

A. An inclusive, integrated, and masterful concept of Reality.

1. It bridges the gap between a monistic and pluralistic concept of Reality without doing violence to either.
2. It presents a view which includes both mechanism and vitalism in such a way as to bring unity rather than diversity.
3. Its deity concept ranges from the finest theism (Universal Father) to an impersonal absolute (Unqualified Absolute) which is so well unified that the concepts are not antagonistic.
4. The devotees of Unitarianism, Trinitarianism, and Christology will find each view enhanced and stimulated without having any of these views feel they are excluded from the essence of the metaphysical picture.
5. It contains the most reasonable and realistic material-mindal-spiritual cosmology in the entire field of philosophy.

B. The most reasonable concept of immortality in the field of religion.

1. Survival is pictured as dependent only on the spiritual reality status of the individual which in turn is the result of the free choice motivation and decisions of the individual toward truth, beauty, and goodness as he sincerely understands these values.
2. It presents the most reasonable concept of soul (reality) evolution in the entire field of religious psychology or theology.
3. It depicts growth toward perfection as the most fundamental and universal motivation of life. This growth is evolutionary or gradual.

C. A superior understanding of planetary history, dynamics, and destiny.

1. It presents evolution as the key modus operandi of our planet.
2. It integrates the mechanism of the physical universe with the intelligence of "overcontrol."
3. It gives an excellent summary of planetary history, institutions of religion, and civilization with admirable conciseness and insight.
4. Its penetrating analysis of religion, culture, and the family is of exceptional quality.
5. Its basic philosophy of the various forms of energy is that matter is ultimately subject to mind and that mind is eventually controlled by spirit.

D. A life of Jesus which is unsurpassed in theistic philosophical reasonableness, spiritual insight, and personality appeal.

1. The life of Jesus is basically acceptable to all religions as well as Christianity. It emphasizes believing with Jesus rather than a narrow, romantic belief in Jesus.
2. It distinguishes sharply between the religion of Jesus and Christianity.
3. It presents a superb life of Jesus which will inspire almost everyone reading it.

E. The history of philosophy and religion tells us that a book of this stature will almost certainly become controversial and be banned or condemned by fundamentalists and those who emphasize forms of religious orthodoxy; nonetheless, it is my guess that The Urantia Book will become a major influence in shaping man's philosophic-religious thinking in the years to come.