

The COSMOS



THE BIG PICTURE

If it were possible to stand somewhere beyond the entire cosmos and view it, all of pervaded and unpervaded space - at this midpoint of space respiration - would appear to be encapsulated in a gigantic sphere of quiescent midspace zones. These quiescent zones separate pervaded and unpervaded space and grow larger at greater and greater distances from Paradise until they completely encompass the borders of all space, incapsulating both space reservoirs and the entire horizontal extension of pervaded space.

The BIG Picture

INSIDE THE QUIESCENT ZONES

THE QUIESCENT ZONES

insulate the various space levels and components of the universe and work with the counter-motion of each space level (which revolve alternately in different directions) to help stabilize the universe.

THE FOURTH OUTER SPACE LEVEL

THE THIRD
OUTER SPACE
LEVEL

THE SECOND
OUTER SPACE
LEVEL

THE FIRST
OUTER SPACE
LEVEL

THE UPPER
RESERVOIR OF
UNPERVADED SPACE

HAVONA

THE SEVEN
SUPER-UNIVERSES

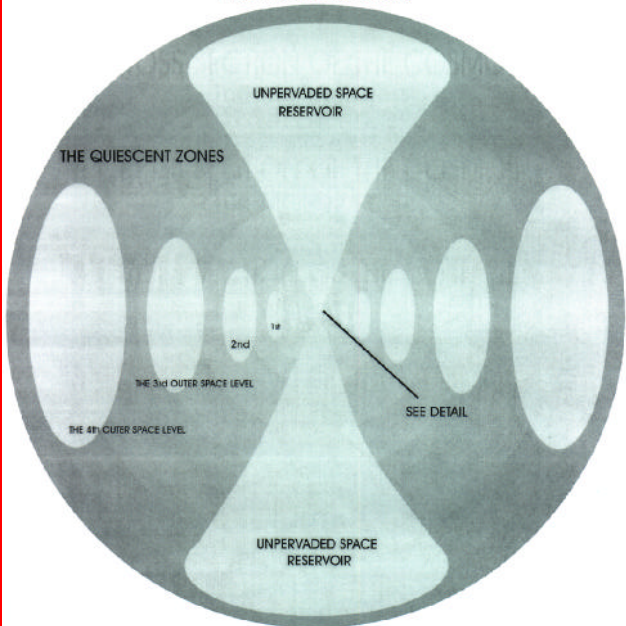
THE LOWER RESERVOIR
OF UNPERVADED SPACE

If we could view the entire cosmos inside the quiescent zone encapsulation, we would see the inconceivably immense Master Universe stretching East to West, so to speak, dominated and encircled by the enormous fourth outer space level. This is pervaded space.

If we could also see the space reservoirs, [unpervaded space], these would stretch North and South in approximately equal volume and similar in general over-all shape to the Master Universe. The Master Universe is approximately halfway in its 'retraction' and expansion, and will continue to expand for another billion years, as the unpervaded space reservoirs decrease in size. When the cycle is completed, the entire cosmos will be elliptical in shape, stretching further east and west than north and south. The Master Universe will begin to reduce in size and the space reservoirs increase for another two billion year cycle.

A CROSS-SECTION OF THE COSMOS

The 'Maltese Cross'



THE URANTIA PAPERS tell us that if we could view a cross-section of the entire cosmos, the encapsulated Master Universe (pervaded space) and the space reservoirs of unpervaded space would resemble a maltese cross.



FIRST GRAVITY BELT

CROSS SECTION DETAIL - HAVONA

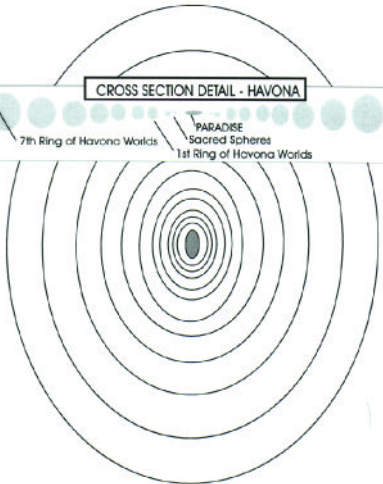


7th Ring of Havona Worlds

PARADISE Sacred Spheres

1st Ring of Havona Worlds

A cross section of this circuit would exhibit three concentric circles of about equal density. [153]



HAVONA - TOP VIEW

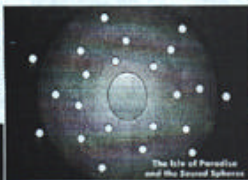
Keep in mind the considerable distortions of proportion necessary to diagram cosmological ideas. The Central Isle of Paradise is the 'most gigantic organized body of cosmic reality in all the master universe. [118] Also, although Paradise is the geographic center of infinity, it is not part of universal creation, nor even a real part of the eternal Havona Universe. [126]

SECOND GRAVITY BELT

The outer circuit is 10,000 times higher than the inner circuit - the up and down diameter is 50,000 times the traverse diameter. [153- 154]

THESE PAGES DEPICT graphic representations of the cosmos as it is represented in the Urantia Papers. Any attempt at scale drawings is impossible. This has always been true of solar diagrams. For example, if you attempted a properly proportioned scale drawing of our solar system, if you drew the sun three inches in diameter, the Earth would be barely a fortieth inch in diameter and 25 feet away! Pages C-3 and C-4 (following these two pages) deal with the staggering proportions of the "well nigh limitless universe."

1. PARADISE: [*Paradise is not considered part of the Master Universe.*] Paradise, properly qualified, may connote any and all forms of reality, Deity, divinity, personality, and energy—spiritual mindal or material. All share Paradise as the place of origin, function, and destiny, as regards values, meanings, and factual existence. Paradise, not otherwise qualified, is the Absolute of the material-gravity control of the First Source and Center. Paradise is motionless, the only stationery thing in the universe of universes. The Isle of Paradise has a universe location but no position in space. This eternal Isle is the actual source of the physical universes—past present and future. [Page 7]



2. THE SACRED SPHERES OF PARADISE: Between the central Isle of Paradise and the innermost of the Havona planetary circuits there are situated three lesser circuits of special spheres. The innermost circuit consists of the seven secret spheres of the Universal Father; the second group is composed of the seven luminous spheres of the Eternal Son; and the outermost are the seven immense spheres of the Infinite Spirit. [Page 143]

3. THE CENTRAL UNIVERSE OF HAVONA: The billion worlds of Havona are arranged in seven concentric circles immediately surrounding the three circuits of Paradise satellites. There are upwards of thirty-five million worlds in the innermost Havona circuit and over two hundred and thirty-five million in the outermost, with proportionate numbers intervening. [Havona] is of enormous dimensions and almost unbelievable mass and consists of one billion spheres of unimaginable beauty and superb




grandeur, but the true magnitude of this vast creation is beyond the understanding grasp of the human mind. [Pages 152-153] **THE DARK GRAVITY BELTS:** On the outskirts of this vast central universe, far beyond the seventh belt of the Havona worlds there swirl an

unbelievable number of dark gravity bodies. These dark gravity bodies neither reflect nor absorb light; they so completely encircle and enshroud Havona as to hide it from the view of even near-by inhabited universes of time and space. [Page 153]



THE SEVEN SUPERUNIVERSES
traverse a great ellipse, a giant
elongated circle. The local universe
to which your system belongs is
pursuing a definite, well-understood
counterclockwise course around the
vast swing that encircles the Central
Universe. Today, the solar system to
which Urantia belongs is a few
billion years past the swing around
the southern curvature so that you are
just now advancing through the long
and comparative straightway
northern path. For untold ages
Orvonton will pursue this almost
direct northerly course. [Page 165]

THE
GRAND
UNIVERSE



THE OUTER SPACE LEVELS: Far out in
space, at an enormous distance from the
inhabited superuniverses, there are assembling
vast and unbelievably stupendous circuits of
force and materializing energies. The Central
Universe is a creation of eternity; the seven
superuniverses are creations of time; the four
outer space levels are undoubtedly destined to
eventuate-evolve the ultimacy of creation.

[Pages 129-130]

THE MASTER UNIVERSE

A VASTER UNIVERSE THAN WE IMAGINED . . .



THE GRAND UNIVERSE

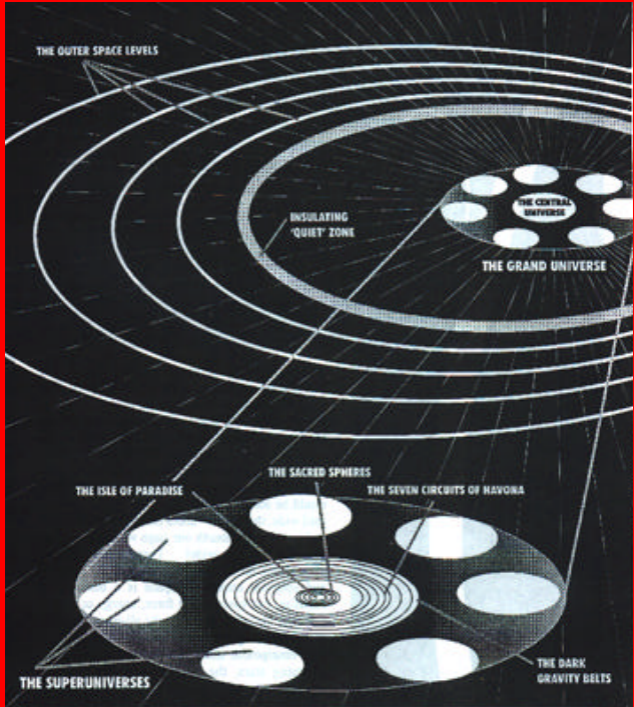
Includes the Central Universe (Havona)
and all seven superuniverses

THE FIRST OUTER SPACE LEVEL

THE SECOND OUTER SPACE LEVEL

Our perspectives of space and the size of the universe are challenged by the Urantia Papers. The illustrations on this page give the reader an idea of the proportionate sizes of the segments of the Master Universe, which includes the entire revealed cosmos. The Grand Universe is shown as a tiny dot above, approximately 1/34 of an inch wide. In proportion, the first outer space level would be about an inch wide, the second, nearly a yard wide, the third — about thirty four yards wide, and to show the fourth our page would have to be nearly 3,500 feet wide! These vast sizes and dimensions do not reflect proportionate physical and spiritual energy — space is a bestowal of Paradise, but space is not force, energy or power. Consider also that "gravity is the all-powerful grasp of the physical presence of Paradise," and gravity is the "omnipotent strand on which are strung the gleaming stars, the blazing suns, the whirling spheres that constitute the universal physical adornment of the eternal God, who is all things, fills all things, and in whom all things consist."

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Our superuniverse, Orvonton, is generally identified as the Milky Way. Our solar system is located on the fringes of Orvonton, and from our vantage point astronomers look mostly outward, into the uninhabited outer space levels. The diameter of our superuniverse is given as approximately 500 thousand light years. (One light year equals 5,878,000,000,000 miles.)