

February 3, 1992

Dear Larry,

Here's a copy of the longer study of Part 1 that Claudia and I skinned down to the shorter version you received at the Los Angeles Conference. As you may determine from the introductory remarks we'd originally thought of this kind of study being used for public reading; perhaps after advertising that readings would be given at a local library reading room. The idea was to have a male and a female reader sitting in front of the audience and alternate the reading of each paragraph. The audience was expected to be unfamiliar with *The Urantia Book*. For that reason I tried to pick paragraphs without Urantia-unique words or concepts.

The problem was that in order to give a flavor for each Paper and to pick out the "best" paragraphs the reading ends up being longer than any semi-interested person would sit still for. That's why we went for a self-study and shorter version.

I still like the idea of public readings of the Papers but haven't any plans to do anything about it right now. What sounded even better to me was what Ed Healey in San Diego does. You may know him; he said he's called the beach preacher. He's had theater training as well as sales training and isn't afraid of public confrontation so he's memorized Jesus' discourses on religion and goes to the beach or other public place and gives the discourse as people pass by and now and then really turns someone on to the book. He's been doing this for a number of years. I'd like to hear him; he said the words are very powerful and poetic when spoken that way. He'd be a good person to have speak before a conference.

Anyway, here's the study. I've done the same thing for Part II and started one for Part III but haven't finished it.

On another topic, Claudia and I stopped at Asilomar in Pacific Grove on our way home to see if we could reserve the August 21 weekend in 1994 for a west coast conference/celebration of Jesus' 2000th birthday for 300-500 participants. The lady in the office wasn't very encouraging since it was a weekend date and an August date, both of which are usually fully booked by groups that return yearly. She did let us fill out a form and said they'd let us know if we'd been selected by the end of this summer. So, after some more thought, Claudia said maybe an even nicer location would be St. Mary's College in Lafayette, and we drove through their grounds on our way home. It's a very beautiful location and could be just the right place so we're drafting a letter to them to find out particulars. Are you S. F. folks working on any plans for then that we should be coordinating?

Good to see you in L.A.

Larry Watkins/Claudia Ayers
3720 El Ricon Way
Sacramento, CA
95864

Thank you for coming to this, the first of 4 overviews of *The Urantia Book*. Since these sessions are time restricted, I'm asking that we keep discussion and questions for afterward.

The intent of this overview of the first part of *The Urantia Book* is to give new readers a perspective of the subject matter encompassed by these first 354 pages of the book. Each of the 31 separate papers and the Foreword are worthy of extended, in-dept study, which this overview will not do. But, hopefully, upon completion of this superficial tasting new readers will have an appreciation for the scope of Part 1 and be able to put it into perspective of the whole. Part 1 is concerned primarily with the spiritual administration of creation.

Let's first look at the Table of Contents. As you can see from pages vii-xii, the various papers are attributed to divine or angelic beings. There are no human authors associated with any of the Urantia papers; the only factual information regarding how these papers were received and made into book form is found within the pages of the book itself. This Table of Contents, however, was prepared by William Sadler, Jr. Other than that the book rests on its own merits as there are no other human personalities attributed to it.

From the Table of Contents we see we will be overviewing the Central and Superuniverses and the aspects of God, our Heavenly Father. Papers 1-5 are about God the Father. Papers 6 and 7 are devoted to the Eternal Son; papers 8 and 9, the Infinite Spirit. This is the Trinity aspect of God which paper 10 discusses. Paper 11 discusses paradise -- the physical creation where the Trinity resides. Paper 12 gives an overview of all the created universe, while papers 13-15 describe how this creation is materially organized. Papers 16-31 describe many of the various orders of angels who oversee, administer and otherwise work in this material creation.

Beginning on page xiii and continuing through page lxvi is a list of the section titles within each paper. As you can see, paper #1, The Universal Father, is comprised of 7 section titles. If you think of *The Urantia Book* as a reference book as opposed to a novel or other kind of book you'd read from front to back, then you'll find these section titles helpful in redirecting you to specific topics you want to come back to.

That's a quick look at the material we'll be overviewing for the next 90 minutes. So let's begin with the Foreword. If you have a book please turn to page 1.

Before we begin, let me explain that some of the most challenging reading in this book is found in the Foreword. Many people, starting at the Foreword and intending to read straight through, have become discouraged and disinterested; perhaps the book was designed just this way purposely.

As a word of caution -- *The Urantia Book* contains revelation -- new ideas, thoughts, meanings of religion and philosophy. This means you may hear concepts in this reading that don't conform to your current beliefs. You will definitely hear new terminology. Does that mean your beliefs are wrong? No, nor does it mean you are to give up your beliefs and values for what you hear here. What you may want to do is to simply hear these words for what they are -- new concepts. Upon study, you will find that the teachings in *The Urantia Book* augment and enhance religious belief and add-to rather than detract-from your beliefs and values. Could you expect less from true revelation? Though you may find it to be challenging please plan to stay through the complete overview reading of Part 1.

Paper 3 -- The Attributes of God

41B	1	God is everywhere
46D	5	Within the bounds
47D	6	The planetary centers
51B	4	The universes of life
		Item #'s 1-3
53D	7	God the Father

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Foreword			
	1A	1	In the minds
		2	It is exceedingly
		3	In the hope
		4	But in order
		5	Your world
		6	The seven
	16D	8	In formulating
	17A	1	Successive
		2	We are
Paper 1 -- The Universal Father			
	21B	1	The Universal Father
		3	The enlightened worlds
	22D	5	The Universal Father
	24B	4	The existence of God
	26D	5	When you are through
	28D	8	The idea of the
	30C	4	Some degree
		5	The more completely
		7	God is spirit
	32B	2	[Presented by
Paper 2 -- The Nature of God			
	33B	2	The nature of God
		3	In all our efforts
	34D	6	The Universal Father
		7	And all this
	35A	1	In these ways
	39C	6	How unreasonable
	40A	2	The Father's love
		6	In the physical universe
	42D	7	Intellectual self-consciousness
	43B	3	The great mistake
		4	The religious challenge
Paper 3 -- The Attributes of God			
	44B	1	God is everywhere
	46D	6	Within the bounds
	47D	6	The planetary creatures
	51B	4	The uncertainties of life
			Item #'s 1-9
	53D	7	God the Father

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Paper 4 -- God's Relation to the Universe			
	57A	2	Nature is the
		6	And nature is marred
	59D	6	The consciousness
	60A	2	One of the greatest
		3	The people of
		4	The barbarous idea
		6	The bestowal of
		7	But the inhabitants
Paper 5 -- God's Revelation to the Individual			
	62C	3	The inability of
	63B	3	The mortals of
		6	Man is spiritually
	64B	2	The Father
		3	Mortal man
		4	The great God
	67B	4	All religions teach
		5	The Hebrews
Paper 6 -- The Eternal Son			
	73D	5	The Eternal Son
	77A	2	The Eternal Son
Paper 7 -- Relation of the Eternal Son to the Universe			
	82D	6	Like the material gravity
	83D	8	The administration of
	86B	3	The Eternal Son cannot contact
Paper 8 -- The Infinite Spirit			
	90B	2	In the dawn
		3	We are now
	94D	8	As the Sons of God
	95A	2	By this very
Paper 9 -- Relation of the Infinite Spirit to the Universe			
	103B	4	Because the third person
		5	Mind, on Urantia
		6	Too often

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Paper 10 -- The Paradise Trinity			
	110D	8	Notwithstanding there is
Paper 11 -- The Eternal Isle of Paradise			
	118B	1	Paradise is the
		2	The material beauty
	125C	5	The inescapable pull
	126D	6	Paradise is unique
		7	Paradise is the
	127B	4	God's residence is
		5	Paradise is the
		6	After all,
Paper 12 -- The Universe of Universes			
	128B	1	The immensity of
		2	In principle,
		3	We are convinced
	129C	7	The Grand Universe
	130D	5	Although the unaided
	134B	3	Although your
		4	But the greatest
	138B	4	The Fatherhood of God
	139A	1	It is a mystery
Paper 13 -- The Sacred Spheres of Paradise			
	143B	1	Between the central
		2	These three
Paper 14 -- The Central and Divine Universe			
	152B	1	The perfect and divine
		2	This is the one
	153C	6	On the outskirts
	154B	4	Spirit beings
		7	None of the physical
	158C	5	On Urantia
	159D	6	Not only will you
		7	Love of adventure
	160A	1	Curiosity
	163A	1	Paradise
		2	The Central Universe

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Paper 15 -- The Seven Superuniverses			
164A	1		As far as
	2		Early in
	3		On the vast body
	4		Within the limited
165A	1		We have long
	2		Urantia is
	6		Only the universal
167 lists in a numerical chart format the organization of the seven superuniverses.			
167C	4		Practically all
168A	2		The nucleus of
169B	2		The paradise
172B	3		Irrespective of origin
			1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
	4		With the exception
173D	6		In your Superuniverse
174A	1		While each Superuniverse
176D	5		The Superuniverse of
181D	7		There are seven
182A	2		Orvonton, the seventh
	4		As Orvonton is
	5		Your world is
183A	1		Your planet is
Paper 16 -- The Seven Master Spirits			
184A	1		The Seven Master
186A	1		To the universe
	3		The Seven Master
189D	8		Much of the
190D	6		Through this personal
192D	7		Intelligence alone
193B	5		When man fails
	6		Virtue is
	7		Man's choosing
196A	3		Jesus not only
Paper 17 -- The Seven Supreme Spirit Groups			
197B	1		The seven
			1. 2. 3.
	2		The remaining four
			4. 5. 6.
201B	3		The Reflective Spirits
	4		The formal records

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Paper 18 -- The Supreme Trinity Personalities			
	207B	1	Supreme Trinity
		2	These beings
		3	Throughout the grand
		4	All Trinity
	210A	1	In power
Paper 19 -- The Co-ordinate Trinity-Origin Beings			
	214A	1	This Paradise
		2	Excepting
	215B	3	Even in the study
	222C	5	This completes
		6	Trinity-origin
		7	Through these
Paper 20 -- The Paradise Sons of God			
	223C	3	All descending Sons
			1. 2. 3.
		4	The remaining four
			4. 5. 6. 7.
	225C	7	3. Bestowal Missions.
	227B	2	Urantia has never
		3	Urantia may yet
	228B	3	Understanding more
	229A	2	On a mortal-bestowal
		3	As Jesus
		4	When a bestowal
		6	When the bestowal
		7	When bestowal
Paper 21 -- The Paradise Creator Sons			
	234A	1	The Creator Sons
		3	These primary
	235A	2	Each Creator Son
		6	When a Creator
	237B	4	A Creator Son is given
	239B	6	In settling the question
	240A	2	It is of record
		8	Avonal bestowals
		9	Though these seven

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Paper 22 -- The Trinitized Sons of God			
	243B	1	There are three 1. 2. 3.
	245A	1	Mighty Messengers belong
		8	In the superuniverse
	247A	3	Since Those without Name
		7	You mortals
	253B	3	On the mansion
	254D	6	And this is
Paper 23 -- The Solitary Messengers			
	256B	2	These spirit
		3	Immediately following
		6	Mortals start out
	258C	5	The confusion and
	260A	2	6. Ambassadors
		3	When it develops
		6	The universe is well
	261A	2	Solitary messengers
		3	It is wholly
	263A	3	We incline
Paper 24 -- Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit			
	264B	2	Those Higher 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.
	266D	8	The Census Directors
	267C	6	The Census Directors are
		7	Census Directors register
Paper 25 -- The Message Hosts of Space			
	273A	1	Ranking 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.
	277C	4	The moment
Paper 26 -- Ministering Spirits of the Central Universe			
	285B	2	Angels are
	297B	3	The mortal creature
Paper 27 -- Ministry of the Primary Supernaphim			
	299B	3	Rest is of
	303D	6	Worship is

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>BEGINS ...</u>
Paper 28 -- Ministering Spirits of the Superuniverses	315A	2	The mercy reflectors
	316C	5	Service --
		6	The Universal economy
Paper 29 -- The Universe Power Directors	319A	1	Of all
	323C	8	1. 2. 3. Outside of Havona
	326A	2	Of all
Paper 30 -- Personalities of the Grand Universe	330B	1	The personalities
		2	It is not
	Here, listed on the next 11 pages, are the personalities mentioned in the previous papers as well as others not discussed. This gives a broad overview of the spiritual administration of Creation.		
	340D	7	1. Planetary Mortals.
	344A	3	This narrative
Paper 31 -- The Corps of Finality	348D	6	We deem
	354B	5	As we view
		6	Evolutionary mortals
		8	These thirty-one

This concludes the overview of Part 1 of *The Urantia Book*. Thank you for attending. We will be presenting an overview of Part 2, "The Local Universe" next week at this same time and place. Please feel free to bring a friend. You should find Part 2 very interesting. See you next week.