

# The Old Concordex

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When I had first decided that I wanted to say something about The Concordex, back in October, I felt that I needed to try to remain as objective in this statement as possible. I knew that Clyde felt this, for when I talked to him about it, he said that he wanted me to write something, that I felt would help The Concordex in the future.

The first thing I did was ask Clyde, "What have other people said about The Concordex?" I had little idea at that time what I had gotten myself into. Clyde took me to his files. In these files are hundreds of letters from people who have written him concerning The Concordex. He said that I could quote what these individuals had written on the subject. So I picked out a few of these letters and have done my best to quote only that which concerns The Concordex.

"To an avid reader of The URANTIA Book, the Concordex is a must and the Book, itself, a glorious reading adventure". Mildred Bucklin

"(The Concordex) is what it takes to **HELP READERS** understand our new revelation, The URANTIA Book. The exciting experience in the use of the Concordex is in constructing a new concept by the use of the many related references before affirming a Supreme idea." Georgia Gecht

"I read with great interest the preliminary pages to the Concordex and feel they are well written, meaningful and helpful. I have already made much use of the Concordex and I am appreciative for its existence. Your 'labor of love' will enrich the use and effect of The URANTIA Book to individuals many times over." William M. Hales

"The Concordex... has proved invaluable. Your contribution to the teachings has been great." Mrs. Robert W. Meyers

"The Concordex is the indispensable key in the search for that beautiful phrase or concept once seen but now lost among the over one million words which constitute The URANTIA Book." Jim Mills

"No one who is truly a student of the Book can penetrate its depths without the Concordex. To think of becoming proficient in the U Book without this

assistance is like attempting to become a master of the English language without owning a dictionary." Bryon Beltsos

"Hear constant praise on your Concordex - it is such a help to so many". Berkeley Elliott

"The Concordex... provides even richer reader-aid for all readers, oldtimers and new. Using the Concordex enables The URANTIA Book to give instant response to us from its immensely important wisdom and revelation." Ruth Carothers

"I have always found your "labor of love" a most useful tool, whether it be in study group sessions or in my personal study of the URANTIA teachings." John Hales

"I can appreciate the tremendous effort and the great amount of time which went into this exhaustive compilation. I am sure it will be extremely helpful and that readers of The URANTIA Book will be very grateful to you." Edith Cook.

"It is really a wonderful job of indexing. I am sure it will be a great help in my study of The URANTIA Book." Emma (Christy) Christensen

"The Concordex is the most thorough and indispensable study aid to The URANTIA Book available to the readers. It is a resource which every serious student of The URANTIA Book cannot afford to be without." Meredith Sprunger

"God bless the Concordex. It is such an enormous help in penetrating the complexities of the URANTIA volume." Seklemian

"The Concordex offers comfort and convenience for a newcomer, and a continuing resource for the established reader." Helena E. Sprague

"The Concordex is an indispensable aid to those who desire to maximize their understanding of The URANTIA Book. For the serious student the only alternative... is to repeat the remarkable feat of Clyde Bedell..., a greater percentage of beginners would stick with their reading if... the Concordex were utilized." Eldred Cocking

"It is amazing how many different aspects there are to these topics and how effective the Concordex was in the careful systematic search for the answers in The URANTIA Book. I have used the Concordex continually with my URANTIA Book activities through the "ears." Julia Fenderson

"No student of The URANTIA Book should for an instant consider being without

one. I eagerly await the enlarged 3rd edition." Harry McMullen III

"The Concordex is a tremendous asset in the study of The URANTIA Book. I have used it for years and have introduced it to readers around the world." Vern Bennom Grimsley

In trying to remain objective in this matter I discussed with Clyde the only criticism I had ever heard on The Concordex. In our discussions Clyde acknowledged that he had heard some of this criticism before, but the individuals involved almost always failed to make their criticism specific enough to correct anything. This criticism is usually in the form of objecting to the content of the first 50 pages, the introduction. In my discussions with Clyde he said that he realized that an introduction would have to change over time to remain effective with different generations and ages. Primary on Clyde's mind was "to improve

The Concordex, so it would be the most effective study aid any Urantian could have at their disposal." He welcomed people to give him specific examples of how he could improve and enhance its ability to help people discover the wonders of The URANTIA Book. I would like to take the opportunity to asked all of you to do something for me and for Clyde, if you don't have a Concordex try to borrow one, read the first 50 pages of it. Pray on it, think on it, then write me and tell me what you think about them. If any of you have a criticism, please try your hardest to be specific about it.

The Concordex to me has been a very valuable aid in my pursuit of the teachings of The URANTIA Book. The Concordex has helped me, now I'm trying to repay that debt by helping it. If The Concordex has helped you, couldn't you try also to repay that debt by helping it. •