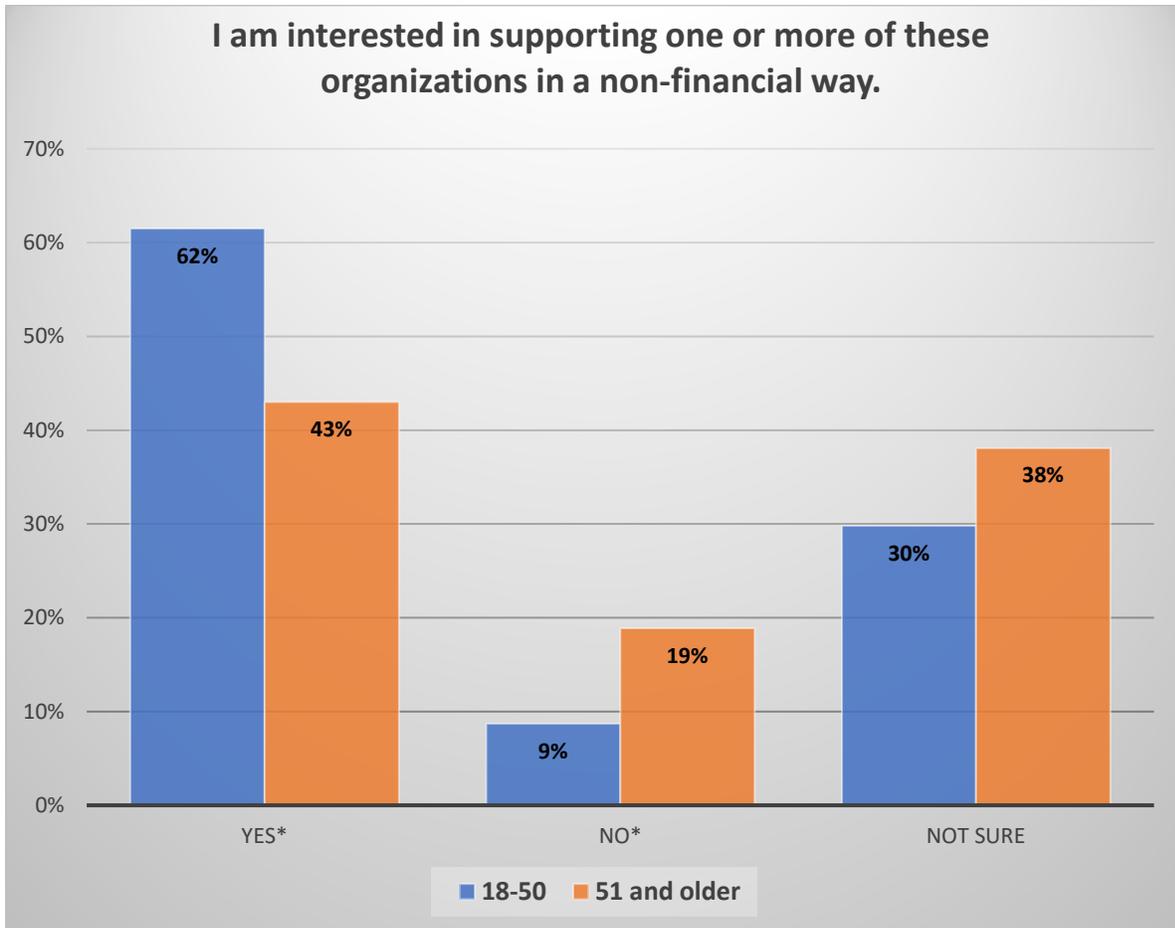


Figure 38: Age differences in willingness to provide non-financial support

Figure 39 compare American to international respondents. American participants were more likely to choose not sure (40% vs 31%). Overall, there is a strong willingness to contribute in a non-monetary way.

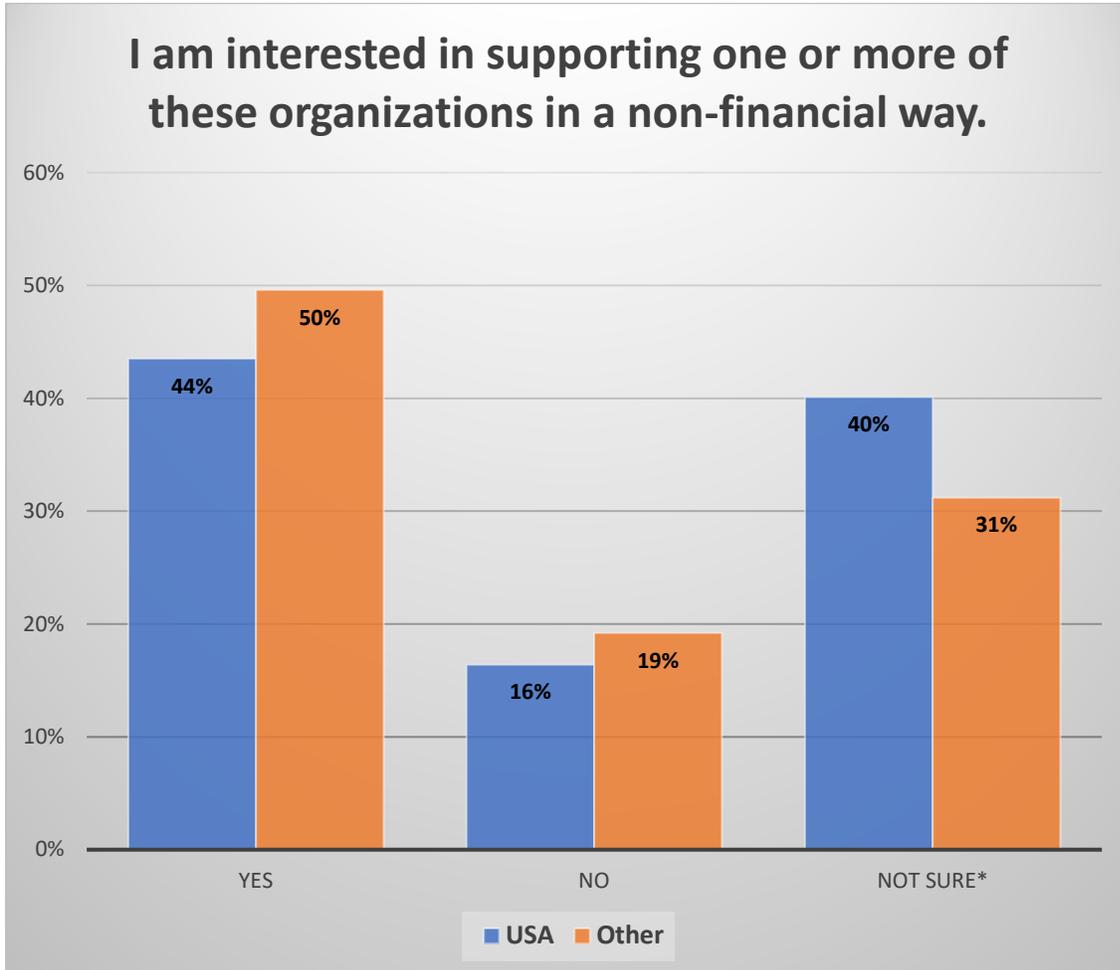


Figure 39: American versus international differences in willingness to make non-financial contributions

Review of the survey by the General Council using a Delphi Technique

The Delphi technique, originally developed by the Rand Corporation in the 1950's, is a method for using a panel of experts to develop consensus on a topic. It usually involve a series of 2-3 steps in which the expert panel takes a large number of ideas and through a series of ratings of judgements, narrows the number of ideas down to a smaller set.

A modified version of the Delphi technique was used with the Urantia Book Fellowship General Council on February 28-March 1 at is meeting in Austin, Texas. Here are the stages:

1. The information from the survey was presented to the General Council and discussed. A short online survey was created, and the GC members made priority ratings on the main topics covered by the survey. These were:
 - a. Ways to help people meet others interested in the Urantia Book.
 - b. Facilitate the strengthening of existing in-person study groups.
 - c. Facilitate the creation of new in person study groups.
 - d. Create and support online study groups.
 - e. Developing and supporting other social activities/events for Urantia Book readers.
 - f. Expansion of internet resources to support a wide range of interests in the Urantia Book.
 - g. Development of printed material (books, journals, etc.) with content about or relevant to the Urantia Book.
 - h. Greater efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas and ideals.
 - i. Three free-text fields to enter "I have another idea for us to consider".
2. The ratings were summarized, and the top four priority areas were identified. The Themes from the qualitative analysis of the surveys were added to the responses on the free-text fields for each of the top 4 priority areas. The GC engaged in a brainstorming session during which they were asked to generate goals, metrics, and strategies related to each of the 4 priority areas. Details notes were taken to capture the results of the brainstorming.
3. The brainstormed strategies were sorted and presented to the General Council during the third and final session. The group discussed the strategies. This discussion was used to create a strategic roadmap to help the GC and EC think about when considering supporting existing programs and developing new programs.

Step 1 – Priority ratings based on the survey findings

Figure 40 shows a screenshot of the online survey. The survey was completed by 26 of the GC members and the data was downloaded for analysis.

General Topics to get some big picture priorities					
	Ignore	Very low priority	Modest priority	Important priority'	Very high priority
1) Ways to help people meet others interested in the Urantia Book	<input type="radio"/>				
2) Facilitate the strengthening of existing in-person study groups	<input type="radio"/>				
3) Facilitate the creation of new in person study groups	<input type="radio"/>				
4) Create and support online study groups	<input type="radio"/>				
5) Developing and supporting other social activities/events for Urantia Book readers	<input type="radio"/>				
6) Expansion of internet resources to support a wide range of interests in the Urantia Book	<input type="radio"/>				
7) Development of printed material (books, journals, etc.) with content about or relevant to the Urantia Book	<input type="radio"/>				
8) Greater efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas and ideals	<input type="radio"/>				
9) 1. I have another idea for us to consider	<hr/>				

Figure 40: Online survey for Step 1 of the Delphi Technique

Figure 41 shows the results of the priority rating exercise. Each idea was rated on a 5-point scale and the bars on Figure 41 represent the average ratings of the 26 GC members who participated in the exercise. These were the four items that received the highest ratings:

1. Ways to help people meet others interested in the Urantia Book
2. Expansion of internet resources to support a wide range of interests in the Urantia Book
3. Greater efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas and ideals
4. Create and support online study groups.

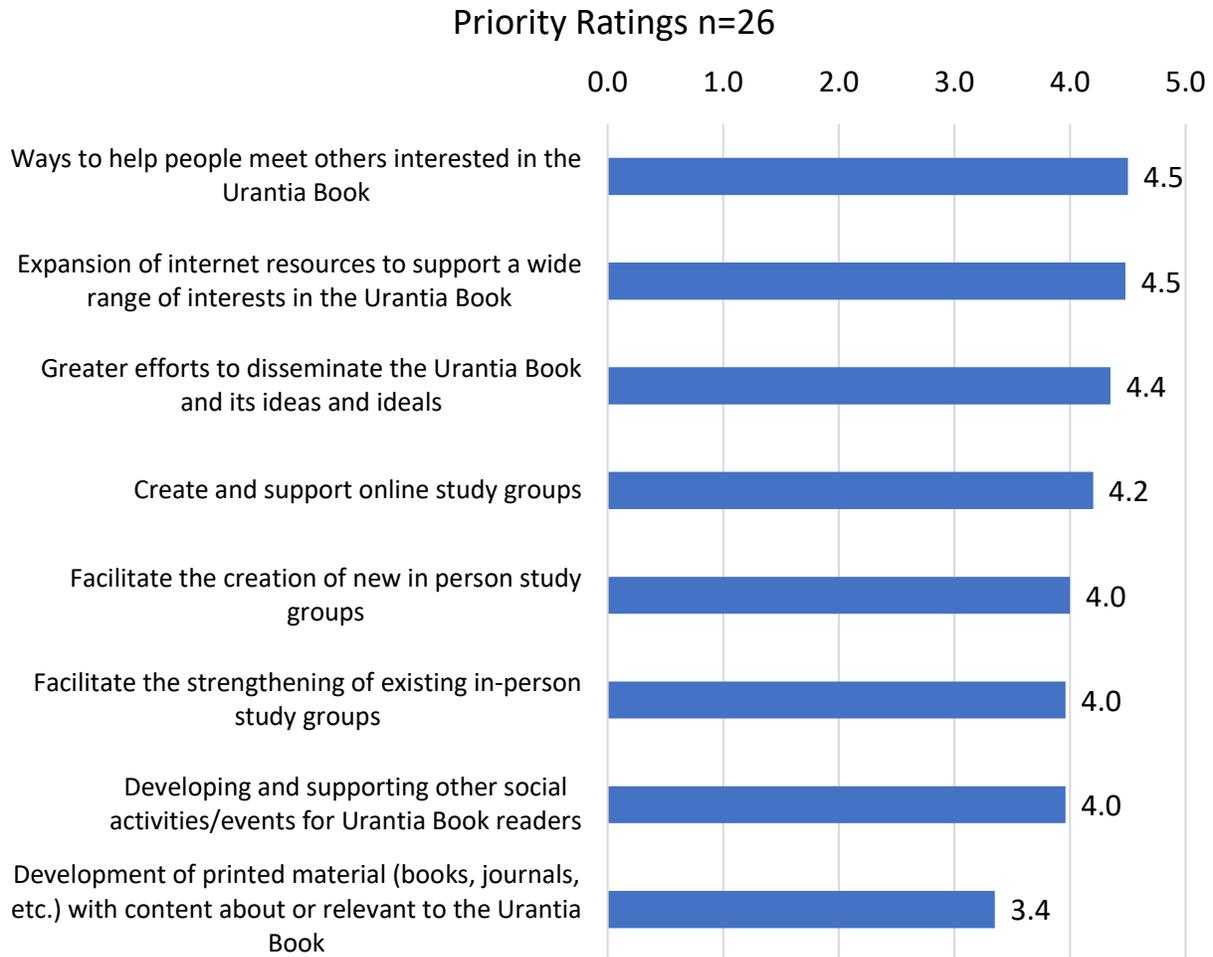


Figure 41: Priority ratings using the Delphi Technique

Step 2: Brainstorming goals, metrics, and strategies for the four highest rated priorities

Table 6 shows the ideas that were presented to the group on a PowerPoint slide to stimulate brainstorming about ways to help people meet others interested in the Urantia Book. The slide was kept on the screen while the group brainstormed ideas.

Table 6: Ideas to stimulate brainstorming on ways to meet others interested in the Urantia Book

Ways to help people meet others interested in the Urantia Book	
Themes from the online survey	GC Ideas from the Phase 1 Delphi survey
Conferences	David Kulieke's Zone Initiative (This is he).
Places	Facilitate networking of people between study groups.
Marketing locally	Participation in Social Media.
Study groups	promote and support regional gatherings
Online Study Groups	Conjoined spiritual/Urantia study groups.
Databases	Get societies stronger. Don't give up.
Zoom	Promote the fundamental importance of personal relationships (Brotherhood).
Apps that connect people	Provide scholarships and travel expenses so that more people can attend social events.
Forums and chats	search and create a network of local helpers to keep the contact list current and to help with regional gatherings.
Social Media	Start an effort to increase UBF awareness of people other than study-group-oriented book-huggers as opportunities for the UBF to benefit, including secular people and even atheists.
YouTube	UB Network.
Events	Area coordinator.
Subtle	Promote development of new societies.
Use of Media	

Table 7 shows the ideas presented to the group while brainstorming on “Expansion of internet resources to support a wide range of interests in the Urantia Book”.

Table 7: Ideas to stimulate brainstorming on Expansion of internet resources

Expansion of internet resources to support a wide range of interests in the Urantia Book	
Themes from the online survey	GC Ideas from the Phase 1 Delphi survey
Specific resource ideas	Cross website content sharing.
Content	Find and develop opportunities to introduce scientific, historical, philosophical, cosmological, and religious content into cultural thought streams
Platform	Increase visual media for outreach, especially video.
	Interactive wikis--does ClickUp do this?
	Many contributors to a list of questions that come to mind while studying the UB, with moderated selected responses available to see (I would volunteer to lead the creation of a related team).
	Participation in Social Media
	Urantia Music arts video movies
	Develop materials for families and children
	Develop a catalog of approaches to sharing the gospel and develop training and sharing for them.
	Involve Education in video outreach projects
	Create a multi-UBF-committee team to agree on what should be added to hyperlinks from the UB text to (UBF repository) resources.
	Paper by paper summaries.

Table 8 shows the ideas presented to the group while brainstorming on “Greater efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas and ideals”.

Table 8: Ideas to stimulate brainstorming on disseminating the Urantia Book

Greater efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas and ideals	
Themes from the online survey	GC Ideas from the Phase 1 Delphi survey
Online	Cross website content sharing.
Books and movies	David Kulieke's Zone Initiative (This is he)
Radio and television	Facilitate networking of people between study groups
Marketing	Find and develop opportunities to introduce scientific, historical, philosophical, cosmological, and religious content into cultural thought streams
Public events	International support for global interaction
Places	Participation in Social Media
Institutional actions	Unity with IUA
Personal outreach	Develop a catalog of approaches to sharing the gospel and develop training and sharing for them.
	Search and create a network of local helpers to keep the contact list current and to help with regional gatherings
	Area coordinator
	Promote development of new societies

Table 9 shows the ideas presented to the group while brainstorming on “Create and support online study groups”.

Table 9: Ideas to stimulate brainstorming on creating and supporting online study groups

Create and support online study groups	
Themes from the online survey	GC Ideas from the Phase 1 Delphi survey
Leadership	Participation in Social Media.
Digital platform	Conjoined spiritual/Urantia study group.
Format	UB Network.
Planning	Find ways to attract the young but don't concede the importance of study.
Timing	Worship.

Step 3: Analysis and discussion of the brainstormed ideas

Using notes kept during the brainstorming session, 182 separate ideas were generated. There was considerable overlap in ideas for the four questions:

1. Ways to help people meet others interested in the Urantia Book;
2. Expansion of internet resources to support a wide range of interests in the Urantia Book;
3. Greater efforts to disseminate the Urantia Book and its ideas and ideals;
4. Create and support online study groups.

A simple coding system was developed and applied to the brainstormed ideas. One code was used to classify the domain being discussed and it had three categories:

1. **Digital/Web domain** – The idea focused on a goal, metric or strategy that would be implemented using a digital application or a web site.
2. **People program**. The idea was something that would involve people interacting with people.
3. **Unclear/other**. It was not possible to identify a domain for this idea.

The specific idea within each domain was coded into one of four categories:

1. **Metric** – the idea focused on how to measure success or impact of a strategy.
2. **Idea for UBF** – The idea was judged to be something that the Urantia Book Fellowship had the resources, skill, or capacity to implement.
3. **Idea not for UBF** – The idea was judged to be beyond the resources, skill, or capacity of the UBF to implement.
4. **Observation** – The statement was not a metric or strategy, but instead an observation, reflection, or humorous comment.

Ideas from the Unclear/other domain and ideas that were observations were excluded from further consideration. Table 10 shows how the remaining ideas were classified.

Table 10: Coding of the brainstormed responses.

	Digital	People	Total
UBF consider	42	29	71
Someone else	22	27	49
Metric	6	5	11
Total	70	61	131

The strategies for the UBF to consider were then further coded using two dimensions. The first was effort:

1. **Low to moderate effort.** A small to moderate amount of effort would be required to implement this strategy.
2. **High effort.** A large amount of effort would be required to implement this strategy.

The second dimension rated the time-frame of the effort:

1. **One-time short time frame.** The strategy would require a single effort involving a relatively short amount of time.
2. **One-time long time frame.** The strategy would require a single effort that would take a relatively long amount of time to complete.
3. **Ongoing effort.** The strategy would require continued effort, attention, or maintenance once implemented.

Table 11 shows how the 69 ideas that could be implemented by the UBF were coded. There were 17 ideas judged to be a one-time strategy that could be accomplished quickly. Only 5 digital high effort strategies were considered to be a one-time effort with a long time frame. The majority of the strategies for both digital and personal efforts were judged to involve ongoing effort to implement and maintain.

Table 11: Effort and time frame of strategies that could be implemented by the UBF

	Effort	Time Frame			Total
		One time quick	On time long	Ongoing	
Digital	Low to Modest	7	0	13	20
	High	2	5	15	22
Personal	Low to Modest	8	0	11	19
	High	0	0	8	8
Total		17	5	47	69

Table 12 shows the ideas sorted by domain (digital vs. personal), effort (low vs high), and time frame (short, long, ongoing). Some of the ideas are more specific than others, and no attempt was made to judge how realistic an idea might be.

Table 12: Brainstormed ideas sorted by domain, effort, and time frame

Domain	Effort	Time-Frame	Brainstormed ideas
Digital	Low effort	Short	Bill Sadler Junior’s works should be preserved and highlighted in a big way.
			Create topical studies. There are so many we can create.
			Making the cool content that is already out there be more accessible.

Domain	Effort	Time-Frame	Brainstormed ideas
			More referrals to our websites and societies
			Since more people are interacting with us on the internet, create a place on the website where they can have a chat room forum.
			Somehow make known the ones which exist like Wally Ziegler's game.
			UBN app is coming out soon
Digital	Low effort	Ongoing	24/7 support chat to answer questions, be there for someone who needs it
			Banner ads on CNN on their website appear at the top.
			Email study group
			Findings of more related material
			Get notifications on your phone.
			Have click bait teams who paid attention to current events and which leads
			Having a shared Zoom account so won't get cut off after 45 minutes
			Hire an employee who is specifically responsible for taking care of online study groups
			Interfaith podcasts, with major world religions, very oldest to the newest (UB), relevant and current topics/items, attract people from around the world (to find the UB)
			Involvement of in person and zoom study group.
			List of annual gatherings would get longer
			Many many Zoom accounts to loan out, perhaps with online centralize planning/scheduling
			Special interest group for people using UB concepts without ever mentioning the UB
Digital	High	Short	Look for those people who are not interested in the UB by having a UB buy back program. UBAY: sell and buy used UBs and secondary works.
			Create a video series on how to understand the forward or similar
Digital	High	Long	Build a database of what those ideals and ideas are. Engage the community in building examples in expressions of them in literature and art. Peruse. I'm in a conversation with somebody. I want to offer resources.
			For new readers, have an enticing topic. Appropriate artwork. Click on it. Gives them favorite expressions from the UB. Click more. Dig deeper. You can go further. Measure which ideas are leading them down these channels exploring. Keep the most enticing. Replace others.
			Kahn academy videos idea

Domain	Effort	Time-Frame	Brainstormed ideas
			List of science topics, where we would add information via subjects/topics including links to related news of the internet
			Resources for online prayer and worship
Digital	High	Ongoing	24 hour Zoom meeting always available to talk with someone about the UB
			App that shows what groups are close to you, similar to AA maps.
			Create a portal to adopt a study group in another part of the nation or another continent. Have regular meetings with each other.
			Create a UB TV station, YouTubd, etc., network, in order to gather in videos, create our own videos.
			Create and support online study groups
			Expansion of Internet Resources to Support a Wide Range of Interests in the UB
			Have a short personality test that matches you with a compatible study group.
			Have a Urantia Singles facilities or web page, or a lounge at conferences to meet in person people who were active on Facebook, for example
			See what groups are starting in the next half hour, then join in the discussion
			Study group dashboard that shows who is currently studying the UB.
			Update some of the ones we have. Jesus paper 2nd society maps show all the tours. This was before color so they're not as engaging to look at.
			Urantia daily news, a combination of all Urantia organizations.
			Virtual online study groups at onlinestudy.org ?
			A series of videos, UB guide to better relationships, ...finding happiness, etc.
			A portal of a study group, a page where people can find in different languages events, for online virtual groups, like a spreadsheet with group leader listed, and eventually free Zoom Room access, where people form their own groups, thus reducing administration of such groups, having authority and ability to form their own little groups, semi-autonomous (UB topic related), with a system to keep it alive and keep the UBF informed, a way to collect data to know what's going on. With evidence supporting the success of such online groups would still result in face recognition in person later.
Personal	Easy	Short	At conferences, have a workshop topic for spouses, etc., who are not UB readers
			Childrens' programs at every event you have
			Create a family atmosphere in the study groups, perhaps with pot lucks where people may want to invite their friends.

Domain	Effort	Time-Frame	Brainstormed ideas
			Create a training manual for people who want to throw an effective low cost conference.
			Have a turnkey handbook regarding gatherings, along with gatherings resources, pic nic, etc.
			Latin America study groups want to connect with US study groups (cultivating networks)
			More parties (or a pot luck or similar) where your family can come.
			When groups are large enough, encourage them to start a Sunday church meeting. Give the children a place to gather. Fulfill that need families have.
Personal	Easy	Ongoing	Create the Cosmic Creations coffee cups with Urantia symbols. Have something like that even bigger.
			Adopt a sister/brother study group
			Conjoint Urantia Study Group, evolving from a spiritual discussion into a Urantia-based discussion
			Doing a lot of one-to-one coaching, just have two people starting a study group, eventually others will join, perhaps similar to the study buddy concept
			Get involved with local interfaith organizations. Start with the circles. Set up UB booths.
			Have a salon, like Sadler did in his home on Saturday afternoons, just a think tank, perhaps with a saloon
			Have more public meetings. In Wisconsin, Course in Miracles and UB readers had a public meeting announced in the paper at the library.
			Have other councilors go out to help enthuse people to get study groups going again as GC members...visiting groups and reinvigorate them.
			Have societies adopt MALs so they will be part of a group.
			Meet in bookstores, libraries, and campus ministry centers. Post time of your meeting and see if people show up.
			"Thank God for Rebellion!" T-shirts along with the UBF logo or similar to encourage middle schoolers to rebel with respect
Personal	Hard	Ongoing	Billboard phrases and/or questions
			Create special interest groups people can gather around like Morman readers of the UB, singles, people who knit, philosophers, scuba divers, parents, etc.
			Have people from Africa or who are traveling first via a small group, an integrate spiritual group
			Identify potential leaders within our communities and support them in any way we can

Domain	Effort	Time-Frame	Brainstormed ideas
			One of the greatest gifts is the afterlife info in the UB -> Hospice care, counseling
			Open Christian Science like reading rooms in downtown areas or tourist areas. Get millennials to read. Open them near college campuses.
			Proactive collaboration with other organizations doing similar work like the Christ Experiment.
			Ways to help people meet others interested in the UB

A roadmap for action

Based on the group discussion of strategies, it became evident that there was a smaller underlying number of ways to approach building communities. Figure 42 is a concept map of how the Urantia Book Fellowship might think about supporting existing communities and building new communities around the ideas and ideals of the Urantia Book.

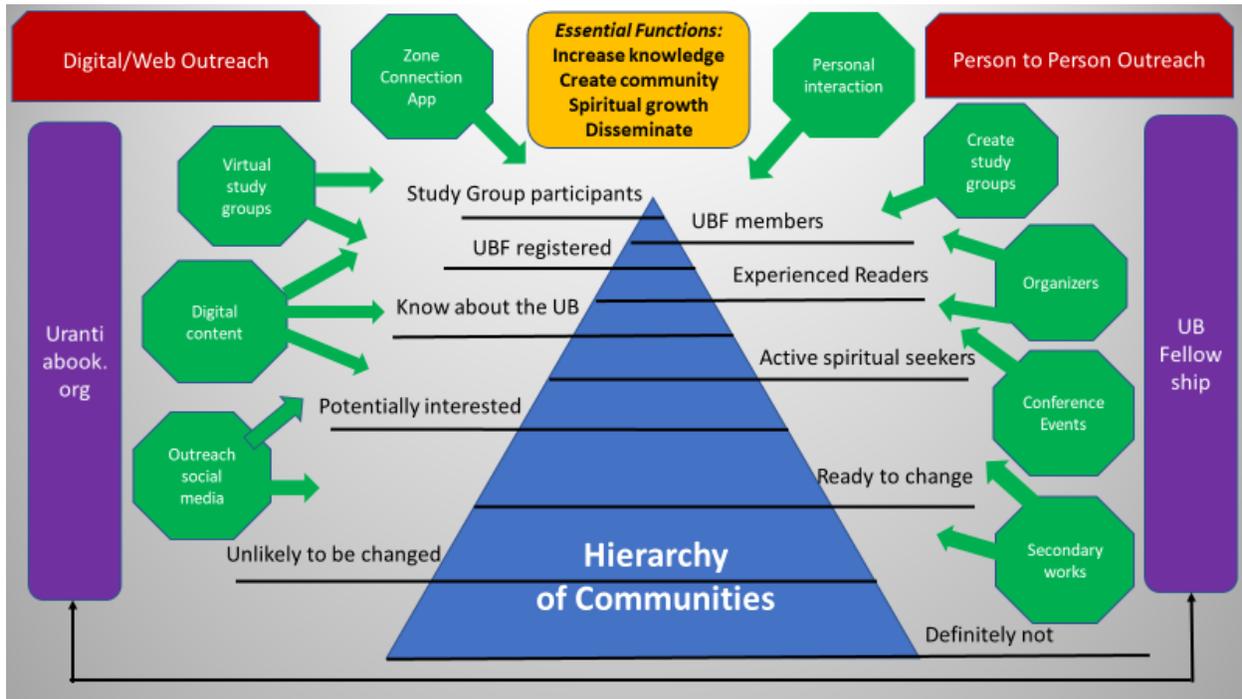


Figure 42: A road map for community building

Hierarchy of Communities. The blue center of the figure is labeled Hierarchy of Communities. The triangular shape was chosen to represent size of the community, with the smallest communities at the top and the larger population at the bottom. The world of people can be organized into a hierarchy as follows:

1. **Study group participants.** These are the most active and engaged members of the Urantia Book community. One of the major concerns we have is the aging of this community and the diminishing number of members.
2. **Urantia Book Fellowship Members.** Since not all members of the Urantia Book Fellowship are actively involved in a study group, members of the UBF are the next level of the hierarchy. These are people with strong experience with the Urantia Book. Because of the small numbers of study groups, some of the people in this level of the hierarchy may feel isolated in their study of the Urantia Book.
3. **UBF registered.** The Urantia Book Fellowship has a mailing list of people who have indicated interest in the book and who have registered through the web site. These are people who know

more about the Urantia Book, and who may be familiar with the Fellowship web site and/or social media outreach. Some people at this level may not know more than 1 or 2 other people who are aware of the Urantia Book.

4. **Experienced Readers.** There are Urantia Book readers who may be affiliate with other organizations or who may not have any association with groups or societies associated with the Urantia Book. They too may be isolated from other people who have read the Urantia Book.
5. **Know about the UB.** Some people know of the Urantia Book, or may know something about the Urantia Book, but are not students of the Urantia Book. These are people who may be open to efforts the draw them into a more active community of students of the Urantia Book.
6. **Active Spiritual Seekers.** There are people in the world who are not satisfied with their current understanding of God and/or the Universe, and who are actively engaged in a quest to find the truth. This may be a fertile group for dissemination of the Urantia Book and its teachings.
7. **Potentially Interested.** These are people who are intellectually and spiritually in a space where they could potentially be interested in the Urantia Book. Unlike spiritual seekers, they are not actively searching for a better understanding of the truth. They may, however, be potentially interested when exposed to active outreach activities.
8. **Ready to change.** A larger group of people might someday be interested in looking at the Urantia Book. These people will take preparation that is more subtle than direct outreach

Figure 43: Hierarchy of Communities and outreach activities of the UBF

regarding the book. Secondary works aimed at spiritualizing their thought may move them from ready to change to potentially interested.

9. **Unlikely to be Changed.** A very large number of people because of their culture and religious upbringing, or perhaps due to their rejection of organized religion, are unlikely to be changed. It may take a lengthy evolution of culture and belief before most people can be moved to a place where they are ready to change their beliefs about God and the Universe.
10. **Definitely not.** In the world as it is today, there is a very large number of people who are not going to be moved towards finding the Urantia Book. Some may be unreachable because of religion and culture. The book is very complex, and a high level of literacy is required to read and understand it. Many, many people will never try to read the book.

The value of the hierarchy of communities is the ability to modify outreach and support strategies for each of these different levels of community. Part of the road map is knowing which level or levels of community you are trying to reach with a digital or personal strategy.

Essential Functions. The golden area at the top represents the essential functions involved in community building. The first is to increase knowledge and understanding of the content and the implications of the Urantia Book. Improving knowledge and understanding of the content and ideals portrayed by the Urantia Book will be a core part of many outreach efforts.

Creating social networks of those who are aware of and/or who study the Urantia Book is a second essential function of outreach and community building. Building social networks by helping people connect with each other will reduce isolation and enhance the possibility of further synergy in creating vibrant communities.

Beneath the words and ideas in the Urantia Book, is the essential function of helping people move forward along their own path of spiritual growth. Promoting spiritual growth of individuals can be done using the ideas and ideals of the Urantia Book without ever mentioning the book itself.

Whenever a person reaches the stage in their personal intellectual and spiritual development to be ready for the Urantia Book, dissemination means it will not be that hard for them to find it.

Dissemination of the book has been slow over its first 65 years. We need to be ready with outreach strategies as more people become ready to discover the book.

Resources and Strategies

The left of the figure (purple) depicts <https://urantiabook.org>, and the right shows the Urantia Book Fellowship. The UBF is the driving force since it develops and maintains the web site. The red boxes represent the general strategies that can be used to reach into the hierarchy of communities. There are two major categories: 1) Digital/web outreach; and 2) Person to person outreach. The green octagons with arrows represent specific outreach strategies. The arrows show the segment of the community (within the hierarchy of communities) that is served by each strategy. On the left side are digital/web-based strategies. These include:

1. **Zone connection app.** The idea behind the zone connection application is to have a database of those interested in the Urantia Book that can be organized geographically. Such a database with tools would allow people to identify and connect with others interested in the Urantia Book who live close by. This strategy would be aimed at those at the top of the hierarchy including those who participate in study groups, member so the UBF, and people who have registered with the UBF through the web site.
2. **Virtual study groups.** A virtual study group is a gathering of individual for the purpose of reading and/or studying the Urantia Book. These currently exist and are implemented using collaboration software such a Zoom. Virtual study groups can be a resource for experienced members of the Urantia Book community, and can also be aimed at people who are more casually aware of the Urantia Book. The virtual study group may be a low-cost way to introduce people to the Urantia Book and a way to reach out to people who live far away from in person study groups. Virtual study groups can also be tailored to individual interests and needs and could be organized in ways that are not possible for weekly in person study groups. The reach of virtual study groups is limited by having enough people willing to host and facilitate these groups.
3. **Digital Content.** Digital content is a broad category. It includes making online resources that already exist more readily available, and it may also include the development of new content. Digital content spans a larger portion of the hierarchy of communities. Some content can be geared towards experienced readers of the Urantia Book. Other content can work on dissemination, targeting people who are active spiritual seekers, potentially interested in the Urantia Book, and to some extent people who are ready to engage with the Urantia Book material.
4. **Outreach/Social media.** Digital outreach activities, including social media, encompasses many possibilities. Some outreach, such as the Friends of the UBF FaceBook page, are focused

on those who are already aware of the Urantia Book. There may be many other activities that can be targeted to wider communities as an effort to prepare more fertile ground for people finding the Urantia Book in the future.

On the right side of the figure is person to person outreach. These activities include the traditional society and study group structure upon which the UBF was based. There are also other person to person activities that might be directed at a broader community. Specific strategies for personal outreach include:

1. **Personal interactions.** Each day we interact with numerous people and through these interactions have the opportunity to plant seeds of truth. Many of these interactions will be with people who are aware of the Urantia Book, and can be used to increase their knowledge, find broader community, and stimulate spiritual growth.
2. **Create study groups.** The results of the survey clearly showed a continued interest in Urantia Book study group among readers of all types. We also saw in the qualitative responses that people were longing for study groups in some parts of the country such as Atlanta and Houston. Creating and supporting additional in person study groups is a strategy that the UBF could embrace.
3. **Organizers.** This goes back to the practice of having regional coordinators to support study groups. We discussed the idea that they could work at the grassroots level to build connections between people, and to potentially get new study groups started. Motivated organizers with tools to do their work might be very effective in providing support for the communities at the top of the hierarchy.
4. **Conference events.** Local, regional, and international conferences are another way to engage Urantia Book communities. This is a model that has existed for decades, and could be expanded more at the local level. Many survey participants thought face to face gathering like conferences and seminars would provide an opportunity to meet and get to know other people interested in the Urantia Book. These conferences can also increase knowledge and help inspire spiritual growth.
5. **Secondary works.** While there already exists a substantial body of secondary works that have been written about the Urantia Book, survey participants showed an openness to having more of this kind of material, especially translated into other languages. There was also discussion of supporting works that embody the ideas and ideals of the Urantia Book without specifically mentioning the book. These works are clearly appropriate for the broader community which may be interested in or open to spiritual appeals that are consistent with the Urantia Book. There may be ways for the UBF to support development or dissemination of these kinds of secondary works.