

# Trademark Scruples

**The Divine symbols of The URANTIA Book, taken by URANTIA Foundation as trademarks, belong to the Universal Father and His children; it's time they were returned.**



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**W**e have now entered upon an era of serious threat to the Fifth Epochal revelation. Because many of us do not understand the purpose of The URANTIA Book in the unfolding of God's destiny program, we are unwilling to give full dedication of life to that cause. Because we do not recognize the elements which led to our current crisis, we stumble along, like blind people, helpless in the face of higher divine policies, unable to recognize God's purpose.

Unless we become more fully attuned to God, obtain a better grasp of our role within the context of current world events, recognize actions expected of us in this and other tribulations to come, and take steps to preserve the light of living truth on this planet, our great revelation could be lost.

Divine agencies have left this burden on our shoulders. They won't come down and do our work for us.

To illustrate our current difficulty and the factors which brought on the present crisis, let us examine the methods of operation within the Foundation since its inception in 1950, and how it relied on the institutions of this world to prosecute its mandates. While those policies began innocently enough, they evolved into a series of deceptions. Through subtle prevarication, Urantia Foundation created the division of today. The custodian of our revelation has become the cause of its

current peril, and personalities and pride are now threatening the production and availability of the Book. This is a most serious turn of events, and must be addressed by all of us.

In order to expose this jeopardy, we must discuss the legal policies used by Urantia Foundation (hereafter UF), secular actions taken to protect The URANTIA Book (UB), and inherent human weaknesses resulting from reliance on human institutions. These factors led to the great mistrust which now assails us, the deep suspicion held by many Urantia students, and the resentment many have for UF. To get a proper grasp of the situation, it will also be necessary to examine how personalities act under the influence of secular human philosophies. Legal entities do not exist merely as names on paper; they exist in the actions of the people who make them. All social structures are humans operating through philosophies; legal entities are simply group vehicles of human relationships.

#### 2.1 PRINCIPLE OBJECT:

The object for which this Foundation is created is the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world –

- a) of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe,
- b) of the genesis and destiny of man and his relation to God,
- c) and of the true teachings of Jesus Christ;
- d) and for the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God

and the Brotherhood of man – in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, **through the fostering of a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology** which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development.

*(Itemizations and emphasis ours)*

The tone of this mandate emphasizes intellectual and cultural development; especially religious growth. Even so, in forty years UF has not seriously pursued the stated objectives. It has not fostered a religion. It has not developed a comprehensive philosophy. And it has not generated a cosmology that penetrates to deeper understanding of multi-dimensional creation.

To execute these mandates, UF created Urantia Brotherhood. But the modus operandi of UF effectively stifled creative efforts by that organization. The principle technique of outreach was the fostering of study groups, with emphasis on the word study, universally interpreted as reading the Book. Evangelization was frowned on, even spurned. Some within the movement may have felt vigorous outreach as beneath their dignity. These institutional and personal views then, created a Brotherhood of "education," and not one of living truth.

From its inception, UF has considered itself an educational foundation, not a religious one; and it has so stated on every application to the Patent and Trademark Office. With-