

Stepping into space

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On July twentieth, 1969, millions sat enthralled as live TV cameras delivered a spectacle of modern technology to living rooms around the world. Man had arrived on the moon and the giant step was a dramatic forshadowing of greater achievements to come. Horse drawn men had scoffed the idea, visionaries wrote novels about it, and practical men had done it; given the world a glimpse of man in the universe.

Those of us blessed with the URANTIA Book have been given a glimpse of light years instead of miles. If we but dare to believe, we see a teeming universe, filled with things and beings that stagger the imagination. And with it comes the dawning of cosmic consciousness, membership in the universal family. BF

We see a material creation more immense than our most farsighted scientists have dreamed of. Our superuniverse, the Milky Way galaxy, spans 100,000 light years. If you could be enseraphimed and dispatched for Uversa, the journey would take around 17,000 years to complete, with no stops along the way. Added to this is the time on the thousands of worlds that demand our experience as we progress inward. Truly the climb ahead of us is a massive undertaking, but this great task of drawing mortals from gloom to glory is only one of seven major purposes of the grand universe.

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But the URANTIA Book shows more than immensity, does more than stagger the mind. Along with the spiritual forces at work with us, it imparts a sense of familiarity, a twinge of reality to the workings of the stars. Knowledge is not inherent outside the central creation. Even in the heavens, rulers must have governments, students must have universities, scientists must have technical instruments, judges must have courts and even Creators must have experience.

The Most Highs live in splendid mansions, Other beings dwell in humble abodes. There is work, entertainment, reward, chastisement; spiritual affairs and economic matters. Each of the beings has their own hopes and desires, successes and failures even problems and misconceptions. Heaven is not far away from life in the flesh - just a step by step process away.

8 Yes, there were more than just human eyes watching as Neil Armstrong stepped from his Eagle onto the Sea of Tranquility. And there were more than just human smiles at the realization that another of mankind's dreams had come true. Those that labor backstage in the human drama rejoice wherever, whenever, and however men take a step towards the Universal Father.