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This booklet is an introduction to the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, a new revelation of truth to the peoples of our world, Urantia, as our planet is known in the universe. *The Urantia Book* blends science, philosophy, history, and religion seamlessly into a beautiful narrative that challenges, informs and integrates the truths of our origin, our nature, and our eternal destiny—“the ageless process from animal to angel, from angel to spirit, from spirit to God.”¹

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“When men search for God, they are searching for everything.
When they find God, they have found everything.

The search for God is the unstinted bestowal of love
attended by amazing discoveries of new and
greater love to be bestowed.”²

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Life's Questions & Answers

Who is God?

“The Universal Father is the God of all creation, the First Source and Center of all things and beings. First think of God as a creator, then as a controller, and lastly as an infinite upholder. The truth about the Universal Father had begun to dawn upon mankind when the prophet said: ‘You, God, are alone; there is none beside you. You have created the heaven and the heaven of heavens, with all their hosts; you preserve and control them. By the Sons of God were the universes made. The Creator covers himself with light as with a garment and stretches out the heavens as a curtain.’ Only the concept of the Universal Father—one God in the place of many gods—enabled mortal man to comprehend the Father as divine creator and infinite controller.”³ God is the source of all true love. He is your Creator Father, and places a fragment of himself in your mind to act as your spirit guide. He is a lover of all humankind and a helper of the distressed. He neither creates evil nor permits sin and rebellion. All things are possible with God. God is the source and destiny of all that is good, beautiful and true.

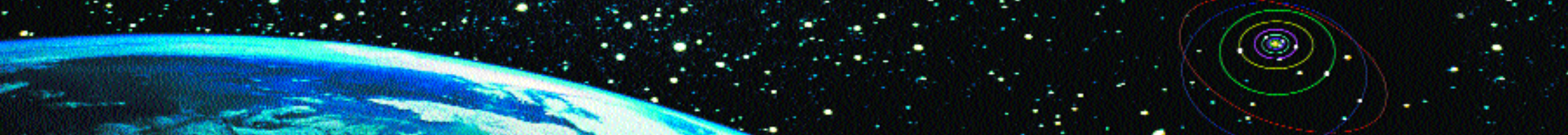
Does God know me personally?

God bestows unique personality on every human being, and thereby knows each of us personally. In addition, God sends a spirit fragment of himself to live within your mind. Known as a Thought Adjuster, this spirit fragment partners with your mind to foster the growth of your soul and spiritualize your thinking. This Thought Adjuster is devoted to the work of building your soul with you during your mortal life. The Adjuster is your pilot; the mind is your ship; and your free will is the captain in your life. Each time you choose to do God’s will, you grow your soul and experience the divinity that lives within you. Your Thought Adjuster is the greatest evidence of God’s love for you. This spirit fragment is the essence of your eternal nature, your perfect guide who toils tirelessly for your spiritual growth.

“Ever bear in mind—God and men need each other. They are mutually necessary to the full and final attainment of eternal personality experience in the divine destiny of universe finality.”⁴

Does God hear my prayers?

Yes, all sincere prayers are heard and answered, although the answer may be delayed or modified to another stage of your spiritual ascension. God and his helpers in the universe know your needs even before you ask, and give you the answer you need to progress. “God answers man’s prayer by giving him an increased revelation of truth, an enhanced appreciation of beauty, and an augmented concept of goodness. Prayer is a subjective gesture, but it contacts with mighty objective realities on the spiritual levels of human experience; it is a meaningful reach by the human for superhuman values. It is the most potent spiritual-growth stimulus.”⁵



What happens after I die?

Death is “only the beginning of an endless career of adventure, an everlasting life of anticipation, an eternal voyage of discovery.”⁶ *The Urantia Book* likens a person awakening after death to a butterfly emerging from a cocoon. After you die, you wake up on the first of seven mansion worlds—spheres of exquisite beauty and embellishment—as the same person you were here on earth but with a new body, one without flesh and blood. While you are getting used to your new home, you will have time to call upon your loved ones and friends who arrived on these worlds before you. You will continue your life of eternal adventure and growth, resuming your intellectual and spiritual development at the exact level you had attained when you died. Your life after death will not be so different in essentials from your mortal existence; you will continue to be challenged to grow in spirituality. Your evolution from an animal-like creature to a perfected spirit will still be dependent upon your faith and spirit-led decisions. There is no end to your life, only transitions from one phase of development to a higher one.

“Woman . . . has always been the moral standard-bearer and the spiritual leader of mankind. The hand that rocks the cradle still fraternizes with destiny.”⁷

Is there life on other planets?

Yes, the universe is teeming with an amazing variety of life. You will meet and work with all kinds of material and spiritual beings during your universe ascension career. We are part of an enormous cosmos that contains an infinite family of ascending beings to God and descending beings from God. In the grand universe, there are over seven trillion inhabitable planets, and our world, Urantia, is one of several hundred inhabited worlds in our local system. You will be

astonished as you progress from world to world and meet the variety of intelligent beings who share this universe with us.

Why does evil exist?

Evil is not created by God. Because it exists only in potential until actualized by human choice, evil serves as a decision stimulus for the moral progress of free-will human beings. Free will is an attribute bestowed by God on his mortal children to enable them to learn to choose between good and evil, and to ascend from imperfection to perfection. The Creator will not allow any being to deny you the right to exercise your divinely bestowed free will. We are all part of a gigantic creation striving towards perfection, and perfection only exists where God exists. “Evil is the immature choosing and the unthinking misstep of those who are resistant to goodness, rejectful of beauty, and disloyal to truth.”⁸

“As you view the world, remember that the black patches of evil which you see are shown against a white background of ultimate good.”⁹

How can people learn to love each other?

People can learn to love each other by recognizing that we are all children of a common Creator Father. “Love is dynamic. It can never be captured; it is alive, free, thrilling, and always moving. You can never take the love of the Father and imprison it within your heart. The Father’s love can become real to you only by passing through that man’s personality as you in turn bestow this love upon your fellows. The love of the Father appears in the mortal personality by the ministry of the indwelling Adjuster. Such a God-knowing child reveals this love to his universe brethren, and this fraternal affection is the essence of the love of the Supreme.”¹⁰ Another way to learn to love others, especially those



with whom you have difficulty, is to pray for them. Your prayer will not change them, but it will have a positive effect on your attitude toward them. Love is born of a thorough understanding of your neighbor's motives and sentiments. Loving others as the Father loves us all is one of the highest goals you can have in your life.

"All true love is from God, and man receives the divine affection as he himself bestows this love upon his fellows."¹¹

What is the purpose of my life?

The main purpose of your life is to find God and become more like him, to respond to the love and guidance of the fragment of God that lives within your own soul, and to realize that you are a child of God and that all people are your brothers and sisters. As you learn to love God more, it will be easier to love people because your love becomes more real as you bestow it on others.

Another purpose is the eternal exploration of the infinite Father as he expresses himself in universal reality and in the lives of his children in all the vast universe in his creation.

"Woman was long denied full freedom of self-disposal in marriage, but the more intelligent women have always been able to circumvent this restriction by the clever exercise of their wits."¹²

How can I become a better person?

The ideal way to become a better person is to make spiritually significant decisions in your life situation, to maintain faith in God no matter what life brings, and to learn to love one more person each day.

These practices, together with wholehearted and unselfish prayer and worship, help grow your soul and enlarge your capacity to express the fruits of the spirit: loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unflinching goodness, forgiving tolerance, and enduring peace.

"Spirituality becomes at once the indicator of one's nearness to God and the measure of one's usefulness to fellow beings. Spirituality enhances the ability to discover beauty in things, recognize truth in meanings, and discover goodness in values. Spiritual development is determined by capacity therefore and is directly proportional to the elimination of the selfish qualities of love."¹³

What do angels do?

Angels are very close to you and love you. Angels are your heavenly guides. They share most of your emotions except fear and anger. They are devoted to assisting you through your social, ethical, and moral environment to make enhanced spiritual decisions; to help you grow as a spiritual being. Angels help to intensify the higher ideals that have already appeared in your mind. Frequently your urge to pray is the result of their influence. Angels retain the records of your life as you live it, but they do not judge you. Angels possess powers far beyond human comprehension. When you awaken on a mansion world after death, you will behold your angels for the first time.



The Purpose of Revelation

Revelation is part of God's plan to both satisfy and stimulate our hunger for greater truth. As we become conscious of God's living presence in our minds, revelation helps us understand our relationship with him as our source, nature, and destiny.

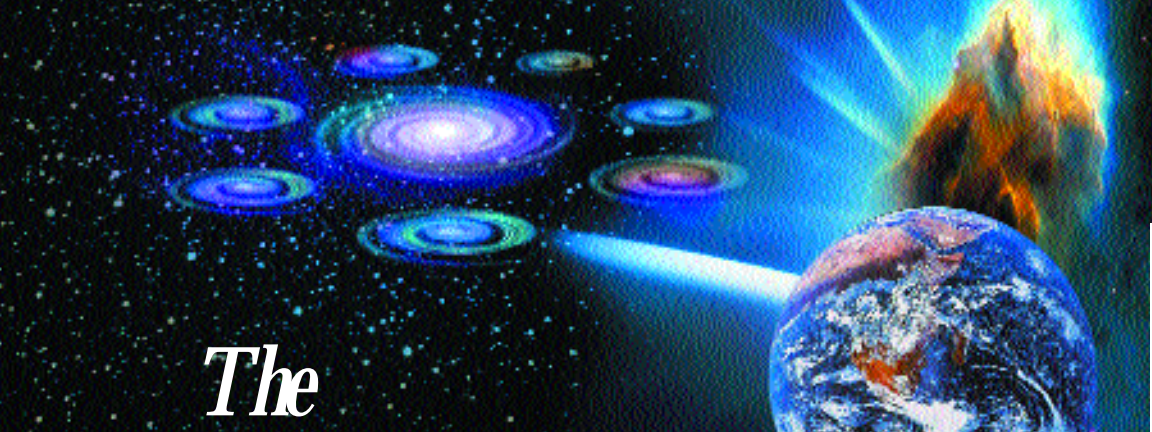
Revelation is concerned with the expansion of this truth to mortal worlds, of which our planet, known as Urantia, is one. Personal revelation is continuous and, if we are receptive, is offered by the spirit of God dwelling in our minds. Planetary or epochal revelation is periodic, and normally arrives when the potentials for evolutionary growth are exhausted. If the truth and maturity of any religion can be judged by its concepts of the infinite personality of God, then revelation is the way these higher concepts are synthesized.

Our minds are gifts from God that enable us to strive for a comprehension of reality. Revelations of new truth blend science, philosophy and religion into a coherent and logical universe framework of cosmic relationships, universe facts, and spiritual values. The

comprehension of truth enables the weaving of science and religion into a harmony of mind and a satisfaction of spirit that answers the questionings of our minds. The world's religions have been expanded by revelation throughout the ages, and much good has come about from the infusion of new truth.

Revelation seeks to sort and censor evolutionary religion to bring a new and higher understanding of the relationship of God to the universe in which we live. This revealed knowledge of the unity and beauty of the universe can allow us to feel its indivisibility and oneness. It moves us to a new and higher reality perspective which can be experienced in all aspects of our lives. We may more often express the higher values of love, truth, and faith instead of anger and fear. Revelation illuminates all spiritual teachings and assures us that God and eternal life is our destiny.

The Urantia Book describes itself as the fifth epochal revelation to our world. The fourth was Jesus of Nazareth. The essence of Jesus' teaching is doing God's will in love and service—the natural response of a child of God to his Father's love and the joyous act of returning his love to our fellows. *The Urantia Book* expands upon Jesus' teaching to bring us a new revelation of the truth of our common sonship with our Father, and the privileges and responsibilities of ascending cosmic citizenship in his universe. *The Urantia Book* conveys a new revelation of truth to bring us spiritual wisdom.



The Eternal Adventure

By Carol Schindler

The NeverEnding Story is a children's classic film, a gripping adventure that tells the tale of a young boy named Bastian who receives an intriguing book from an old man, and with it a warning that reading it will change his life. As Bastian begins reading, something amazing happens: he realizes that what he does and who he is directly affects the outcome of the story. To save the characters in the book, he must make a decision to believe in the impossible—to make a leap of faith. That is not so different from *The Urantia Book*.

The Urantia Book is more than two thousand pages filled with information to help us all on our "eternal adventure," which begins here on this planet and continues long after we pass from this world to the next. Our adventure is no less exciting than Bastian's in *The NeverEnding Story*—in fact, it's more exciting because it's real.

The Urantia Book tells us that our planet has been evolving for billions of years, and that human beings have been evolving along with

it. Although at times our progress has been painfully slow, the book tells us not to get discouraged, because evolution will not fail. We have already evolved from cave dwellers to what we are today, and we will continue to evolve until we get as good as we can get. Our planet and our civilizations will continue to evolve until we reach a state of finite perfection—what is called "Light and Life."

The grandest part of our adventure is that we finite beings get to seek, know and eventually find an infinite God. This is much more than a warm feeling inside; this is being face-to-face with the Infinite God on Paradise. The whole process does take billions of years, adventure-packed years. That is why staying in the moment is so important. How could you possibly plan for the next billion years? Your head would explode.

Our adventure begins right here, and perhaps for some of you, right now. *The Urantia Book* tells us that it is here on this planet that we discover that God lives in all of us. It is here that we first learn the importance of loving service to all humankind. And it is here in this "short but intriguing life" that we learn that there are certain "inevitableities." The book tells us: "Is *courage*—strength of character—desirable? Then must man be reared in an environment which necessitates grappling with hardships and reacting to disappointments."¹⁴ "Is *faith*—the supreme assertion of human thought—desirable? Then must the mind of man find itself in that troublesome predicament where it ever knows less than it can believe."¹⁵

The book talks about hope, altruism, love of truth, idealism, loyalty, unselfishness and pleasure in the same way. For us to understand these concepts, we need to experience the opposite. It's tough, but it is the only way for a finite being to find God. We must find God experientially. We must grow. God slowed down creation to



make that possible. God created time and space as a perfect environment for us to grow in.

The Urantia Book also tells us a lot about what happens after we leave this planet. After we die, it gets better: there is life after death, and it is good. When we die, we wake up in a new body on another world, the first of what Jesus called “the mansion worlds.” They are a series of worlds, seven in number, where we work out all the stuff we have not worked out here.

When we wake up on the mansion world, we know who we are, and we know where we’ve been. Waiting for us are those who passed before us. You will see your grandparents and parents again, and all of those friends who died before you ... and probably all of your old boyfriends and that boss you really disliked. They will all be there—this really *is* an adventure. There are some added benefits, among them having seventy senses and never getting sick any more. Things that we really desired to do here, but were unable to do for various reasons, we will be able to do there.

We are still the same people, with the same old baggage we died with. If you thought you were going to magically change into wonderful beings, there is some good news and some bad news. You will turn into wonderful beings—*after* you work through your stuff. After we die, in terms of growth we pick up right where we left off,

and begin the second step in an evolutionary adventure that will take us through our master universe and eventually on to Paradise itself.

The Urantia Book tells us that the master universe is huge, and then there are four outer space levels after that. And then there is Paradise, and there is nothing bigger than Paradise. This whole grand universe is dedicated to helping us grow. It’s literally one big school. Level after level, we grow more and more spiritual until we are total spirit ... and then, we grow as spirits. This growing never stops. Even after we come face-to-face with God on Paradise, we still will continue to learn more about God. And no matter how much we learn, there will always be more to discover.

The Urantia Book tells us: “There is in the mind of God a plan which embraces every creature of all his vast domains, and this plan is an eternal purpose of boundless opportunity, unlimited progress, and endless life. And the infinite treasures of such a matchless career are yours for the striving! The goal of eternity is ahead! The adventure of divinity attainment lies before you!”¹⁶

When faced with eternity, we will never be bored. There will always be another adventure. There will always be more to discover about the First Source and Center, our loving Father. And that is truly the never-ending story.



The
URANTIA
BOOK

PART I
The Central and Superuniverses

PART II

Overview

The Urantia Book, the fifth in a series of planned revelations of truth to our world, is divided into four parts:

Part I: The Central and Superuniverses

This section describes the nature of Deity, the reality of Paradise, the organization and working of the central and master universes, the personalities of the grand universe, and the high destiny of evolutionary mortals.

Part II: The Local Universe

Part II describes our local universe. It comprises one hundred constellations, each embracing one hundred systems of inhabited worlds. Our world, Urantia, belongs to a local universe whose sovereign is Michael, the Son of God and the Son of Man, also known as Jesus of Nazareth. Part II tells the story of man's ascension career following his initial life on the evolutionary planet of his birth.

Part III: The History of Urantia

The history of our planet began a billion years ago, when it was placed upon the physical registries of Nebadon and given its name, Urantia. Part III of *The Urantia Book* relates the history of our planet, its geologic development, the establishment of life, the evolution and

history of human kind, evolving civilizations and human institutions and governments. Also discussed is the Trinity concept, the evolution of religion, the indwelling spirit of God (the Thought Adjuster), personality survival and the bestowals of Christ Michael, the Creator Son of our Local Universe who is also known as Jesus of Nazareth.

Part IV: The Life and Teachings of Jesus

Part IV covers the enthralling drama of the life lived by Jesus on our planet, including a year-by-year account of his life and teachings, his childhood, youth, and early travels, his personal and public ministry, the choosing and training of the twelve apostles, and his trial, death, and resurrection.

Through both his humanity and his divinity, Jesus leads us to do God's will and to put ourselves in service to others. "Some day a reformation in the Christian Church may strike deep enough to get back to the unadulterated religious teachings of Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. You may *preach* a religion *about* Jesus, but, perforce, you must *live* the religion *of* Jesus."¹⁷ "The great hope of Urantia lies in the possibility of a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message which would spiritually unite in loving service the numerous families of his present-day professed followers."¹⁸

Our Challenge

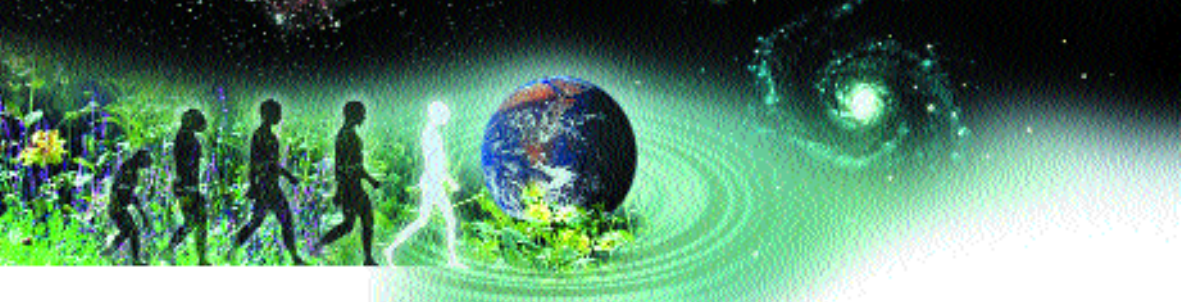
“The religious challenge of this age is to those farseeing and forward-looking men and women of spiritual insight who will dare to construct a new and appealing philosophy of living out of the enlarged and exquisitely integrated modern concepts of cosmic truth, universe beauty, and divine goodness. Such a new and righteous vision of morality will attract all that is good in the mind of man and challenge that which is best in the human soul. Truth, beauty, and goodness are divine realities, and as man ascends the scale of spiritual living, these supreme qualities of the Eternal become increasingly coordinated and unified in God, who is love.”¹⁹

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“If you are still looking for what could fill that spiritual/God-leaning gap in your life, *The Urantia Book* might just bring a profound change to your life.”

Norman Lear,
Writer-Producer

“*The Urantia Book* has been very important to me. The material has always fed my hunger for a deeper understanding of the purpose of life, and the best way to live it. Any spiritual seeker is bound to find sustenance here.”

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“While I do not agree with everything in *The Urantia Book*, I know that every path that opens us to unexplored understandings can be a path to God.”

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