Week 10 – Integrating and Going Forward

- The Spirit of Truth, the Last 2,000 Years, and the Future of Religion
- Review of major themes/concepts in The Urantia Book
- Participation in the Urantia community
- Sharing what we've experienced in this course

The Spirit of Truth, the Last 2,000 Years, and the Future of Religion (194-195) (170)



Paper 194: Bestowal of the Spirit of Truth

- 1. The Pentecost Sermon
- 2. The Significance of Pentecost
- 3. What Happened at Pentecost
- 4. Beginnings of the Christian Church

194:2.1 (2060.6) ... Jesus' message, as he preached it and lived it in his day, was an effective solvent for man's spiritual difficulties in that day of its statement. And now that he has personally left the world, he sends in his place his Spirit of Truth, who is designed to live in man and, for each new generation, (1) to restate the Jesus message so that every new group of mortals to appear upon the face of the earth shall have a new and up-to-date version of the gospel, just such personal enlightenment and group guidance as will prove to be an effective solvent for man's ever-new and varied spiritual difficulties.





194:2.2 (2060.7) The first mission of this spirit is, of course, (2) to foster and personalize truth, for it is the comprehension of truth that constitutes the highest form of human liberty.

Next, (3) it is the purpose of this spirit to destroy the believer's feeling of orphanhood. Jesus having been among men, all believers would experience a sense of loneliness had not the Spirit of Truth come to dwell in men's hearts.

194:2.4 (2061.2) Do not make the mistake of expecting to become strongly intellectually conscious of the outpoured Spirit of Truth. The spirit never creates a consciousness of himself, only a consciousness of

Michael, the Son. From the beginning Jesus taught that the spirit would not speak of himself. The proof, therefore, of your fellowship with the Spirit of Truth is not to be found in your consciousness of this spirit but rather in your experience of enhanced fellowship with Michael.

194:2.5 (2061.3) (4) The spirit also came to help men recall and understand the words of the Master as well as to illuminate and reinterpret his life on earth.

194:2.6 (2061.4) ... to witness to the realities of Jesus' teachings and his life as he lived it in the flesh, and as he now again lives it anew and afresh in the individual believer of each passing generation of the spirit-filled sons of God.

194:2.3 (2061.1) (5) This bestowal of the Son's spirit effectively prepared all normal men's minds for the subsequent universal bestowal of the Father's spirit (the Adjuster) upon all mankind.

194:2.7 (2061.5) Thus it appears that the Spirit of Truth comes really to lead all believers into all truth, into the expanding knowledge of the experience of the living and growing spiritual consciousness of the reality of eternal and ascending sonship with God.

194:3.6 (2063.4) Do not overlook the fact that the Spirit of Truth was bestowed upon all sincere believers; this gift of the spirit did not come only to the apostles. The one hundred and twenty men and women assembled in the upper chamber all received the new teacher, as did all the honest of heart throughout the whole world. This new teacher was bestowed upon mankind, and every soul received him in accordance with the love for truth and the capacity to grasp and comprehend spiritual realities.



194:3.9 (2064.1) The manifestations associated with the bestowal of the "new teacher," and the reception of the apostles' preaching by the men of various races and nations gathered together at Jerusalem, indicate the universality of the religion of Jesus. The gospel of the kingdom was to be identified with no particular race, culture, or language.

(Implications for the spiritual Interfaith Family)

194:3.10 (2064.2) The bestowal of the Spirit of Truth was independent of all forms, ceremonies, sacred places, and special behavior by those who received the fullness of its manifestation. ... The spirit was bestowed in the country as well as in the city. It was not necessary for the apostles to go apart to a lonely place for years of solitary meditation in order to receive the spirit. For all time, Pentecost disassociates the idea of spiritual experience from the notion of especially favorable environments.

194:3.19 (2065.7) The coming of the Spirit of Truth purifies the human heart and leads the recipient to formulate a life purpose single to the will of God and the welfare of men. ... The joy of this outpoured spirit, when it is consciously experienced in human life, is a tonic for health, a stimulus for mind, and an unfailing energy for the soul.

4. Beginnings of the Christian Church

194:4.1 (2066.1) When Jesus was so suddenly seized by his enemies and so quickly crucified between two thieves, his apostles and disciples were completely demoralized. The thought of the Master, arrested, bound, scourged, and crucified, was too much for even the apostles. They forgot his teachings and his warnings.

194:4.2 (2066.2) Then comes the resurrection, with its deliverance from despair and the return of their faith in the Master's divinity. Again and again they see him and talk with him, and he takes them out on Olivet, where he bids them farewell and tells them he is going back to the Father.

(Then the Spirit of Truth is bestowed upon them.)



194:4.4 (2066.4) What has happened to these men whom Jesus had ordained to go forth preaching the gospel of the kingdom, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man? They have a new gospel; they are on fire with a new experience; they are filled with a new spiritual energy. Their message has suddenly shifted to the proclamation of the risen Christ...

194:4.5 (2066.5) The gospel of the kingdom, the message of Jesus, had been suddenly changed

into the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They now proclaimed the facts of his life, death, and resurrection and preached the hope of his speedy return to this world to finish the work he began....

194:4.6 (2067.1) ... But it was a fellowship of believers in Jesus, not a fellowship of brothers in the family kingdom of the Father in heaven. ... Christ was about to become the creed of the rapidly forming church.

Paper 170:

The Kingdom of Heaven

- 1. Concepts of the Kingdom of Heaven
- 2. Jesus' Concept of the Kingdom
- 3. In Relation to Righteousness
- 4. Jesus' Teaching About the Kingdom
- 5. Later Ideas of the Kingdom

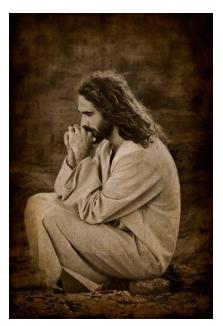
Paper 195:

After Pentecost

- 1. Influence of the Greeks
- 2. The Roman Influence
- 3. Under the Roman Empire
- 4. The European Dark Ages
- 5. The Modern Problem
- 6. Materialism
- 7. The Vulnerability of Materialism
- 8. Secular Totalitarianism
- 9. Christianity's Problem
- 10. The Future

170:0.2 (1858.2) This Sabbath afternoon the Master sought to clarify the teaching about the kingdom of heaven; he discussed the subject from every viewpoint and endeavored to make clear the many different senses in which the term had been used. In this narrative we will amplify the address by adding numerous statements made by Jesus on previous occasions and by including some remarks made only to the apostles during the evening discussions of this same day.

We will also make certain comments dealing with the subsequent outworking of the kingdom idea as it is related to the later Christian church.



170:2.11 (1860.6) The great effort embodied in this sermon was the attempt to translate the concept of the kingdom of heaven into the ideal of the idea of doing the will of God. Long had the Master taught his followers to pray: "Your kingdom come; your will be done"; and at this time he earnestly sought to induce them to abandon the use of the term *kingdom of God* in favor of the more practical equivalent, *the will of God*. But he did not succeed.

4. Jesus' Teaching About the Kingdom

170:4.1 (1862.9) Jesus never gave a precise definition of the kingdom. At one time he would discourse on one phase of the kingdom, and at another time he would discuss a different aspect of the brotherhood of God's reign in the hearts of men. In the course of this Sabbath afternoon's sermon Jesus noted no less than five phases, or epochs, of the kingdom, and they were:



170:4.2 (1862.10) 1. The personal and inward experience of the spiritual life of the fellowship of the individual believer with God the Father.

170:4.3 (1863.1) 2. The enlarging brotherhood of gospel believers, the social aspects of the enhanced morals and quickened ethics resulting from the reign of God's spirit in the hearts of individual

believers.

170:4.4 (1863.2) 3. The supermortal brotherhood of invisible spiritual beings which prevails on earth and in heaven, the superhuman kingdom of God.



170:4.5 (1863.3) 4. The prospect of the more perfect fulfillment of the will of God, the advance toward the dawn of a new social order in connection with improved spiritual living — the next age of man.

170:4.6 (1863.4) 5. The kingdom in its fullness, the future spiritual age of light and life on earth.

170:5.15 (1865.5) ... The early Christians (and all too many of the later ones) generally lost sight of the

Father-and-son idea embodied in Jesus' teaching of the kingdom, while they substituted therefor the well-organized social fellowship of the church. The church thus became in the main a *social* brotherhood which effectively displaced Jesus' concept and ideal of a *spiritual* brotherhood.

PAPER 195. AFTER PENTECOST



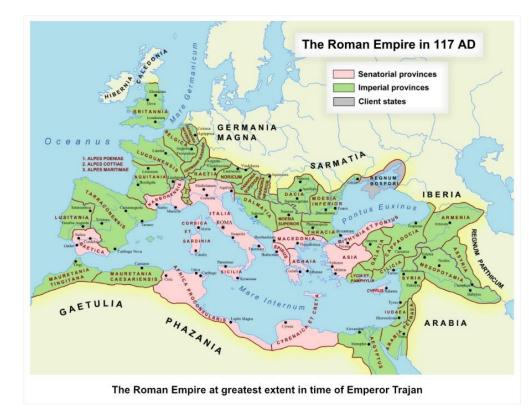
195:0.1 (2069.1) THE results of Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost were such as to decide the future policies, and to determine the plans, of the majority of the apostles in their efforts to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. Peter was the real founder of the Christian church; Paul carried the Christian message to the gentiles, and the Greek believers carried it to the whole Roman Empire. ...

195:0.18 (2070.14) Many of the great truths taught by

Jesus were almost lost in these early compromises, but they yet slumber in this religion of paganized Christianity, which was in turn the Pauline version of the life and teachings of the Son of Man. And Christianity, even before it was paganized, was first thoroughly Hellenized. Christianity owes much, very much, to the Greeks.

3. Under the Roman Empire

195:3.1 (2073.5) After the consolidation of Roman political rule and after the dissemination of Christianity, the Christians found themselves with one God, a great religious concept, but without empire. The Greco-Romans found themselves with a great empire but without a God to serve as the suitable religious concept for empire worship and spiritual unification. The Christians accepted the empire; the empire adopted Christianity. The Roman provided a unity of political rule; the Greek, a unity of culture and learning; Christianity, a unity of religious thought and practice.



195:3.11 (2074.6) And this Roman **Empire** lasted sufficiently long to insure the survival of Christianity even after the empire collapsed. But we have often conjectured what would have happened in Rome and in the world if it had been the gospel of the kingdom which had been accepted in the place of Greek Christianity.

4. The European Dark Ages



195:4.1 (2074.7) The church, being an adjunct to society and the ally of politics, was doomed to share in the intellectual and spiritual decline of the so-called European "dark ages." During this time, religion became more and more monasticized, asceticized, and legalized. In a spiritual sense, Christianity was hibernating.

195:4.2 (2074.8) During these dark and despairing centuries, religion became virtually secondhanded again. The individual was almost lost before the overshadowing authority, tradition, and dictation of the church.

195:4.5 (2075.3) Religion is now confronted by the challenge of a new age of scientific minds and materialistic tendencies. In this gigantic struggle between the secular and the spiritual, the religion of Jesus will eventually triumph.

5. The Modern Problem

195:5.1 (2075.4) The twentieth century has brought new problems for Christianity and all other religions to solve. The higher a civilization climbs, the more necessitous becomes the duty to "seek first the realities of heaven" in all of man's efforts to stabilize society and facilitate the solution of its material problems.

195:5.9 (2075.12) A lasting social system without a morality predicated on spiritual realities can no more be maintained than could the solar system without gravity.



6. Materialism

195:6.1 (2076.6) Scientists have unintentionally precipitated mankind into a materialistic panic; they have started an unthinking run on the moral bank of the ages, but this bank of human experience has vast spiritual resources; it can stand the demands being made upon it. Only unthinking men become panicky about the spiritual assets of the human race. When the materialistic-secular panic is over, the religion of Jesus will not be found bankrupt.

195:6.2 (2076.7) No matter what the apparent conflict between materialism and the teachings of Jesus may

be, you can rest assured that, in the ages to come, the teachings of the Master will fully triumph. In reality, true religion cannot become involved in any controversy with science; it is in no way concerned with material things. Religion is simply indifferent to, but sympathetic with, science, while it supremely concerns itself with the *scientist*.

195:7.2 (2078.5) Science should do for man materially what religion does for him spiritually: extend the horizon of life and enlarge his personality. True science can have no lasting quarrel with true religion.

195:6.4 (2076.9) At the time of this writing the worst of the materialistic age is over; the day of a better understanding is already beginning to dawn. The higher minds of the scientific world are no longer wholly materialistic in their philosophy, but the rank and file of the people still lean in that direction as a result of former teachings. But this age of physical realism is only a passing episode in man's life on earth. Modern science has left true religion — the teachings of Jesus as translated in the lives of his believers — untouched.



8. Secular Totalitarianism

195:8.1 (2081.1) But even after materialism and mechanism have been more or less vanquished, the devastating influence of twentieth-century secularism will still blight the spiritual experience of millions of unsuspecting souls.

195:8.3 (2081.3) At the time of this revelation, the prevailing intellectual and philosophical climate of both European and American life is decidedly secular — humanistic.

195:8.5 (2081.5) ... Twentieth-century secularism tends to affirm that man does not need God. But beware! this godless philosophy of human society will lead only to unrest, animosity, unhappiness, war, and world-wide disaster.

195:8.10 (2082.2) Without God, without religion, scientific secularism can never co-ordinate its forces, harmonize its divergent and rivalrous interests, races, and nationalisms. <u>This secularistic human society</u>, notwithstanding its unparalleled materialistic achievement, is slowly disintegrating. <u>The chief cohesive force resisting this disintegration of antagonism is nationalism</u>. And nationalism is the chief barrier to world peace.

195:8.11 (2082.3) The inherent weakness of secularism is that it discards ethics and religion for politics and power. You simply cannot establish the brotherhood of men while ignoring or denying the fatherhood of God.

9. Christianity's Problem

195:9.2 (2082.7) But paganized and socialized Christianity stands in need of new contact with the uncompromised teachings of Jesus; it languishes for lack of a new vision of the Master's life on earth. A new and fuller revelation of the religion of Jesus is destined to conquer an empire of materialistic secularism and to overthrow a world sway of mechanistic naturalism. Urantia is now

quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment.



195:9.5 (2083.1) ... The hour is striking for a rediscovery of the true and original foundations of present-day distorted and compromised Christianity — the real life and teachings of Jesus.

10. The Future

195:10.1 (2084.1) Christianity has indeed done a great service for this world, but what is now most needed is Jesus. The world needs to see Jesus living again on earth in the experience of spirit-born

mortals who effectively reveal the Master to all men. It is futile to talk about a revival of primitive Christianity; you must go forward from where you find yourselves. Modern culture must become spiritually baptized with a new revelation of Jesus' life and illuminated with a new understanding of his gospel of eternal salvation.

195:10.16 (2086.2) 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.

195:10.11 (2085.3) ... The visible church should refuse longer to handicap the progress of the invisible and spiritual brotherhood of the kingdom of God. And this brotherhood is destined to become a *living organism* in contrast to an institutionalized social organization. It may well utilize such social organizations, but it must not be supplanted by them.

70:5.19 (1866.2) Sooner or later another and greater John the Baptist is due to arise proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand" — meaning a return to the high spiritual concept of Jesus, who proclaimed that the kingdom is the will of his heavenly Father dominant and transcendent in the heart of the believer — and doing all this without in any way referring either to the visible church on earth or to the anticipated second coming of Christ.



There must come a revival of the *actual* teachings of Jesus, such a restatement as will undo the work of his early followers who went about to create a sociophilosophical system of belief regarding the *fact* of Michael's sojourn on earth. In a short time the teaching of this story *about* Jesus nearly supplanted the preaching of Jesus' gospel of the kingdom. In this way a historical religion displaced that teaching in which Jesus had blended man's highest moral ideas and spiritual ideals with man's most sublime hope for the future — eternal life. And that was the gospel of the kingdom.

2. Jesus' Concept of the Kingdom



170:2.1 (1859.11) The Master made it clear that the kingdom of heaven must begin with, and be centered in, the dual concept of the truth of the fatherhood of God and the correlated fact of the brotherhood of man.

170:2.12 (1860.7) Jesus desired to substitute for the idea of the kingdom, king, and subjects, the concept of the heavenly family, the heavenly Father, and the liberated sons of God engaged in joyful and voluntary service for their fellow men and in the sublime and intelligent worship of God the Father.

142:7.4 (1603.5) He next explained that the

"kingdom idea" was not the best way to illustrate man's relation to God; that he employed such figures of speech because the Jewish people were expecting the kingdom, and because John had preached in terms of the coming kingdom. Jesus said: "The people of another age will better understand the gospel of the kingdom when it is presented in terms expressive of the family relationship — when man understands religion as the teaching of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, sonship with God." Then the Master discoursed at some length on the earthly family as an illustration of the heavenly family. ...

87:7.6 (966.1) Regardless of the drawbacks and handicaps, every new revelation of truth has given rise to a new (symbolic spiritual culture), and even the restatement of the religion of Jesus must develop a new and appropriate symbolism. Modern man must find some adequate symbolism for his new and expanding ideas, ideals, and loyalties. This enhanced symbol must arise out of religious living, spiritual experience. And this higher symbolism of a higher civilization must be predicated on the concept of the Fatherhood of God and be pregnant with the mighty ideal of the brotherhood of man.



195:9.4 (2082.9) Religion does need new leaders, spiritual men and women who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and his incomparable teachings. ... the spiritual renaissance must await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion who will be exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men. And then will these spirit-born souls quickly supply the leadership and inspiration requisite for the social, moral, economic, and political reorganization of the world.



Next Steps in Study

1. Follow-up course:

Enroll in UUI's class in "A Way of Life in the Family of God: *A Course in Spiritual Formation.*" This weekly online course offers an in-depth exploration of the central spiritual truths in Jesus' teaching, as they are re-stated in The Urantia Book.

- The Spiritual Parent Child Relationship
- ✤ The Spiritual Sister Brother Relationship
- - ✦ Love ✦ Eternal Life ✦ Faith

For a full description of the Course, see: <u>"A Way of Life in the Family of God"</u>

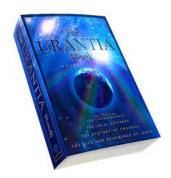
2. Explore around further

Further explore your interests *in The Urantia Book,* using the "Table of Contents" and resources from this course.

3. Do a full reading of *The Urantia Book*

Take a patient long-term approach, set a realistic pace and expectations, and "skim and dive deep."

Review the major themes/concepts in The Urantia Book



Wastly expanded vision of God manifesting in multiple ways, a massively populated Universe embodied in the Supreme Being, the Evolutionary Deity of the worlds of time and space, and our lives and purpose within God's Creation.

A full description of our eternal life of progress and spiritual growth, ascending through the Universe, toward God at the center of all things.

* A detailed description of God's Presence within us, and our intimate and eternal relationship with that indwelling Presence.

* A greatly expanded history of our world, including the influence of the epochal revelations, and the possibilities for its future development.

* The complete story of Jesus' life, his divine/human nature, and the full and accurate presentation of his teachings.

Participation in the Urantia community

1. Brief history of the Urantia movement

- Prepublication
- Historical periods and issues up to the present
- Primary organizations and smaller service ministries



2. Urantia Conferences (discuss)

3. Study groups



- Topical and sequential formats what to expect
- o In-person and online Zoom groups

Study group directory: https://www.urantiastudygroup.org/en

4. Other online venues

- Facebook/other social media do a Facebook search to find Urantia-related groups and pages
- o UUI classes/Thought Leader Forums/ UUI Café, etc. at www.urantiauniversity.org
- Other schools/courses
- Over 600 Urantia related websites do a Google search to find them
- o The "Spirit of Truth" vidcasts on the Urantia Book Network
- o The "Cosmic Citizen" radio show on https://www.blogtalkradio.com/cosmiccitizen

5. Major Urantia organizations websites:

Urantia Book Fellowship https://urantiabook.org/

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Urantia Foundation <u>https://www.urantia.org/urantia-foundation</u>

Urantia Foundation was established in 1950 to be the custodian of the inviolate text of The Urantia Book and to ensure that the book's teachings are spread, with the help of readers and fraternal organizations, to all people. This site is provided as a service to the community of Urantia Book readers and in no way implies responsibility for any individual, religious group, or social organization.

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Urantia Association International <u>https://urantia-association.org/</u>

The principle function of Urantia Association International is to foster in-depth study of The Urantia Book and to encourage the spread of its teachings throughout the world. They do this by promoting the formation of study groups and providing services and educational activities that enliven a deeper understanding of The Urantia Book's teachings.

The Association provides online forums where readers can share their insights and inspirations while learning from more experienced students. They coordinate regional and international conferences that promote friendship and develop the leaders and teachers of the future. They publish a journal and informative newsletters as well as secondary works based on reader studies. They also sponsor a referral service to help locate study groups and nearby readers. This website features the entire text of The Urantia Book along with a powerful search engine

Final Discussion



A time for answering remaining questions ... and sharing what we've experienced in this course

Closing Worship



(2097.2) 196:3.34 The great challenge to modern man is to achieve better communication with the divine Monitor that dwells within the human mind. Man's greatest adventure in the flesh consists in the well-balanced and sane effort to advance the borders of self-consciousness out through the dim realms of embryonic soul-consciousness in a wholehearted effort to reach the borderland of spirit-consciousness — contact with the divine presence. Such an experience constitutes God-consciousness, an experience mightily confirmative of the pre-existent truth of the religious experience of knowing God. Such spirit-consciousness is the equivalent of the knowledge of the actuality of sonship with God. Otherwise, the assurance of sonship is the experience of faith.

(2097.3) 196:3.35 And God-consciousness is equivalent to the integration of the self with the universe, and on its highest levels

of spiritual reality. Only the spirit content of any value is imperishable. Even that which is true, beautiful, and good may not perish in human experience. If man does not choose to survive, then does the surviving Adjuster conserve those realities born of love and nurtured in service. And all these things are a part of the Universal Father. The Father is living love, and this life of the Father is in his Sons. And the spirit of the Father is in his Sons' sons — mortal men. When all is said and done, the Father idea is still the highest human concept of God.

Addendum

The Seven Higher Spirit Influences

(2061.9) 194:2.11 Since the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, man is subject to the teaching and guidance of a threefold spirit endowment: the spirit of the Father, the Thought Adjuster; the spirit of the Son, the Spirit of Truth; the spirit of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit.



(2062.1) 194:2.12 In a way, mankind is subject to the double influence of the sevenfold appeal of the universe spirit influences. The early evolutionary races of mortals are subject to the progressive contact of the seven adjutant mind-spirits of the local universe Mother Spirit. As man progresses upward in the scale of intelligence and spiritual perception, there eventually come to hover over him and dwell within him the seven higher spirit influences.

And these seven spirits of the advancing worlds are:

(2062.2) 194:2.13 1. The bestowed spirit of the Universal Father — the Thought Adjusters.

(2062.3) 194:2.14 2. The spirit presence of the Eternal Son — the spirit gravity of the universe of universes and the certain channel of all spirit communion.

(2062.4) 194:2.15 3. The spirit presence of the Infinite Spirit — the universal spirit-mind of all creation, the spiritual source of the intellectual kinship of all progressive intelligences.

(2062.5) 194:2.16 4. The spirit of the Universal Father and the Creator Son — the Spirit of Truth, generally regarded as the spirit of the Universe Son.

(2062.6) 194:2.17 5. The spirit of the Infinite Spirit and the Universe Mother Spirit — the Holy Spirit, generally regarded as the spirit of the Universe Spirit.

(2062.7) 194:2.18 6. The mind-spirit of the Universe Mother Spirit — the seven adjutant mind-spirits of the local universe.

(2062.8) 194:2.19 7. The spirit of the Father, Sons, and Spirits — the new-name spirit of the ascending mortals of the realms after the fusion of the mortal spirit-born soul with the Paradise Thought Adjuster and after the subsequent attainment of the divinity and glorification of the status of the Paradise Corps of the Finality.

(2062.9) 194:2.20 And so did the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth bring to the world and its peoples the last of the spirit endowment designed to aid in the ascending search for God.



Supplemental Links

Links related to the study of Jesus in The Urantia Book

1. Birthdays of Jesus and his eight brothers and sisters <u>https://truthbook.com/jesus/jesus-siblings-brothers-sisters</u>

- 1. Jesus born 7 B.C.
- 2. James born 3 B.C.
- 3. Miriam born 2 B.C.
- 4. Joseph born A.D. 1
- 5. Simon born A.D. 2

- 6. Martha born A.D. 3
- 7. Jude born A.D. 5
- 8. Amos born A.D. 7 (died A.D. 12)
- 9. Ruth born A.D. 9

2. Jesus' twelve apostles and their ages when they joined Jesus <u>https://truthbook.com/urantia/faq/birthdays-of-the-twelve-apostles</u>

- 1. Andrew—33 years-old
- 2. Simon Peter-30 years-old
- 3. James Zebedee—30 years-old
- 4. John Zebedee-24 years-old
- 5. Philip-27 years-old
- 6. Nathaniel—25 years-old

- 7. Matthew Levi—31 years-old
- 8. Thomas—29 years-old
- 9. James Alphes—26 years-old
- 10. Judas Alpheus-26 years-old
- 11. Simon Zelotes—28 years-old
- 12. Judas Iscariot—30 years-old
- 3. The Untold Story of Jesus: A Modern Biography from The Urantia Book https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=38&v=gufP_zJLpaA&feature=emb_logo
- 4. In His Steps Maps of Jesus' Travels <u>https://www.urantia.org/study/jesus-travels-google-earth</u>
- 5. Chart of Part IV of *The Urantia Book* from The Master Universe Almanac <u>https://masteruniverse.org/a-part4-ministry.htm</u>

Urantia Book Search Engines

As you study The Urantia Book, you will notice that certain concepts like truth, beauty and goodness, soul, forgiveness, bestowal, free will, perfection, and evolution – just to name a few – are mentioned throughout the book. These provide evidence of internal consistency of facts and ideas and, when taken together, they offer important insights to the serious student.

It is highly beneficial to students of The Urantia Book to search on particular concepts, words, or short phrases in the book to see how often they appear and how they are described in each section. This helps the student to build a greater comprehension of the meaning and value of those concepts when they are consolidated and reflected on altogether.

There are several Urantia Book Search engines available on different websites such as:

- o Urantia Foundation: https://www.urantia.org/urantia-book/search
- o Urantia Book Fellowship: <u>https://www.urantiabook.org/Search-The-Urantia-Book-(English)</u>
- o Truthbook.com: https://truthbook.com/urantia-book/urantia-book-online
- o UBook4U: <u>Search The Urantia Book</u>
- TheUniversalFather.com: <u>The Urantia Book's SMART Aid</u>

Glossary of Urantia Book Words

Students will find The Urantia Book Fellowship's online Glossary, which contains 1549 Terms with 90,948 cross-references, extremely useful. Click on this link to access The Urantia Book Fellowship's full <u>Glossary</u>. The Glossary, the Glossarized Urantia Book, and its associated webpages are provided and maintained courtesy of The Urantia Society of Greater New York (USGNY).

o <u>https://urantiabook.org/Urantia-Book-Glossary</u>

Study Aids for The Urantia Book

 UB scholar David Kantor compiled a fascinating timeline of our world history which you can view at https://urantia-book.org/archive/studyaid/timeline.htm. It is based on dates mentioned in *The Urantia Book,* starting with the beginning of the "Pleistocene" epoch of planetary evolution some two million years ago and ending with the birth of Jesus in 6 BC. This timeline is intended to serve as an index for further study, to be used with Google, Wikipedia, or other web-based search and/or research services. Words and phrases in the timeline are intended to

be used as keywords for searches in other resources. There may be conflicting information in this timeline; many dates are matters of ongoing controversy. Urantia Book dates are used for calibration. This is a work in progress and subject to change and revision.

2. **The Family Tree of Humanity** is an interpretive illustration by Saskia Praamsma of the development of the 9 races of Urantia based on the account found in *The Urantia Book,* and their subsequent evolutionary branching.

You can find this chart at <u>https://squarecircles.com/study-aids/</u>The nine races start with Andon and Fonta, the first two humans, followed by the sudden appearance of the six Sangik races 500,000 years ago, the Nodites (from the descendants of the Planetary Prince's staff), and the violet race originating with Adam and Ave around 36,000 years BCE.

- 3. **Urantia Study Aids** and **Study Aids: The Urantia Book: A Visual Summary** by Hara Davis (available on Amazon). This 45-page booklet of Study Aids is designed to clarify concepts from The Urantia Book. They are not a substitute for the book but may be useful for readers who need a visual aid to comprehension. The Urantia Book is a series of papers describing the concept of Deity, the organization of the universes, the history of this planet from its inception and the life of Jesus Christ. It gives a comprehensive record of man's origin, history and destiny. These Study Aids summarize the main concepts from the Book in a pictorial way. They are useful for memorizing key ideas and presenting the main concepts to others.
- 4. <u>http://www.urantiastudyaids.com/</u> Wonderful website filled with UB study materials.

Videos about The Urantia Book

For a soaring and beautiful journey through the Grand Universe depicted in *The Urantia Book,* we recommend the following videos by Gary Tonge, a pre-eminent illustrator and video producer in the Urantia community.

The Urantia Book - Introduction https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= wf21UbsdJ4&t=44s

The Urantia Book - Journey Through the Universe https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CkbbohKDoY&t=8s

The Urantia Book - Architectural Spheres of Ascension https://youtu.be/KzA6ua37ILk



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