

THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH!

## EARTH IS THE FIRST STEP IN OUR UNIVERSE CAREER

Stage one of our universe career begins on earth or Urantia, as our planet is known throughout the universes. After our short and intense test here on earth, we proceed inward toward the Isle of Paradise.

Each of us is an evolutionary mixture of personality, spirit, body, mind, and soul. We are transient citizens of this world, living here for only a brief period of time.

Our survival status is determined on earth. It is here where we accept or reject God and choose between a life of goodness and inner peace or one of evil and turmoil. "There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can." == Henry Van Dyke

...This life is not in vain. God gave it to us for a purpose. It is up to us to have faith and make the most of our time on earth. By loving and serving others we make a difference to our families, our communities and the entire human race.

Death provides us with a natural means of going forward from earth life. It is a portal through which we pass to begin the spectacular ascent to God, the Father of all Creation.

The Urantia Book says we have nothing to fear. We are not alone in this journey. Inside each one of us is an actual fragment of God, a Thought Adjuster, a faithful companion who patiently waits for us to respond to its spiritual counsel so it may safely guide us through the immense universe. This fragment of God arrives at about the age of six, when a child makes his first moral choice not prompted by a parent or guardian. During our journey, the Paradise Father will love and protect us. "The Father's love follows us now and throughout the endless circle of the eternal ages." The Urantia Book P. 40:1

After we surrender our consciousness to death, our personality, soul, and mind identity will be preserved. When consciousness dawns again we will open our eyes on the majesty of the heavenly mansion worlds of our local system of planets. We have survived death. We have been resurrected. "Throughout all eternity you will recall the profound memory impressions of your first witnessing of these resurrection mornings." The Urantia Book P. 533:3

Now, as resurrected mortals, we continue the quest of the ages, the perfecting pilgrimage inward to Paradise, our eternal home.

After we die, we rest in an unconscious sleep. Whether we sleep for three days or three hundred years, we will have no memory of the passage of time. But travel time to the mansion worlds is fast. We can be resurrected as soon as three days after our death.

The length of our sleep will depend upon the progress we made while living on earth. Generally, the more we lead balanced lives on earth, the sooner our resurrection will occur after death. Balanced character growth requires the unified development of our social, spiritual, intellectual and philosophical natures. An over-developed religious mind, for example, can become fanatical. Likewise, a scientist living without God can become a gloomy materialist. It is more important to be well-rounded and whole than to become unbalanced in any one direction.

During the sleep of survival, our souls, spirit, and personalities are safeguarded until we are resurrected. The cooperative efforts of our faithful guardian angel and Thought Adjuster deliver our soul, identity, and certain factors of mind to the life assembly chambers on the mansion worlds. There, we are reassembled and given a new body form.

Our universe career advances through many stages. We do not simply die and wake up in a blissful state. Life is an unfolding of progressive levels, a blending of the material, the philosophical, and the spiritual.

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