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THE URANTIA BOOK: WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

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People often ask, when first hearing of THE URANTIA BOOK, "What's it about?" I have not found a paper that summarizes the content of the book by subject. Therefore, I endeavored to write a mini-index/explanation of the book's multi-faceted subject matter. Following is the beginnings of an explanation for any person, who for the first time, is curious, and may wish to get a smattering of the book's contents.

AFFLICTION Why is there so much suffering? Why does God allow so much pain? The book says suffering and affliction is partly caused by our personal mistakes and partly because of misguided Sons of God. We must be patient for that better day when all sin will be removed.

ANCIENTS OF DAYS Who are they? Mentioned in the Old Testament, they are three high spirit beings who jointly administer the seventh superuniverse in which we live, Orvonton and they reside at the capital, Uversa.

ANGELS Do angels really exist? The book says there are many beings; some are very high spirit beings, some are lower, near to humans. These beings are not visible to human vision, but really do exist. Some of these beings were involved in transmitting the book through a human subject by a technique unknown to humans.

CONFUSION AND DISORDER Who was Lucifer? What was the default of Adam and Eve? What was the affect of the mistake? The book explains what the world could have realized had Adam and Eve been more patient.

COSMIC CITIZENSHIP Why are we on this terrestrial ball? Are we alone in space? Was the world made in just six days? Are there other intelligent beings? We are just one of millions of inhabited planets similar to ours.

CONSTELLATION What is a constellation? It is the multiple of several local systems and is ruled by three high administrative Sons, the Most Highs (mentioned in the Bible). Several constellations make up a local universe of which Michael is our Creator-Father. The capital of the constellation in which our world is located is called Edentia.

CREATION Who created earth, Urantia? The book says there is an order of Creator Sons called Michael. Jesus of Nazareth is the Michael Creator Son of God that came from the Father God eons ago along with his Universe Mother Spirit (Daughter of the Infinite Spirit of the Trinity). He came with his partner and created the local universe (Nebadon, capital Salvington) in which our planet, Urantia is located. The book gives a thrilling story of the creation of Urantia.

The book answers the age old question of whether we were created or evolved. We're both! We humans and plants and animals have changed much since creation.

EARLY DEATH What chance of eternal life does a person or child have in case of death without a full life on earth? Is death really an eternal tragedy?

No, say the book; such a person will have an opportunity in the next life to make up for loss of experiences.

EARLY HUMANS Were early humans like animals, monkeys? Yes similar, but humans have will power and the ability to reason. There is no direct link between primates and humans because there never was one.

EDUCATION Can we do better at educating our children? Is it necessary to educate ourselves throughout all life? Yes; the book says we should continue our education in the arts, philosophy, religion, science and social values. Children should receive their religious education in the home. The book has many suggestions for educating children.

EARTH AGE How old is the earth? The age of material earth is about 1 billion years.

EVIL, SIN, REBELLION, INIQUITY What is sin? What is the meaning of iniquity? The book essentially says evil is ungodliness or error in judgement. Sin is the willful choosing of evil and rebellion is open defiance in continuous choosing of evil. Iniquity is the continuous choosing of rebellion and is a sign that spiritual value in a person is nonexistent or exhausted. Such a person will be annihilated, as though he never was.

FIRST HUMANS Were Adam and Eve the first humans? The books says early historians had no records to reconcile early history of earth and they assumed Adam and Eve were the first. Andon and Fonta were the first true humans with power of will in their minds. They were born about 500 million years ago.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT What was the forbidden fruit? There was a Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden and it supplied the space energy needed by Adam and Eve and their children. Read about the great plan of God to upstep human life the warnings Adam and Eve received before their Urantia service. The book describes the default of Adam and Eve and its repercussions.

GABRIEL Who is Gabriel? Gabriel is the first spirit offspring of Michael and our Universe Mother Spirit. He was created in perfection as a high administrator and is the "right hand man", of Michael. He is the Chief Executive of our local universe, Nebadon. He personally appeared to Mary and Elizabeth to announce their sons would live special lives on earth.

GARDEN OF EDEN Where was it? Why was it called Eden? It was located on a land peninsula at the east end of the then Mediterranean Sea. It was called Eden because it was patterned after Edentia, the capital of our constellation. The garden was prepared for Adam and Eve.

GOD Is there really a God? What about many gods? There is only one God in reality although there are many beings of God. There is a much better explanation of God in the book than anything we have seen in the past ages.

JESUS Did he really exist? Was he divine or just an admirable prophet? Jesus of Nazareth was the earth human manifestation of Michael. Michael is the creator of our local universe, Nebadon. He came to Urantia, our planet, for his seventh and final bestowal in the likeness of his creatures to qualify for absolute sovereignty of his local universe and to reveal the nature of the Father God of all creation.

Jesus was born at noon on August 21, 7 BC in a stable at Bethlehem in the same manner as all babies have been on earth.

JESUS, UNEXPLAINED YEARS Why doesn't the Bible give information about Jesus' years between birth and age 12 and from 12 to the time of beginning his public ministry? The Bible New Testament writers were not familiar with the life details of Jesus during these time periods. The Urantia Book gives a year-by-year narrative of his life from birth to death.

JUDGEMENT Is there a judgement day? Yes, sleeping survivors will awaken on a mansion world with a new body. We will be mercifully judged according to our abilities and life circumstances.

LAZURUS Did Lazarus really die? Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from death? Jesus so loved his friends he had great compassion for Mary and Martha and he so much wanted to gain the attention of the Jewish leaders. The book explains his thinking on this.

LIBERTY, TRUE AND FALSE Why are there so many mistakes made by people? Perhaps we fail to understand the larger purposes of God and do not understand true liberty. The book explains the truth of liberty and the consequences of false liberty when chosen.

LIFE IMPLANTATION When did life first appear on Urantia? The first life was implanted at three separate locations by an order of high celestial beings called Life Carriers. The original Life Carriers who performed this high duty now serve on the commission of advisors attached to the administration of our planet.

LIFE RECORD Will God remember all that you have done in life here on earth? The book says there is a transcript of our thoughts and activities that have survival value that is recorded and given to you when you awake in the next life.

LUCIFER Who was this Son? Why is he so obscure in our world history? How is he related to Satan? Lucifer was a high administrator Son who fell into sin and instigated a terrible rebellion in our local system celestial administration. He took many others with him into sin and caused a terrible retrogression on our earth. His sin is one of the primary causes of confusion and sickness here.

MANSION WORLDS Where are they? What are they? The Mansion worlds are the next places we go after we die in material form. They are training worlds and are located in our local system of sphere administration. There we go for training. The book says many humans arrive with so many deficiencies. We advance to several mansion spheres until we reach a point we begin real spiritizing training enroute to other spirit worlds enroute to Paradise.

MARRIAGE Is marriage made in heaven? Are couple paired in heaven before marriage? No, says the book; although marriage is a purely human institution, it is approved as a technique, in heaven. No specific pair unions are made in heaven. Some unions obviously were and are wrong and should never have been made. Others are wonderful and certainly must be approved. There is no celestial control of our marriages.

MARY AND JOSEPH Were Mary and Joseph married at the time of Jesus' conception. The book does not discuss this much but does say they were a union when selected as the future parents of Jesus.

MELCHIZEDEK Who was he? Why isn't there a record of his birth and death in the Bible? Melchizedek is the name of an order of beings that serve for a wide variety of purposes including teaching. The book says a Melchizedek served an emergency bestowal on earth when there was real danger the concept in the mind of man of one God would be lost. He made a covenant with Abraham.

MORONTIA What is the next life or body like? The next life after the human experience is called morontia life. There we are not human material or spiritual; we are morontial. It is the life to which Jesus assumed in resurrection soon after his death on the cross. It exists in a range not ordinarily visible to humans.

PARADISE What is paradise? Where is it? Paradise is the eternal dwelling place of God the Supreme and is located at the center of all creation. It is motionless and is the power gravity center of all physical force. It is the source location of personality with God the Father as its keeper.

PERFECT How can a person possibly be perfect as Jesus commands us? The book explains it will take eternal life to perfect us so that we can stand before the Father God as a perfected being. Life here is just the beginning of a long panorama of eternal life experiences leading to perfection.

PERSONAL GUARDIANS Do people have personal angel guardians? Some do, but most are assigned in groups of 1,000 to one pair of guardian seraphim.

PRAYER Does God hear our prayers? Yes, God is aware of all our needs, but man must learn to commune with God. It is ridiculous, even ludicrous to pray for things or action that God cannot give. There is good explanation of this in the book.

PURPOSE What is life all about anyway? Why am I here? Where am I going? God created all life. He created human will creatures to ascend to Him and He, through his angels and Sons, reaches down to draw all men unto Him. We are to inhabit the world and grow, to seek Him, and to ascend to higher and higher plains of awareness of Him while giving service to our fellows as we live on each station of life.

RACES Why are there different colors of skin? There once were six colors: blue, red, yellow, indigo, orange, and green. Some are now extinct. These are now very mixed. The explanation of the races is a very enlightening portion of the book that explains many of the problems and differences in people. Learn what we can do to improve the world through race hybridization.

REVELATION How can the book possibly be revelation? The book explains when revelation is needed on a evolutionary world and how revelation augments evolution. The book's authors give first priority to restating the highest concepts known on earth (Urantia) and restate them; new revelation is offered only when known concepts are inadequate to describe truth in the universe. The angels and other intelligent creatures work on behalf of God for us and have given us this book to enhance our planetary improvement.

The book says there have been five epochs of significant religious revelation on this planet. They were: 1) The Dalamatian teachings; 2) The

Edenic teachings; 3) Melchizedek of Salem; 4) Jesus of Nazareth; and 5) The Urantia Papers (The Urantia Book). (UB p 1007,1008)

SATAN Who was Satan? Can he get into peoples' minds? Can we truthfully say, "The devil made me do it?" No, the devil cannot enter peoples' minds and he no longer runs loose on earth.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT The beatitudes and the sermon were part of Jesus ordination and consecration of his 12 apostles. The book explains the purposes of these teachings.

SOVEREIGNTY, LAW Who is in charge? We are in charge of our personal destiny by the decisions we make, to do God's will or to reject God. The various levels of the Sons of God in administration earn absolute sovereignty through their faithful obedience to His plan. Law is both universal and planetary evolutionary. (See UB p 1490, 1491)

SOCIETAL PROBLEMS Why do we have so many problems which seem so difficult to solve. One reason is degenerate stocks of humans. "No society has progressed very far when it permits idleness or tolerates poverty. But poverty and dependence can never be eliminated if the defective and degenerate stocks are freely supported and permitted to reproduce without restraint". (UB p 803) For examples of better living see paper # 72 describing a government of a nation on another planet.

SPIRIT HELPER What is the "still, small voice"? Is there a spirit that actually helps people be better if they want? Yes; the book refers to a Thought Adjuster sometimes called a Mystery Monitor that is a direct gift of the Father God to all normal minded humans that indwells your mind. "Can you really realize the true significance of the Adjuster's indwelling? Do you really fathom what it means to have an absolute fragment of the absolute and infinite Deity, the Universal Father, indwelling and fusing with your finite mortal natures? When mortal man fuses with an actual fragment of the existential Cause of the total cosmos, no limit can ever be placed upon the destiny of such an unprecedented and unimaginable partnership." (UB p 1181 center).

SOUL What is it? How does it begin? When is it born? What or where is its destiny? Where you go after you die? Does it evolve? These questions and more are answered?

SUN What is the source of energy in the sun? What is the temperature at its surface? Learn of the supergases and degree of its mass, about two octillion (2×10 to the 27 power).

SURVIVAL Is there a life after human body death? Yes; the book gives much detail about the great ascension plan with improvement on many steps to perfection and attainment of the Father God. The next life is called morontia life; it is a type of being that you become.

SURVIVAL, SAVED What does it mean to be saved? Do we really survive life after human death? Being saved means accepting God. There's alot of detail spread through the book on survival. The key is one's personal choice.

TRANSFIGURATION What does this word mean? Who were the celestial persons conferring with Jesus on the mountain? This is an exciting story in the book.

TRANSPORTATION How do we move from world to world? We are lovingly transported by a type of seraphim. Moving about the Mansion worlds and on to some other high places requires the services of transport seraphim while we are in a sleep state.

TRINITY What is the Trinity? How can God be three persons simultaneously? The book offers more information than we've known!

ULTIMATONS What are they? The smallest particle. They "function by mutual attraction, responding only to the circular Paradise-gravity pull". (UB p476)

VOLITION What is will? Is it more powerful than God? The book says that a person's decision is never overpowered or usurped, even by God. Even a person's own will to go into evil or sin is never changed by God. A person can choose to do good or evil according to his own will.

WOMAN Why are so many women dominated by men? Are men superior to women? Men and women are equal and are intended by God to be equal partners in life establishment and living throughout eternity. Part three details the history of men and women on Urantia.

WORSHIP Is worship natural? The urge to worship has been put into the human mind since very early days of human history. Worship has undergone tremendous changes in the mind of man over the thousands of years. Humans worshipped many things in the quest response to mysterious things.