

The International Copyright Status of The Urantia Book

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This information is compiled from public, on-line (Internet) records of the United Nations, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Trade Organization, the Berne Convention, the U.S. Copyright Office, and other sources. It has not been possible to examine the national copyright laws of every nation of the world in detail in English, so there may be instances in which the term of protection is unexpectedly brief (as was found to be the case of Hungary and Canada) or unusually long (as is the case for Brazil, Slovenia, and the United States) in addition to the specific instances captured in this analysis.

Note: Generally speaking, for anonymous works, countries either provide no international copyright protection, provide it for 50 years from first publication in country of origin (Berne Convention and/or World Trade Organization), or provide it for 70 years from first publication (European Union). Local laws and international treaties are, of course, constantly being revised.

A. Countries in which The Urantia Book has never been subject to copyright, either because of non-recognition of international copyrights or because of local laws in regard to anonymous and pseudonymous works.

Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Nepal, Oman, Palau, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, and Yemen.

Note: Hungary does not recognize copyright in anonymous and pseudonymous works except when the author is known to be a citizen of Hungary.

B. Countries in which The Urantia Book was once protected by copyright, but where copyright protection ended in 1985.

Canada.

Note: The Supreme Court of Canada has held that copyright protection for anonymous and pseudonymous works extends for only 50 years from date of creation (not publication).

C. Countries in which The Urantia Book is technically protected by copyright, grouped by the last year into which that copyright protection extends.

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Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hong Kong, China, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macau, China, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of

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Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

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Brazil.

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Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, and United Kingdom.

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United States of America.

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