

**APPENDIX F**

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## *Declaration of Trust*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WHEREAS, there has been written a manuscript of a book entitled "THE URANTIA BOOK," and there have been produced from this manuscript approximately two thousand two hundred (2,200) nickel-plated stereotype plates of patent base thickness for the printing and reproduction of such book; and

The "Contributors" of the plates establish their ownership of them.

WHEREAS, certain persons, hereinafter referred to as the "Contributors," being desirous that a foundation be created for the objects herein expressed to be known as "URANTIA FOUNDATION," have contributed certain funds to that end, and said funds have been expended for the production of said plates for the printing and reproduction of THE URANTIA BOOK; and

WHEREAS, the Contributors, being desirous that their identity remain unknown in order that the creation of such foundation shall have no limitations by reason of its association with their names, coincident with the execution of this Declaration of Trust and with full knowledge and in consideration thereof, have caused their nominees to deliver and turn over to the undersigned the said plates for the printing and reproduction of THE URANTIA BOOK, to be held in trust to make possible the accomplishment and fulfillment of such desires and to carry out and perpetuate the objects herein expressed; and

WHEREAS, it is also contemplated that from time to time hereafter money and property of various kinds and descriptions will be given, granted, conveyed, assigned, transferred, devised, or bequeathed to such foundation for the uses and purposes and upon the trusts and conditions herein expressed:

The Plates are described in this paragraph. The manuscript from which they were produced was destroyed after the plates were cast.

The "Contributors" wish to remain anonymous to allow the foundation full autonomy.

## *Now, Therefore,*

### ARTICLE I CREATION OF FOUNDATION

**1.1. CREATION:** We, the undersigned, for and in behalf of the Contributors and those whose inspirations have this conceived, by this Declaration of Trust, hereby create, found, and establish this Foundation to be known as "URANTIA FOUNDATION."

The Trustees accept the plates from the "Contributors," also in behalf of "those whose inspirations have this conceived," the celestial authors, and on this basis establish Urantia Foundation.

### 1.2. ACCEPTANCE AND DECLARATION:

We, the undersigned, for ourselves and our successors in trust as hereinafter defined, do hereby acknowledge that there have been transferred and delivered to us approximately two thousand two hundred (2,200) nickel-plated stereotype plates of patent base thickness prepared from the manuscript of THE URANTIA BOOK for the printing and reproduction thereof, which plates are presently stored in the plate vaults of R. R. Donnelly & Sons Company at Crawfordsville, Indiana; and we, for ourselves and our successors in trust, do hereby declare that said plates for the printing and reproduction of THE URANTIA BOOK and all moneys and properties of every kind and description which may from time to time hereafter be given, granted, conveyed, assigned, transferred, bequeathed, or devised to, or otherwise acquired by, URANTIA FOUNDATION or the Trustees thereof, and accepted and received by the Foundation or the Trustees thereof, shall be held in trust for the uses and purposes and upon the trusts hereinafter provided.

Once again, the Plates are described and accepted in trust.

### ARTICLE II OBJECTS

**2.1. PRINCIPAL OBJECT:** The object for which this Foundation is created is the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the

The document now begins to describe the PRINCIPAL OBJECT for which Urantia Foundation has been created.

Concordant (or in harmony) with the primary mission,

Urantia Foundation was created specifically to "preserve inviolate" the original text of *The Urantia Book*.

While the Trustees preserve three copies of the original text printed in 1955, they have never again printed the same text.

peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the true teachings of Jesus Christ; 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.

**2.2. CONCORDANT OBJECTS:** The concordant objects for which the Foundation is created are to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of THE URANTIA BOOK and to disseminate the principles, teachings, and doctrines of THE URANTIA BOOK.

### ARTICLE III DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

**3.1. PRESERVATION OF TEXT OF THE URANTIA BOOK:** It shall be the primary duty of the Trustees to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of THE URANTIA BOOK, and the Trustees shall use and employ such means, methods, and facilities and apply and expend as much of the Trust Estate as in the judgment of the Trustees shall be necessary, proper, or appropriate, for the preserving and the safekeeping of copies of the original text of THE URANTIA BOOK, duly authenticated by the Trustees, from loss, damage, or destruction and from alteration, modification, revision, or change in any manner or in any particular.

**3.2. EFFECTING PRINCIPAL OBJECT:** It shall be the duty of the Trustees to use and

The mission of Urantia Foundation is first to "promote, improve and expand" the understanding of the message of the Urantia Papers for the mutual benefit of humankind. This mission is to be achieved by fostering an appropriate "religion, philosophy and cosmology."

The spirit and intent of this paragraph explains that the primary duty of the Trustees is to preserve inviolate the text of The Urantia Book from "loss, damage, or destruction and from alteration, modification, revision, or change in any manner or particular."

ceipts from any and all such money and property.

#### ARTICLE V

#### POWERS OVER SUBSTANTIVE ESTATE

**5.1. GENERAL:** The Trustees shall have all powers over the Substantive Estate as shall be necessary to carry out the objects of the Foundation, but the Trustees shall not have any power at any time to sell or in any manner encumber or dispose of the Substantive Estate or any part or portion thereof, except as provided for in this Article V.

**5.2. PRESERVATION AND DESTRUCTION OF SUBSTANTIVE ESTATE:** The Trustees shall have the power to destroy all or any part of the Substantive Estate except three (3) copies of the original text of THE URANTIA BOOK and the replacements thereof, but no part of the Substantive Estate shall be destroyed unless either (a) the Trustees shall unanimously agree that the continued preservation of such portion of the Substantive Estate is no longer required for accomplishing the purposes for which the Foundation is created or (b) the Trustees are prevented from preserving such portion of the Substantive Estate by reason of circumstances beyond their control.

**5.3. TRANSFER OF SUBSTANTIVE ESTATE:** The Trustees shall have the power to transfer all or any part of the Substantive Estate, except three (3) copies of the original text of THE URANTIA BOOK and the replacements thereof, to any organization, trust, corporation, institution, or entity of any kind which shall have been created by the Trustees and subject to their control, but only upon the

The Trustees are granted, under the terms of the Trust, *provisional* power over "Substantive Estate."

The "Substantive Estate" is described as three copies of the original text of The Urantia Book (printed from the original Plates). These cannot be destroyed under any circumstances.

NO PART of the Substantive Estate, which includes the plates themselves, can be destroyed without the unanimous vote of the Trustees. In 1967, an important part of the Substantive Estate was destroyed without such documented consent.

condition that the portion of the Substantive Estate so transferred shall be returned to the Trustees when the purposes for which it was transferred have been fulfilled.

#### ARTICLE VI GENERAL FISCAL POWERS

**6.1. GENERAL POWERS:** Subject to the provisions of Article V, the Trustees shall have the power to own, hold, manage, control, operate, care for, protect, and preserve the Trust Estate, and to collect and receive the income and profits therefrom, and the increments thereof, and to make contracts with respect to the Trust Estate or any portion thereof, and to bind the Trust Estate therefor, and to apply and use all or any part of the Trust Estate to effectuate the objects of the Foundation, all in accordance with the sole discretion and judgment of the Trustees.

**6.2. PRINCIPAL AND INCOME:** The Trustees shall have the power to determine, from time to time, whether or not there shall be any division of the Subservient Estate between "principal" and "income" and to determine what is "principal" and what is "income"; and in any instance in which it may be material, necessary, or desirable, the Trustees shall have the power, in their sole discretion and judgment, to determine how all receipts and disbursements shall be credited, charged, apportioned, accrued, or otherwise divided, prorated, or accounted for as between principal and income or as between separate funds or accounts; and the decision of the Trustees in all such cases shall be final.

**6.3. REAL ESTATE:** The Trustees shall have power, either (a) for the purpose of carrying out of the objects of the Foundation or (b) for investment or reinvestment of the Sub-

(The balance of the *Declaration of Trust* is not significant to this discussion, with the exception of the "Trustee Emeritus" section on the page following.)

**7.4. TRUSTEE EMERITUS:** In the event of the permanent disability of any Trustee, which shall be evidenced by the certificate of a competent physician, or in the event of the resignation of any Trustee, which may be done by delivering to any one of the other Trustees a writing stating his resignation, a vacancy shall be deemed to exist in the number of the Trustees. Any person who shall have been a Trustee hereunder and who shall become permanently disabled or who shall have resigned may, if he be willing, be made a TRUSTEE EMERITUS OF URANTIA FOUNDATION by a majority vote of the remaining Trustees, certified to under the hands and seals of said remaining Trustees, and filed for record as provided in paragraph 9.1. A Trustee Emeritus shall have no rights, duties, or powers hereunder, but ~~the name shall be given such person only~~ as an expression of appreciation of his past services as trustee.

A Trustee Emeritus is described as having no rights, duties or powers. But Christy retained virtual total control over the text after she was given emeritus status on October 15, 1971. In violation of the terms of the Declaration of Trust, she retained this control until her death on May 2, 1982.