

The Mission of The Urantia Book

And the
Study groups



Publication mandate (extracts)

- ◆ “ The book is being given to those who are ready for it long before the day of its world-wide mission. ”
- ◆ “ An early publication of the Book has been provided so that it may be in hand for the training of leaders and teachers ”
- ◆ “ Thousands of study groups must be brought into existence ”

(Extracts from the document “Publicationmandate” 4 April 1955 by Dr. W. Sadler)

Importance of study groups

- What are the reasons for them to be?
- What are their characteristics?
- What are their criteria?
- What are their relations with the training of leaders and teachers?

Importance of study groups

- What are their relation to education?
- What are their influences on the individual?
- What are their influences on Family?
- What are their influences on society?

Reasons to be of Study groups

- ◆ They are of a great utility in the establishment of the spiritual brotherhood of men.
- ◆ They are a great help in the training of leaders and teachers.
- ◆ They foster spiritual unity.
- ◆ They foster intellectual and spiritual growth.
- ◆ They foster a better comprehension of spiritual truths and the integration of the teachings of the Urantia Book.
- ◆ They are a strong influence in the changes of society.

What are Their functions?

- ◆ In depth study of the teachings of the Urantia Book.
- ◆ Wider and deeper understanding of the intellectual and spiritual meanings of the teachings of the urantia Book.
- ◆ Foster the emergence of leaders and teachers.
- ◆ The apprenticeship of the spiritual brotherhood.
- ◆ Foster the progressive evolution of society.

What are their characteristics?

- ◆ Their universality
- ◆ Their friendliness
- ◆ Their availability
- ◆ Their adaptibility
- ◆ Their humility

What are their exigency?

- ◆ Exclusiveness and Authenticity
- ◆ Flexibility
- ◆ Commitment

What are their relations with the training of leaders and teachers?

- ◆ Foster the emergence of learning and teaching skills.
- ◆ Foster the emergence of leadership skills.

What are their relations with education?

- ◆ Foster the learning of complex concepts.
- ◆ Foster the in depth comprehension of the Urantia Book and its teachings.
- ◆ Foster teamwork and learning.
- ◆ Find answers to difficult questions.

What are their influences on the individual?

- ◆ Provides spiritual growth lever.
- ◆ Increases understanding of the intellectual and spiritual teachings of The Urantia Book.
- ◆ Offers the individual an environment for sharing practical life experiences.
- ◆ Improves social relationship
- ◆ Contributes to a better life discipline.

What are their influences on family life?

- ◆ Improves communication skills.
- ◆ Improves group's relationship.
- ◆ Emphasizes respect for individuals.
- ◆ Promotes listening.

What are their influences on society?

- ◆ Improves social awareness.
- ◆ Transforms society one person at a time.
- ◆ Promotes social involvement.

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

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Conclusion!

Study groups are one of many dynamic means by which the wisdom of God can manifest itself in the gradual evolution of the cosmic consciousness in humans.

“By their fruits you shall know them.”

“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.”

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and be led to glorify your Father who is in heaven.”