

## How to Win Souls

### Or how to share a revelation: the Fellowship's Second Miler Grant Program.

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It's godlike to share. God, *The Urantia Book* says, shares "personality, goodness and numerous other characteristics" with humans and other beings. [\(4:4.4 \[58.9\]\)](#)

Sharing is central to what The Urantia Book Fellowship does too. Its stated vision is to be a global community promoting spiritual transformation by sharing a revelation of living truth. And its declared purpose is to share the truths of the book's teachings.

When I first looked into the Fellowship from the outside, it struck me as a wellspring of initiatives all intended to spread the goodness of *The Urantia Book*. Now that I've had some contact from the inside, I can confirm it to be overflowing with plans and projects thought up by tireless volunteers and staff wanting to live its teachings.

Over the decades, the Fellowship has created multiple channels through which to share the book's incomparable messages. Most readers of this newsletter will know that it organizes regular conferences and study sessions, connects students to study groups and offers mentors to new readers.

The Fellowship also provides free book downloads, maintains a rich repository of secondary works and regularly produces new articles through mediums like this one. It promotes *The Urantia Book* at book fairs and exhibitions, places it in libraries, and gives it generously around the globe to those who can't afford the text.

The Midwayers urge us on to higher things with this exhortation both beautiful and galvanizing: "In winning souls for the Master, it is not the first mile of compulsion, duty, or convention that will transform man and his world, but rather the second mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother in love and sweep him on under spiritual guidance toward the higher and divine goal of mortal existence." [\(195:10.5 \[2084.5\]\)](#)

That passage is the inspiration for another of the Fellowship's initiatives, the Second Miler Grant Program, which was officially launched in 2020. Its goal is to provide financial support to readers' individual efforts to spread the revelation, often in new and innovative ways.

The aim of this and future articles is to explore some of the projects of sharing that have been funded by the grant program, projects that require creativity, commitment and even courage to realize. Here's the first:

### **Multilingual Audio Snippets - A Project by The Urantia Society of Greater New York**

“The information in The Urantia Book was meant to be read or heard by every person on this planet. Being able to hear the words in their own language is priceless,” says Eileen Laurence, chair of the society's Translation Oversight Committee. And we realized that our dissemination work would be further enhanced if we were able to provide an audio complement of the revelation in the native languages of the various translations.”

Now that's sharing on a big scale. Not all readers believe in such a broad scope for the book, at least for the present. But the Urantia Society of Greater New York has been putting this vision into practice by coming up with a way of sharing audio 'snippets' from the book in several languages. A snippet could be an entire paper, section or paragraph. Over the last thirty years, the society has supported secondary translations of the text into Korean, Russian and the first translation into Turkish.

The committee uses software provided by industry leaders Linguatrec, a German technology company that specializes in machine translation and speech synthesis. “We found Linguatrec to be a reliable organization with a software product that could meet our needs and generate good quality text-to-audio,” says Eileen.

The Turkish, Spanish, Korean as well as English versions of the book on the society's website now have a high-quality audio component embedded at paragraph level. The Russian and Croatian voices are works in progress.

Readers just need to click on the play button, listen and share the link to the snippet with anyone who might be interested.

So far, the audio recordings have been heard by nearly 7,000 people in their respective languages.

“How they are being used is beyond our knowledge,” says Eileen. “Time will tell. We need to be patient. We are planting seeds.”

But the book is so rich in knowledge-expanding and spiritually stimulating material that many potential uses spring to mind.

Involved in a study group, whether in-person or remote? Share snippets revolving around the subject of discussion.

Have you been trying to put across some Urantia Book teaching to a relative? Send over a snippet or two that would support your efforts.

Do you have a friend in need of spiritual comfort? Send them a snippet about the friendly universe we inhabit or how they are loved by God.

This project is already making a difference. Along with the many others being funded by the Fellowship's Second Miler Grant Program, it adds up to a prodigious sharing effort that will do its bit to transform humankind.

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*The Urantia Society of Greater New York was granted \$2,930 to carry out the project so far. It has expressed gratitude to the Fellowship for awarding it the funds to do this work. It also reports that the Urantia Foundation is now interested in its work with a view to implementing a similar capability across its translations over the next two years.*

*The other members of the Translation Oversight Committee are Barry and Kay Clark, Lila Dogim, Stuart Kerr, and Peter Laurence. The Turkish translation was tested with the assistance of Bill Rocap (graduated) who lived in Turkey. The new Spanish translation (by Angel Escobar) was audio-enabled with assistance from Stuart Kerr; the Korean translation with assistance from Minister Kim, and the English version with assistance from Eileen and Peter Laurence.*

*The audio-enabled translations can be found on the website of The Urantia Society of Greater New York: <https://urantia.nyc>.*

*To apply for a Second Miler grant, go here: <https://www.urantiabook.org/Second-Miler-Fund>*

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*Mark Wood has been engaged by the Fellowship to help in its communication efforts.*

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