



# The Urantia Book New Reader Course

Urantia University Institute (UII) developed *New Reader Course*, in cooperation with the Urantia Book Fellowship Education Committee, to help fledgling readers of *The Urantia Book* explore the vast body of knowledge contained within its 2,097 pages. The 10-week course serves as a guide to the book's terrain and its major contours and themes.

Just as a map prepares an adventurer to discover a whole new world without getting too lost in unfamiliar territory and new concepts and vocabulary, the *New Reader Course* facilitates the beginning of a journey into expanded consciousness and enhanced spiritual perception. It is designed for those who dare to seek for truth, led by their own inner guide in the company of fellow explorers in the ever-growing Urantia community.

103:9:7 Faith most willingly carries reason along as far as reason can go and then goes on with wisdom to the full philosophic limit; and then it dares to launch out upon the limitless and never-ending universe journey in the sole company of TRUTH.



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## Week 1

### Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys, and Overview of the Course

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1. **Welcome** ... a few minutes of quiet worship, and an opening prayer.
2. **Housekeeping**
  - Recording and public viewing permission (video off if uncomfortable)
  - "Required" watching of missed sessions during the following week.
3. **Brief sharing of our spiritual journeys**
  - Leading up to our encounter and early engagement with The Urantia Book. (The instructors will model the sharing.)
4. **Answering common questions about The Urantia Book**
  - Nature of an epochal revelation
    - relation to evolutionary religions, personal revelation
  - Quick mention of the 4 previous revelations
    - modern scientific era as setting for the 5<sup>th</sup> revelation
  - Origins and transmission of the Papers from 1911-1940's; 1955 publication
  - Development of the Urantia movement to date
    - (very brief overview, more in last class session)
  - Q & A
5. **Overview of the course**
  - The four Parts of the book, List of Papers, and expanded List of Papers.
  - Review of how we've "clumped" the Papers in the next 8 classes.
6. **Brief preview of Week 2, covering all of Part I**
  - Watch for Week 2 materials early next week
    - You might want to look them over (but not required)
    - then submit a question that you think might interest us all. Email your question to Marvin - [mgawryn@gmail.com](mailto:mgawryn@gmail.com)
7. **Quiet worship, and a closing prayer**



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## Course Outline

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### Week 1

- Class introductions and orientation to the course
- Answering common questions (What is this, and who wrote it?)

### Week 2 - PART 1 of The Urantia Book

- Theology of The Urantia Book (Papers 1-10)
- Structure of the Universe (11-15)
- Higher Orders of Celestial Beings (16-31)

### Week 3 - PART 2 of The Urantia Book

- Local Universe Structure and Theology (32-34 combined with 41-42)
- Local Universe Orders of Celestial Beings (35-40)

### Week 4 - PART 2 of The Urantia Book

- Our Lives in the Local Universe (43-49)
- Our Lives on the Inhabited Worlds (50-55)
- Universal Unity (56)

### Week 5 - PART 3 of The Urantia Book

- Origin and Early Development of Our Planet (57-62)
- The First Human Beings (63-65)
- The First Epochal Revelation - and Rebellion (66-67) combined with (53-54)
- The Institutions of Civilization (68-72)

### Week 6 - PART 3 of The Urantia Book

- The Second Epochal Revelation (73-81)
- Marriage and Family (82-84)
- Evolutionary Religion (85-92)
- The Third Epochal Revelation (93-98)

### Week 7 - PART 3 of The Urantia Book

- The Religion Papers (99-103)
- Advanced Theology (104-106)
- Thought Adjuster Papers & Guardian Angels (107-114)
- God the Supreme - the Evolving God (115-118)



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### Week 8 - PART 4 of The Urantia Book

- Setting the Stage for the Life of Jesus (119-121)
- Jesus' Childhood and Adolescence (122-128)
- Jesus' Early Adulthood and Personal Ministry (129-134)
- Jesus' Public Ministry (135-170)

### Week 9 - PART 4 of The Urantia Book

- The Final Week ... Jesus' Death and Resurrection (171-189)
- Post Resurrection Appearances (190-194)
- The Last 2,000 Years ... and the Future of Religion (195) combined with (170)
- The Religious Life of Jesus and How He Lived It (196)

### Week 10 – Integrating and Going Forward

- Review of major themes and concepts
- Sharing what students experienced in the course
- Next steps in study, and participating in the Urantia community

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## Philosophical Context of the Course



The Course is rooted in the profound, relational context of spiritual family. It is designed not only to familiarize new readers with the structure and basic themes of *The Urantia Book*, but also to introduce new participants to the changed way of living that results from the truth that we are all children of God – sisters and brothers in spiritual family – a reality that transcends any and all religious, philosophical, and cultural differences. We hope this universal approach will allow everyone to feel comfortable and at ease.