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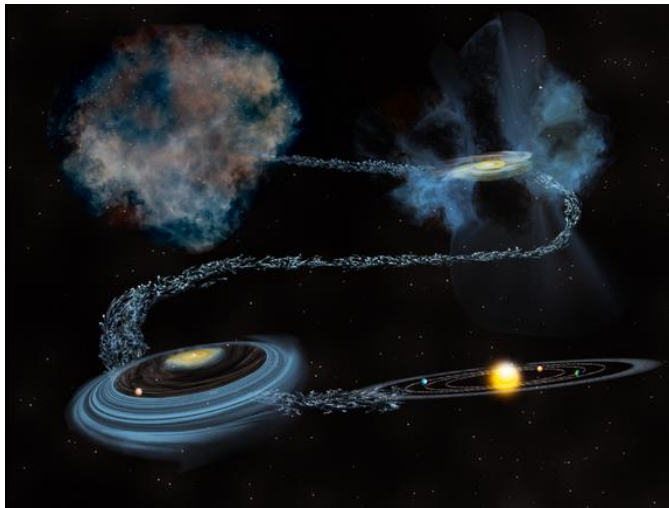
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6. Evolution of the Human Mind
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57:2.1 (652.4) All evolutionary material creations are born of circular and gaseous nebulae, and all such primary nebulae are circular throughout the early part of their gaseous existence. As they grow older, they usually become spiral, and when their function of sun formation has run its course, they often terminate as clusters of stars or as enormous suns surrounded by a varying number of planets, satellites, and smaller groups of matter in many ways resembling your own diminutive solar system.

57:3.10 (654.3) 200,000,000,000 years ago witnessed the progression of contraction and condensation with enormous heat generation in the Andronover central cluster, or nuclear mass. ... The outer regions were becoming more stabilized and better organized; some planets revolving around the newborn suns had cooled sufficiently to be suitable for life implantation. The oldest inhabited planets of Nebadon date from these times.

57:5.6 (656.2) As the Angona system drew nearer, the solar extrusions grew larger and larger; more and more matter was drawn from the sun to become independent circulating bodies in surrounding space.



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57:5.9 (656.5) The five inner and five outer planets soon formed in miniature from the cooling and condensing nucleuses in the less massive and tapering ends of the gigantic gravity bulge which Angona had succeeded in detaching from the sun, while Saturn and Jupiter were formed from the more massive and bulging central portions.

57:7.2 (659.1) 2,000,000,000 years ago the earth began decidedly to gain on the moon. Always had the planet been larger than its satellite, but there was not so much difference in size until about this time, when enormous space bodies were captured by the earth. Urantia was then about one fifth its present size and had become large enough to hold the primitive atmosphere which had begun to appear as a result of the internal elemental contest between the heated interior and the cooling crust.

59:0.1 (672.1) WE RECKON the history of Urantia as beginning about one billion years ago and extending through five major eras:

59:0.2 (672.2) 1. **The prelife era** extends over the initial four hundred and fifty million years, from about the time the planet attained its present size to the time of life establishment. Your students have designated this period as the **Archeozoic**.

59:0.3 (672.3) 2. **The life-dawn era** extends over the next one hundred and fifty million years. This epoch intervenes between the preceding prelife or cataclysmic age and the following period of more highly developed marine life. This era is known to your researchers as the **Proterozoic**.

59:0.4 (672.4) 3. **The marine-life era** covers the next two hundred and fifty million years and is best known to you as the **Paleozoic**.

59:0.5 (672.5) 4. **The early land-life era** extends over the next one hundred million years and is known as the **Mesozoic**.

59:0.6 (672.6) 5. **The mammalian era** occupies the last fifty million years. This recent-times era is known as the **Cenozoic**.



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57:8.3 (660.5) The real geologic history of Urantia begins with the cooling of the earth's crust sufficiently to cause the formation of the first ocean. Water-vapor condensation on the cooling surface of the earth, once begun, continued until it was virtually complete. By the end of this period the ocean was world-wide, covering the entire planet to an average depth of over one mile.

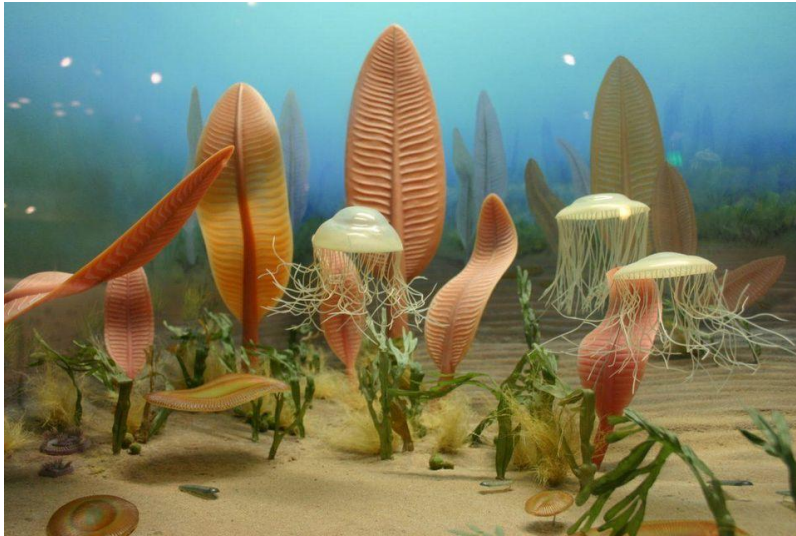
57:8.4 (660.6) At the opening of this faraway era, Urantia should be envisaged as a water-bound planet. Later on, deeper and hence denser lava flows came out upon the bottom of the present Pacific Ocean, and this part of the water-covered surface became considerably depressed. The first continental land mass emerged from the world ocean in compensatory adjustment of the equilibrium of the gradually thickening earth's crust.

57:8.24 (663.2) 700,000,000 years ago Urantia was approaching the ripening of conditions suitable for the support of life. The continental land drift continued; increasingly the ocean penetrated the land as long fingerlike seas providing those shallow waters and sheltered bays which are so suitable as a habitat for marine life.

58:4.2 (667.6) 550,000,000 years ago the Life Carrier corps returned to Urantia. In co-operation with spiritual powers and superphysical forces we organized and initiated the original life patterns of this world and planted them in the hospitable waters of the realm. All planetary life ... had its origin in our three original, identical, and simultaneous marine-life implantations. These three life implantations have been designated as: the central or Eurasian-African, the eastern or Australasian, and the western, embracing Greenland and the Americas.



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58:6.1 (669.2) 450,000,000 years ago the transition from vegetable to animal life occurred. This metamorphosis took place in the shallow waters of the sheltered tropic bays and lagoons of the extensive shore lines of the separating continents. And this development, all of which was inherent in the original life patterns, came about gradually.

58:6.3 (669.4) From era to era radically new species of animal life arise. They do not evolve as the result of the gradual accumulation of small variations; they appear as full-fledged and new orders of life, and they appear suddenly.

58:6.4 (669.5) The sudden appearance of new species and diversified orders of living organisms is wholly biologic, strictly natural. There is nothing supernatural connected with these genetic mutations.



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59:5.1 (680.3) The appearance of fish during the preceding period marks the apex of marine-life evolution. From this point onward the evolution of land life becomes increasingly important. And this period opens with the stage almost ideally set for the appearance of the first land animals.

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HUMAN EVOLUTION WITHIN THE TREE OF LIFE

TREE OF LIFE

Human evolution, like the evolution of any plant, animal, or single-celled organism, occurred within a branching tree of life in which all organisms are related to one another. Our understanding of the shape of the tree is informed by fossil evidence as well as by comparing DNA sequences of diverse living organisms.

PRIMATES

NEW WORLD MONKEYS
OLD WORLD MONKEYS

TARSIERS
LEMON MONKEYS
GIBBONS
GREAT APES
ORANGUTANS
GORILLAS
HUMANS

PROBOSCIS MONKEYS
CELESTIAN MONKEYS

MAMMALS

COWS
DOGS
WHALES
HORSES
PRIMATES
ELEPHANTS
RODENTS

ONGOING HUMAN EVOLUTION

Although milk is essential nutrition for human infants, most people lose the ability to digest the lactose in milk after weaning, due to a reduction in the level of the enzyme lactase. Genetic evidence is consistent with the hypothesis that adult milk intolerance is the ancestral human trait. As the cultural practices of livestock herding developed in Europe and Africa, new mutations that caused lactase levels to remain high into adulthood arose independently in these populations. This adaptation allowed people to take advantage of a novel food source—the milk of newly domesticated mammals. The descendants of these pastoralists are concentrated in East Africa and Europe and have spread worldwide in more recent migrations.

HOMINIDS

Sahelanthropus tchadensis *Ardipithecus ramidus* *Australopithecus anamensis* *Australopithecus garhi* Early Homo *Homo erectus* *Homo rhodesiensis* *Homo sapiens idaltu* *Homo sapiens sapiens*

HUMAN EVOLUTION

Important fossils of numerous human ancestors have been discovered during the last century, and there are now thousands of fossils documenting human evolution after our lineage split from the lineage that led to chimpanzees. These fossils can be placed on a timeline that reveals the basic course of our evolution, even though details are still being worked out. Shown here are some key hominid skulls chosen to illustrate phases in this evolution, along with examples of contemporaneous stone tools that provide glimpses into how these hominids behaved. Blue bars represent species lineages for humans and their closest, but now extinct, relatives. Our evolution continues today, as selection and other forces act on the genetic variation in the world's human population.

6 MILLION YEARS AGO

60:1.9 (686.5) 140,000,000 years ago, suddenly and with only the hint of the two pre-reptilian ancestors that developed in Africa during the preceding epoch, the reptiles appeared in full-fledged form. They developed rapidly, soon yielding crocodiles, scaled reptiles, and eventually both sea serpents and flying reptiles. Their transition ancestors speedily disappeared.

60:1.10 (686.6) These rapidly evolving reptilian dinosaurs soon became the monarchs of this age.

60:1.11 (686.7) Several million years later the first mammals appeared. They were non-placental and proved a speedy failure; none survived. This was an experimental effort to improve mammalian types, but it did not succeed on Urantia.



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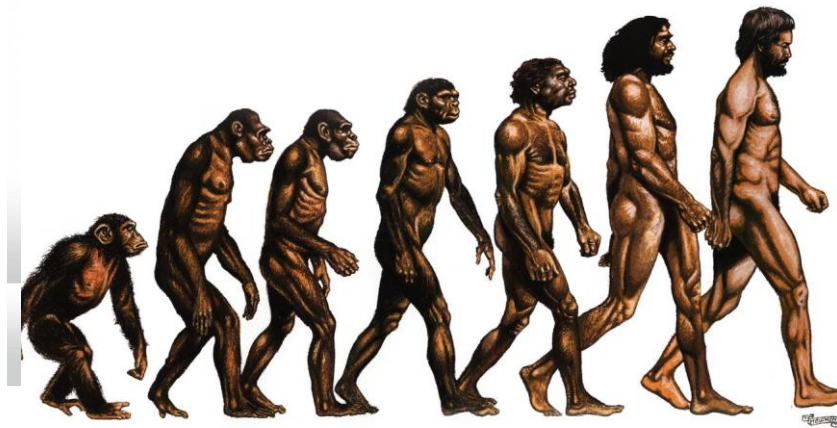
60:3.19 (690.10) Great plant-life evolution was taking place. ... Fruits, grasses, and cereals were abundant, and these seed-bearing grasses and trees were to the plant world what the ancestors of man were to the animal world — they were second in evolutionary importance only to the appearance of man himself.

60:3.22 (691.3) 55,000,000 years ago the evolutionary march was marked by the sudden appearance of the first of the true birds, a small pigeonlike creature which was the ancestor of all bird life.

60:4.6 (692.4) And thus ends a long era of world evolution, extending from the early appearance of land life down to the more recent times of the immediate ancestors of the human species and its collateral branches. This ... brings to a close the premammalian era of land life,

61:0.1 (693.1) THE era of mammals extends from the times of the origin of placental mammals to the end of the ice age, covering a little less than fifty million years.

61:3.6 (697.1) The huge elephants of this and subsequent periods possessed large brains as well as large bodies, and they soon overran the entire world except Australia. In intelligence and adaptation the elephant is approached only by the horse and is surpassed only by man himself. Even so, of the fifty species of elephants in existence at the opening of this period, only two have survived.



61:6.1 (700.2) The great event of this glacial period was the evolution of primitive man. Slightly to the west of India, on land now under water and among the offspring of Asiatic migrants of the older North American lemur types, the dawn mammals suddenly appeared. These small animals walked mostly on their hind legs, and

they possessed large brains in proportion to their size and in comparison with the brains of other animals. In the seventieth generation of this order of life a new and higher group of animals suddenly differentiated. These new mid-mammals — almost twice the size and height of their ancestors and possessing proportionately increased brain power — had only well established themselves when the Primates, the third vital mutation, suddenly appeared.



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61:6.2 (700.3) 1,000,000 years ago Urantia was registered as an inhabited world. A mutation within the stock of the progressing Primates suddenly produced two primitive human beings, the actual ancestors of mankind.

61:6.3 (700.4) This event occurred at about the time of the beginning of the third glacial advance; ... And the sole survivors of these Urantia aborigines, the Eskimos, even now prefer to dwell in frigid northern climes.

62:4.6 (707.5) And now, after almost nine hundred generations of development, covering about twenty-one thousand years from the origin of the dawn mammals, the Primates suddenly gave birth to two remarkable creatures, the first true human beings.



62:4.7 (707.6) Thus it was that the dawn mammals, springing from the North American lemur type, gave origin to the mid-mammals, and these mid-mammals in turn produced the superior Primates, who became the immediate ancestors of the primitive human race. The Primates tribes were the last vital link in the evolution of man, but in less than five thousand years not a single individual of these extraordinary tribes was left.

62:5.1 (707.7) From the year A.D. 1934 back to the birth of the first two human beings is just 993,419 years.

62:5.2 (707.8) These two remarkable creatures were true human beings. They possessed perfect human thumbs, as had many of their ancestors, while they had just as perfect feet as the present-day human races. They were walkers and runners, not climbers; the grasping function of the big toe was absent, completely absent.

62:5.3 (708.1) These first human beings (and their descendants) reached full maturity at twelve years of age and possessed a potential life span of about seventy-five years.

62:5.4 (708.2) Many new emotions early appeared in these human twins. They experienced admiration for both objects and other beings and exhibited considerable vanity. But the most remarkable advance in emotional development was the sudden appearance of a new group of really human feelings, the worshipful group, embracing awe, reverence, humility, and even a



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primitive form of gratitude. Fear, joined with ignorance of natural phenomena, is about to give birth to primitive religion.

62:5.5 (708.3) Not only were such human feelings manifested in these primitive humans, but many more highly evolved sentiments were also present in rudimentary form. They were mildly cognizant of pity, shame, and reproach and were acutely conscious of love, hate, and revenge, being also susceptible to marked feelings of jealousy.

Papers 63-64 The First Human Beings

Paper 063:

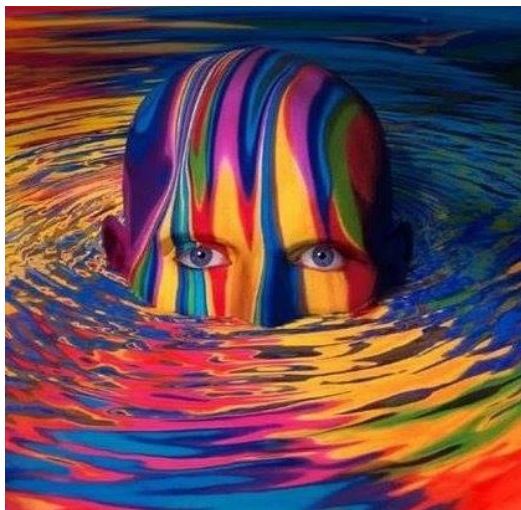
The First Human Family

1. Andon and Fonta
2. The Flight of the Twins
3. Andon's Family
4. The Andonic Clans
5. Dispersion of the Andonites
6. Onagar - The First Truth Teacher
7. The Survival of Andon and Fonta

Paper 064:

The Evolutionary Races of Color

1. The Andonic Aborigines
2. The Foxhall Peoples
3. The Badonan Tribes
4. The Neanderthal Races
5. Origin of the Colored Races
6. The Six Sangik Races of Urantia
7. Dispersion of the Colored Races



PAPER 64. THE EVOLUTIONARY RACES OF COLOR

64:0.1 (718.1) THIS is the story of the evolutionary races of Urantia from the days of Andon and Fonta, almost one million years ago, down through the times of the Planetary Prince to the end of the ice age.

64:0.2 (718.2) The human race is almost one million years old, and the first half of its story roughly corresponds to the pre-Planetary Prince days of Urantia. The latter half of the history of mankind begins at the time of the arrival of the Planetary Prince and the appearance of the six colored races. ...



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64:5.2 (722.3) And now, among these highland Badonites there was a new and strange occurrence. A man and woman living in the northeastern part of the then inhabited highland region began suddenly to produce a family of unusually intelligent children. This was the Sangik family, the ancestors of all of the six colored races of Urantia.

64:5.3 (722.4) These Sangik children, nineteen in number, were not only intelligent above their fellows, but their skins manifested a unique tendency to turn various colors upon exposure to sunlight. Among these nineteen children were five red, two orange, four yellow, two green, four blue, and two indigo. These colors became more pronounced as the children grew older, and when these youths later mated with their fellow tribesmen, all of their offspring tended toward the skin color of the Sangik parent.

6. The Six Sangik Races of Urantia

64:6.1 (722.6) On an average evolutionary planet the six evolutionary races of color appear one by one; the red man is the first to evolve, and for ages he roams the world before the succeeding colored races make their appearance. The simultaneous emergence of all six races on Urantia, and in one family, was most unusual.

Paper 65: The Overcontrol of Evolution



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The Overcontrol of Evolution

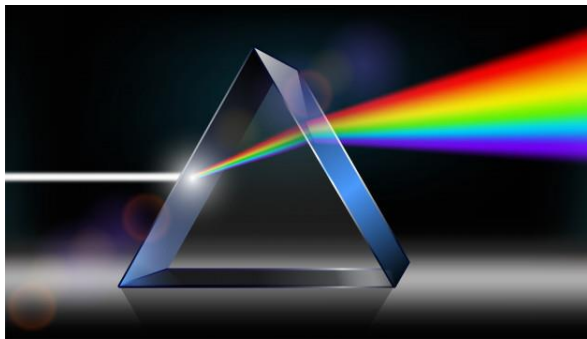
1. Life Carrier Functions
2. The Evolutionary Panorama
3. The Fostering of Evolution
4. The Urantia Adventure
5. Life-Evolution Vicissitudes
6. Evolutionary Techniques of Life
7. Evolutionary Mind Levels
8. Evolution in Time and Space

65:4.11 (736.2) It was our intention to produce an early manifestation of will in the evolutionary life of Urantia, and we succeeded. Ordinarily, will does not emerge until the colored races have long been in existence, usually first appearing among the superior types of the red man. Your world is the only planet in Satania where the human type of will has appeared in a precolored race.



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65:3.6 (734.3) Mankind on Urantia must solve its problems of mortal development with the human stocks it has — no more races will evolve from prehuman sources throughout all future time. But this fact does not preclude the possibility of the attainment of vastly higher levels of human development through the intelligent fostering of the evolutionary potentials still resident in the mortal races. That which we, the Life Carriers, do toward fostering and conserving the life strains before the appearance of human will, man must do for himself after such an event and subsequent to our retirement from active participation in evolution. In a general way, man's evolutionary destiny is in his own hands, and scientific intelligence must sooner or later supersede the random functioning of uncontrolled natural selection and chance survival.



Discuss the challenges of understanding the purpose and principles of the Sangik races and harmonizing the challenges of ethnic [racial] diversity which arose from the derailment of the progressive plan for uplifting the evolutionary races of our world.

The subject of race is a sensitive issue among the people of our world and in The Urantia Book. It is important to attempt to view it not only from a personal, human point of view but from a cosmic or divine perspective as well. The seven colored races (including the violet race of Adam and Eve) are a divine pattern of creature life which is found in all the local universes of the Grand Universe.

The First Epochal Revelation and Rebellion (66-67)

Paper 066:

The Planetary Prince of Urantia

1. Prince Caligastia
2. The Prince's Staff
3. Dalamatia - The City of the Prince
4. Early Days of the One Hundred
5. Organization of the One Hundred
6. The Prince's Reign
7. Life in Dalamatia
8. Misfortunes of Caligastia

Paper 067:

The Planetary Rebellion

1. The Caligastia Betrayal
2. The Outbreak of Rebellion
3. The Seven Crucial Years
4. The Caligastia One Hundred after the Rebellion
5. Immediate Results of Rebellion
6. Van - The Steadfast
7. Remote Repercussions of Sin
8. The Human Hero of the Rebellion



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66:3.1 (743.2) The headquarters of the Planetary Prince was situated in the Persian Gulf region of those days, in the district corresponding to later Mesopotamia.



66:3.2 (743.3) The climate and landscape in the Mesopotamia of those times were in every way favorable to the undertakings of the Prince's staff and their assistants, very different from conditions which have sometimes since prevailed. It was necessary to have such a favoring climate as a part of the natural environment designed to induce primitive Urantians to make certain initial advances in culture and civilization. The one great task of those ages was to transform man from a hunter to a herder, with the hope that later on he would evolve into a peace-loving, home-abiding farmer.

66:3.7 (743.8) Near the Prince's headquarters there dwelt all colors and strata of human beings. And it was from these near-by tribes that the first students of the Prince's schools were recruited. Although these early schools of Dalamatia were crude, they provided all that could be done for the men and

women of that primitive age.

66:3.8 (743.9) The Prince's corporeal staff continuously gathered about them the superior individuals of the surrounding tribes and, after training and inspiring these students, sent them back as teachers and leaders of their respective peoples.

66:5.1 (745.7) The one hundred were organized for service in ten autonomous councils of ten members each. When two or more of these ten councils met in joint session, such liaison gatherings were presided over by Daligastia. These ten groups were constituted as follows:



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66:5.2 (745.8) 1. The council on food and material welfare.

66:5.4 (746.2) 2. The board of animal domestication and utilization.

66:5.7 (746.5) 3. The advisers regarding the conquest of predatory animals.

66:5.9 (746.7) 4. The faculty on dissemination and conservation of knowledge.

66:5.11 (747.1) 5. The commission on industry and trade.

66:5.13 (747.3) 6. The college of revealed religion. This body was slow in functioning. Urantia civilization was literally forged out between the anvil of necessity and the hammers of fear. But this group had made considerable progress in their attempt to substitute Creator fear for creature fear (ghost worship) before their labors were interrupted by the later confusion attendant upon the secession upheaval.

66:5.17 (747.7) 7. The guardians of health and life. **66:5.20 (748.1)** The great obstacle in the way of promoting hygiene among these ignorant peoples consisted in the fact that the real causes of many diseases were too small to be seen by the naked eye, and also because they all held fire in superstitious regard. It required thousands of years to persuade them to burn refuse. In the meantime they were urged to bury their decaying rubbish. The great sanitary advance of this epoch came from the dissemination of knowledge regarding the health-giving and disease-destroying properties of sunlight.

66:5.23 (748.4) 8. The planetary council on art and science.

66:5.28 (748.9) 9. The governors of advanced tribal relations. This was the group intrusted with the work of bringing human society up to the level of statehood.

66:5.31 (749.2) 10. The supreme court of tribal co-ordination and racial co-operation.

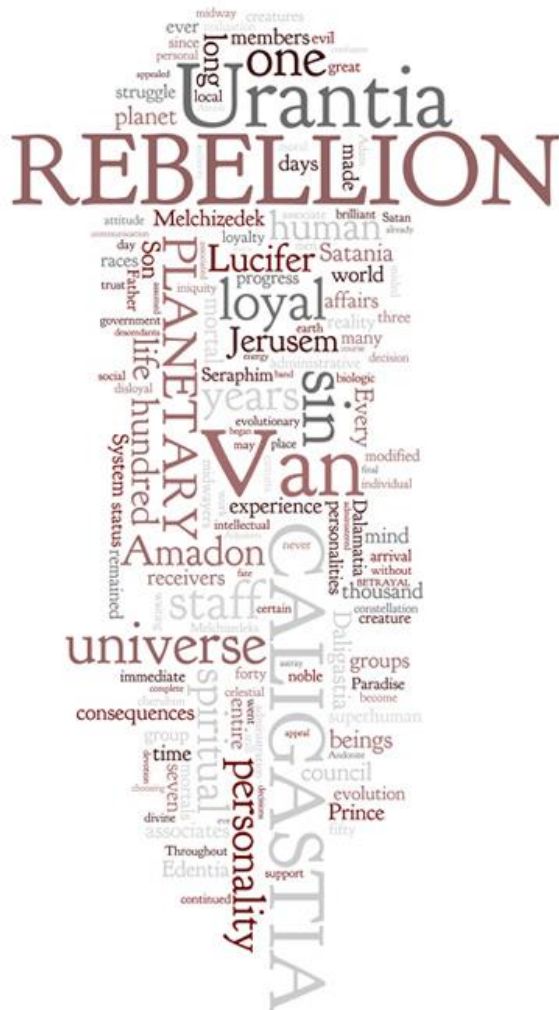
66:7.3 (750.5) The Prince's corporeal staff presided over simple and exemplary abodes which they maintained as homes designed to inspire and favorably impress the student observers sojourning at the world's social center and educational headquarters.

66:7.4 (750.6) The definite order of family life and the living of one family together in one residence of comparatively settled location date from these times of Dalamatia and were chiefly due to the example and teachings of the one hundred and their pupils.

66:7.20 (752.1) At the outbreak of the rebellion, Dalamatia had a resident population of almost six thousand. This number includes the regular students but does not embrace the visitors and observers, who always numbered more than one thousand. But you can have little or no concept of



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the marvelous progress of those faraway times; practically all of the wonderful human gains of those days were wiped out by the horrible confusion and abject spiritual darkness which followed the Caligastia catastrophe of deception and sedition.

67:0.1 (754.1) THE problems associated with human existence on Urantia are impossible of understanding without a knowledge of certain great epochs of the past, notably the occurrence and consequences of the planetary rebellion.

2. The Outbreak of Rebellion

67:2.1 (755.3) Shortly after Satan's inspection and when the planetary administration was on the eve of the realization of great things on Urantia, one day, midwinter of the northern continents, Caligastia held a prolonged conference with his associate, Daligastia, after which the latter called the ten councils of Urantia in session extraordinary. This assembly was opened with the statement that Prince Caligastia was about to proclaim himself absolute sovereign of Urantia and demanded that all administrative groups abdicate by resigning all of their functions and powers into the hands of

Daligastia as trustee, pending the reorganization of the planetary government and the subsequent redistribution of these offices of administrative authority.

67:2.2 (755.4) The presentation of this astounding demand was followed by the masterly appeal of Van, chairman of the supreme council of co-ordination. This distinguished administrator and able jurist branded the proposed course of Caligastia as an act bordering on planetary rebellion and appealed to his conferees to abstain from all participation until an appeal could be taken to Lucifer, the System Sovereign of Satania; and he won the support of the entire staff. Accordingly, appeal was taken to Jerusem, and forthwith came back the orders designating Caligastia as supreme sovereign on Urantia and commanding absolute and unquestioning allegiance to his mandates. And it was in reply to this amazing message that the noble Van made his memorable address of



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seven hours' length in which he formally drew his indictment of Daligastia, Caligastia, and Lucifer as standing in contempt of the sovereignty of the universe of Nebadon; and he appealed to the Most Highs of Edentia for support and confirmation.

67:2.5 (755.7) Seraphim and cherubim and other celestial beings were involved in the decisions of this bitter struggle, this long and sinful conflict. Many superhuman groups that chanced to be on Urantia at the time of its isolation were detained here and, like the seraphim and their associates, were compelled to choose between sin and righteousness — between the ways of Lucifer and the will of the unseen Father.



67:2.6 (756.1) For more than seven years this struggle continued. Not until every personality concerned had made a final decision, would or did the authorities of Edentia interfere or intervene. Not until then did Van and his loyal associates receive vindication and release from their prolonged anxiety and intolerable suspense.

67:3.2 (756.3) On Urantia forty members of the corporeal staff of one hundred (including Van) refused to join the insurrection. Many of the staff's human

assistants (modified and otherwise) were also brave and noble defenders of Michael and his universe government. There was a terrible loss of personalities among seraphim and cherubim. Almost one half of the administrator and transition seraphim assigned to the planet joined their leader and Daligastia in support of the cause of Lucifer. Forty thousand one hundred and nineteen of the primary midway creatures joined hands with Caligastia, but the remainder of these beings remained true to their trust.

67:3.6 (756.7) Throughout the seven crucial years of the Caligastia rebellion, Van was wholly devoted to the work of ministry to his loyal army of men, midwayers, and angels. The spiritual insight and moral steadfastness which enabled Van to maintain such an unshakable attitude of loyalty to the universe government was the product of clear thinking, wise reasoning, logical judgment, sincere motivation, unselfish purpose, intelligent loyalty, experiential memory, disciplined character, and the unquestioning dedication of his personality to the doing of the will of the Father in Paradise.



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67:3.8 (757.1) Amadon is the outstanding human hero of the Lucifer rebellion. This male descendant of Andon and Fonta was one of the one hundred who contributed life plasm to the Prince's staff, and ever since that event he had been attached to Van as his associate and human assistant. Amadon elected to stand with his chief throughout the long and trying struggle. And it was an inspiring sight to behold this child of the evolutionary races standing unmoved by the sophistries of Daligastia while throughout the seven-year struggle he and his loyal associates resisted with unyielding fortitude all of the deceptive teachings of the brilliant Caligastia.

67:5.1 (758.6) Great confusion reigned in Dalamatia and thereabout for almost fifty years after the instigation of rebellion. The complete and radical reorganization of the whole world was attempted; revolution displaced evolution as the policy of cultural advancement and racial improvement. Among the superior and partially trained sojourners in and near Dalamatia there appeared a sudden advancement in cultural status, but when these new and radical methods were attempted on the outlying peoples, indescribable confusion and racial pandemonium was the immediate result. Liberty was quickly translated into license by the half-evolved primitive men of those days.

67:5.2 (758.7) Very soon after the rebellion the entire staff of sedition were engaged in energetic defense of the city against the hordes of semisavages who besieged its walls as a result of the doctrines of liberty which had been prematurely taught them. And years before the beautiful



headquarters went down beneath the southern waves, the misled and mistaught tribes of the Dalamatia hinterland had already swept down in semisavage assault on the splendid city, driving the secession staff and their associates northward.

67:7.3 (761.2) By fifty thousand years after the collapse of the planetary administration, earthly affairs were so disorganized and retarded that the human race had gained very little over the general

evolutionary status existing at the time of Caligastia's arrival three hundred and fifty thousand years previously. In certain respects progress had been made; in other directions much ground had been lost.

67:6.1 (759.4) The followers of Van early withdrew to the highlands west of India, where they were exempt from attacks by the confused races of the lowlands, and from which place of retirement they planned for the rehabilitation of the world as their early Badonite predecessors had once all unwittingly worked for the welfare of mankind just before the days of the birth of the Sangik tribes.



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67:6.7 (760.2) Notwithstanding the terrible setback of rebellion there were many good strains of biologic promise on earth. Under the supervision of the Melchizedek receivers, Van and Amadon continued the work of fostering the natural evolution of the human race, carrying forward the physical evolution of man until it reached that culminating attainment which warranted the dispatch of a Material Son and Daughter to Urantia.



67:7.7 (761.6) Caligastia rebelled, Adam and Eve did default, but no mortal subsequently born on Urantia has suffered in his personal spiritual experience because of these blunders. Every mortal born on Urantia since Caligastia's rebellion has been in some manner time-penalized, but the future welfare of such souls has never been in the least eternity-jeopardized. No person is ever made to suffer vital spiritual deprivation because of the sin of another. Sin is wholly personal as to moral guilt or spiritual consequences, notwithstanding its far-flung repercussions in administrative, intellectual, and social domains.

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Paper 68: The Dawn of Civilization

68:0.1 (763.1) THIS is the beginning of the narrative of the long, long forward struggle of the human species from a status that was little better than an animal existence, through the intervening ages, and down to the later times when a real, though imperfect, civilization had evolved among the higher races of mankind.

68:1.2 (763.5) Association early became the price of survival. ... Civilization has become man's insurance against violent death, while the premiums are paid by submission to society's numerous law demands.

68:2.5 (765.2) History is but the record of man's agelong food struggle. Primitive man only thought when he was hungry; food saving was his first self-denial, self-discipline. With the growth of society, food hunger ceased to be the only incentive for mutual association. Numerous other sorts of hunger, the realization of various needs, all led to the closer association of mankind. But today society is top-heavy with the overgrowth of supposed human needs. Occidental civilization of the twentieth century groans wearily under the tremendous overload of luxury and the inordinate multiplication of human desires and longings. Modern society is enduring the strain of one of its most dangerous phases of far-flung interassociation and highly complicated interdependence.

68:4.6 (767.6) But these customs are not an unmitigated evil; their evolution should continue. ... Custom has been the thread of continuity which has held civilization together. The path of human



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history is strewn with the remnants of discarded customs and obsolete social practices; but no civilization has endured which abandoned its mores except for the adoption of better and more fit customs.

70:1.1 (783.4) War is the natural state and heritage of evolving man; peace is the social yardstick measuring civilization's advancement. Before the partial socialization of the advancing races man was exceedingly individualistic, extremely suspicious, and unbelievably quarrelsome. Violence is the law of nature, hostility the automatic reaction of the children of nature, while war is but these same activities carried on collectively. And wherever and whenever the fabric of civilization becomes stressed by the complications of society's advancement, there is always an immediate and ruinous reversion to these early methods of violent adjustment of the irritations of human interassociations.



70:2.11 (786.2) The nations of Urantia have already entered upon the gigantic struggle between nationalistic militarism and industrialism, and in many ways this conflict is analogous to the agelong struggle between the herder-hunter and the farmer.

5. The Beginnings of Government

70:5.1 (788.7) Every human institution had a beginning, and civil government is a product of progressive evolution just as much as are marriage, industry, and religion. From the early clans and primitive tribes there gradually developed the successive orders of human government which have come and gone right on down to those forms of social and civil regulation that characterize the second third of the twentieth century.

70:11.14 (797.12) The whole idea of primitive justice was not so much to be fair as to dispose of the contest and thus prevent public disorder and private violence. But primitive man did not so much resent what would now be regarded as an injustice; it was taken for granted that those who had power would use it selfishly. Nevertheless, the status of any civilization may be very accurately determined by the thoroughness and equity of its courts and by the integrity of its judges.



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70:12.1 (797.13) The great struggle in the evolution of government has concerned the concentration of power. The universe administrators have learned from experience that the evolutionary peoples on the inhabited worlds are best regulated by the representative type of civil government when there is maintained proper balance of power between the well-co-ordinated executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

70:12.20 (799.1) Mankind's struggle to perfect government on Urantia has to do with perfecting channels of administration, with adapting them to ever-changing current needs, with improving power distribution within government, and then with selecting such administrative leaders as are truly wise. While there is a divine and ideal form of government, such cannot be revealed but must be slowly and laboriously discovered by the men and women of each planet throughout the universes of time and space.



71:4.17 (804.17) Idealism can never survive on an evolving planet if the idealists in each generation permit themselves to be exterminated by the baser orders of humanity. And here is the great test of idealism: Can an advanced society maintain that military preparedness which renders it secure from all attack by its war-loving neighbors without

yielding to the temptation to employ this military strength in offensive operations against other peoples for purposes of selfish gain or national aggrandizement? National survival demands preparedness, and religious idealism alone can prevent the prostitution of preparedness into aggression. Only love, brotherhood, can prevent the strong from oppressing the weak.

71:6.3 (805.7) The profit motive of economic activities is altogether base and wholly unworthy of an advanced order of society; nevertheless, it is an indispensable factor throughout the earlier phases of civilization. Profit motivation must not be taken away from men until they have firmly possessed themselves of superior types of nonprofit motives for economic striving and social serving — the transcendent urges of superlative wisdom, intriguing brotherhood, and excellency of spiritual attainment.

71:8.2 (806.15) The evolution of statehood entails progress from level to level, as follows:

71:8.3 (806.16) 1. The creation of a threefold government of executive, legislative, and judicial branches.



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71:8.4 (806.17) 2. The freedom of social, political, and religious activities.

71:8.5 (807.1) 3. The abolition of all forms of slavery and human bondage.

71:8.6 (807.2) 4. The ability of the citizenry to control the levying of taxes.

71:8.7 (807.3) 5. The establishment of universal education — learning extended from the cradle to the grave.

71:8.8 (807.4) 6. The proper adjustment between local and national governments.

71:8.9 (807.5) 7. The fostering of science and the conquest of disease.

71:8.10 (807.6) 8. The due recognition of sex equality and the co-ordinated functioning of men and women in the home, school, and church, with specialized service of women in industry and government.

71:8.11 (807.7) 9. The elimination of toiling slavery by machine invention and the subsequent mastery of the machine age.

71:8.12 (807.8) 10. The conquest of dialects — the triumph of a universal language.

71:8.13 (807.9) 11. The ending of war — international adjudication of national and racial differences by continental courts of nations presided over by a supreme planetary tribunal automatically recruited from the periodically retiring heads of the continental courts. The continental courts are authoritative; the world court is advisory — moral.

71:8.14 (807.10) 12. The world-wide vogue of the pursuit of wisdom — the exaltation of philosophy. The evolution of a world religion, which will presage the entrance of the planet upon the earlier phases of settlement in light and life.

71:8.15 (807.11) These are the prerequisites of progressive government and the earmarks of ideal statehood. Urantia is far from the realization of these exalted ideals, but the civilized races have made a beginning — mankind is on the march toward higher evolutionary destinies.

From Paper 72: Government on a Neighboring Planet

72:0.2 (808.2) Of all the Satania worlds which became isolated because of participation in the Lucifer rebellion, this planet has experienced a history most like that of Urantia. The similarity of the two spheres undoubtedly explains why permission to make this extraordinary presentation was granted, for it is most unusual for the system rulers to consent to the narration on one planet of the affairs of another.



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72:0.3 (808.3) This planet, like Urantia, was led astray by the disloyalty of its Planetary Prince in connection with the Lucifer rebellion. It received a Material Son shortly after Adam came to Urantia, and this Son also defaulted, leaving the sphere isolated, since a Magisterial Son has never been bestowed upon its mortal races.

72:3.2 (811.2) The home life of this people has greatly improved during the last century. Attendance of parents, both fathers and mothers, at the parental schools of child culture is compulsory. Even the agriculturists who reside in small country settlements carry on this work by correspondence, going to the near-by centers for oral instruction once in ten days — every two weeks, for they maintain a five-day week.

72:4.6 (813.1) Every child graduating from the precollege school system at eighteen is a skilled artisan. Then begins the study of books and the pursuit of special knowledge, either in the adult schools or in the colleges. When a brilliant student completes his work ahead of schedule, he is granted an award of time and means wherewith he may execute some pet project of his own devising. The entire educational system is designed to adequately train the individual.

72:5.9 (813.10) Every ten years the regional executives adjust and decree the lawful hours of daily gainful toil. Industry now operates on a five-day week, working four and playing one. These people labor six hours each working day and, like students, nine months in the year of ten. Vacation is usually spent in travel, and new methods of transportation having been so recently developed, the whole nation is travel bent. The climate favors travel about eight months in the year, and they are making the most of their opportunities.

72:12.3 (820.1) This recital of the affairs of a neighboring planet is made by special permission with the intent of advancing civilization and augmenting governmental evolution on Urantia. Much more could be narrated that would no doubt interest and intrigue Urantians, but this disclosure covers the limits of our permissive mandate.



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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/studyaids/timeline.htm>. It is based on dates



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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.

Number references such as 23:4.6 refer to Paper, Section, and Paragraph of the Uversa Press edition of *The Urantia Book*. 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.

- **The Family Tree of Humanity** is an interpretive illustration by Saskia Raevouri, a long-time student of the *Urantia* revelation and creator of the Square Circles website, 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 <https://squarecircles.com/study-aids/>

The nine races start with Andon and Fonta, the first two humans who are founders of the Andonite race, followed by the sudden appearance of the six Sangik colored races 500,000 years ago, and then the Nodite race (from the descendants of the Planetary Prince’s staff), and finally the violet race originating with Adam and Ave around 36,000 years BCE.

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=9CkbbbohKDoY&t=8s>

The Urantia Book - Architectural Spheres of Ascension

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Guide to Pronunciation of Names and Words in *The Urantia Book*

The *Guide to Pronunciation of Names and Words* contains words from *The Urantia Book*, many of which cannot be found in dictionaries or other sources. It describes the pronunciation of the listed words the way they should be pronounced in accordance with the American variant of the English language. <https://www.urantia.org/study/guide-pronunciation-names-and-words-in-urantia-book>

Charts of the Grand Universe, Local Universe, and Various Personality Orders

- Chart of Local Universe organization and personality orders: <http://www.nebadon.info/>
- Chart of Grand Universe personality orders from the Universal Father to humans: <http://www.universalfather.info/>
- Chart of Superuniverse organization and personality orders: <http://www.orvonton.info/>
- Chart of "The Origin, History, and Destiny of Universe Reality" https://squarecircles.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/DonEstes_origin-history-destiny-chart.pdf