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Introduction

There are so many great stories that begin with an awakening. Whether someone wakes from a coma, a surgery, or just a life-altering dream, suddenly there's a story they need to tell or a deed they need to complete.

But there aren't many stories that *begin* with a sleeping man.

Except one story borne from a sleeping man was the driving force behind an entire movement that was able to fill in the missing pieces in what is arguably the most famous piece of literature in the world—the Bible.

Now, whether or not you believe that a sleeping man could actually answer those unanswered questions from the Bible is entirely up to you. But in these next few pages you'll see that over the course of hundreds of nights this sleeping man revealed incredible details that would lead to a book that details Jesus' life, the nature of God, why we're here, and the real history of Earth, which is a place far different from the one you currently reside.

This book is called "The Urantia Book," and for those who believe in the declaration delivered by the sleeping man also believe that he delivered to us the answers for becoming one with God.

And those who follow the teachings of this book cite that there is unwavering proof that what has been gifted to us inside these pages tells such prophecies as our purpose here on Earth as well as what will happen to all of mankind.

The skeptic would certainly turn his nose at this idea; but if you're the kind of person who can imagine this as a truth, then let me tell you about "The Urantia Book" and its claims that the Lost City of Atlantis is, in fact, the first Garden of Eden, its predictions that have already come true (like WWII), and its forecast for the next visit from divine being.

Chapter 1:

How “The Urantia Book” Came to Be?

It all began with William and Lena Sadler.

The Sadlers were both well-known Chicago, Illinois physicians who were approached by a neighbor telling tales of her husband’s odd sleeping habits. She said he would fall into such deep slumbers that his breathing became erratic and he spoke nonsense.

Years later, a group of individuals would come to recognize this “nonsense” as the prophecy of celestial beings using this neighbor as their proverbial mouthpiece, but more on that later.

At the time that the neighbor approached them, William and Lena were skeptical. In fact, William had long debunked the paranormal and was pretty well known for the fact that he did not believe in the supernatural.

In 1929 he penned a book called “The Mind at Mischief: Tricks and Deceptions of the Subconscious and How to Cope With Them,” and called out that most mediums—a.k.a. people who believe they have the power to channel spirits—use fraudulent methods to trick people into believing them. He even laid out some of these tricks to give his readers a way to sniff these fakes out.

He went on to say, though, that these mediums actually reach a point of believing in their powers so much that they end up deceiving themselves. They end up adamantly shouting that they are psychic, so much so that they could likely pass a myriad of tests attempting to prove them a liar.

So, with convincing patients like these whom William was able to sniff out, you can imagine why it took him some time to truly be convinced that this sleeping man wasn’t attempting to pull one over on him.

His lack of skepticism in this instance may have been because, though not confirmed, it is rumored that the “sleeping man” was actually William’s brother-in-law, Wilfred Custer Kellogg. William met and wooed Lena, who was the niece of John Harvey Kellogg, co-inventor of corn flakes and William’s mentor.

If this is true and the “sleeping man” is Kellogg, this might have been the key to helping William overcome his resistance to believe in that, this time, it was no joke.

Whether this sleeping man was Kellogg or not, and despite their past, William and Lena were intrigued enough to begin regularly listening to their neighbor’s nocturnal musings.

They became so thrilled by these celestial visits that they ended up attending more than 250 of these night sessions; they even brought along their foster daughter, who was a capable secretary and former patient of Lena’s, to act as stenographer and take down all that was said.

It seemed that William and Lena were beginning to believe in the unbelievable.

The unconscious neighbor never remembered a word of what was uttered in his slumber, and William was convinced that this was “no ordinary trance.”

In fact, the being that would visit them through this neighbor had a name; he was Melchizedek, and he told them of the wonderful revelation that was about to be given to the people of planet Earth.

Melchizedek was already a key piece of one of the five epochal revelations (more on these later) that occurred here on Earth, he was the last revelation before Jesus Christ arrived.

He arrived on this planet in 1980 BC, and led many to live their lives in the image of God, including Abraham, who is the father of Judaism. You likely already know the story of Abraham, but the short version is that his children, under his guidance and teachings, formed the group that would later become the creators of the Jewish religion.

Though the stories told through the sleeping man seemed solid, clear and very convincing, William was still unsure of what he could or could not trust. So William conducted countless sessions with the sleeping man where he used methods like psychoanalysis, hypnotism and more on his neighbor, this "sleeping man" was never able to call to mind what Melchizedek had spoken using his tongue.

In the same 1929 book, "The Mind at Mischief," mentioned before, William called out that throughout all of these nighttime ramblings, it never seemed that the words being spoken even *could* have originated in his patient's mind.

William was certain that it was another life form altogether—meaning, Melchizedek—speaking through his neighbor.

A group of William's former patients, friends and even his colleagues would meet on a weekly basis to discuss medicine and philosophy. And sometime in the years between the nightly encounters and William publishing "The Mind at Mischief," so around 1923, this group began discussing the sleeping man.

Even though William and Lena had decided to keep this particular patient and these revelations to themselves, William was compelled to mention them during a particularly involved session that Lena was unable to attend.

The stories of the "sleeping man" really spoke to the group.

This collection, later called The Forum, began reviewing the transcriptions of the "sleeping man" communications, with William even reading some samples aloud for the group.

The Forum asked hundreds of questions, which William and Lena would take down and, without any notable explanation from any of the folks involved in this group, the answers appeared to them in detailed writings.

In a 2011 article written by Carolyn Kendell, whose father was a member of The Forum, she explains it by saying, "in January 1925, answers to the Forum's questions began arriving in the form of chapters, which were really complete papers ... If there were no questions, there were no papers."

This was until 1935, when all of Part IV, covering the entirety of Jesus' life, was delivered in one large bundle.

But aside from that one section being delivered wholly finished, The Forum spent much time reviewing individual papers for any ambiguous items. If they felt they found something that need-

ed clarification, they noted their question(s) and delivered them to William and Lena, who would receive and deliver the very detailed answers and explanations to each question.

One could likely assume—and maybe even safely assume, at that—that the replies were delivered directly to William and Lena, but there is no confirmation of where these answers first landed. All that is known for sure is that the questions were answered and delivered back to William, Lena and The Forum.

Now, if you were receiving information like this I'm sure you'd agree that it would be hard to keep it to yourself and not tell family and close friends. So even though Forum members were supposed to guard the secret of what they were studying, the original 30 members—who had vowed never to share the Urantia material with anyone outside their inner circle—grew. By the early 1930s the group had a total membership of nearly 500 souls.

And it's to be expected that as more people joined, more questions were asked that needed to be delivered. So William, Lena, their Foster daughter/stenographer and the Kelloggs took over responsibility for gathering questions and retrieving answers.

But there's still a great mystery here. Since there's nothing that outlines exactly how the book was delivered, the book's authorship is still a lingering question for many.

We know that William and Lena were the vessels the book was communicated through, but they were not the "authors" per se. It's not hard to imagine a logical person studying this book would question HOW these papers were delivered. Were they passed back and forth through in a drop box of sorts? A special pickup location only William and Lena were allowed into?

Unfortunately for those of us still seeking answers, the people who truly know how this book came to be are long ago deceased, and the chance of finding these answers died with them.

All that is confirmed is that these answered questions delivered in the form of individual chapters, or papers, form the mantra that would eventually become, "The Urantia Book."

The final gathering of The Forum was in 1942, a full 13 years before the book would be published and circulated to carry out the wishes of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek bestowed this fifth revelation—titled as such because the word "Urantia" is actually the universe's name for planet Earth—with the hopes that he could complete Jesus' unfinished work and help the people of Urantia/Earth find eternal salvation.

The book was delivered, reviewed and compiled sometime between 1923, when the "sleeping man" story was first told to the soon-to-be-named Forum, and October 12, 1955, when the book was published.

This publish date was roughly five years after the Urantia Foundation was formed in Illinois, and the foundation funded the book's publish and worked to spread the word.

However, in 1991 a woman named Kristen Maaherra was giving out free copies of the book and was subsequently sued by The Urantia Foundation for reprinting and distributing the book without publishing rights.

In 1995, Maaherra won a Summary Judgment, calling out that the Foundation's copyright renewal was invalid.

Later, in 1999, another group published the book and, after much review it was found that the original copyright hadn't been valid since 1983, because the book's original Conduit had passed away and the only way to renew would have been if the Conduit's heirs had requested to, which they hadn't.

So, long story short, this book is available to anyone who wants to read it—and it's absolutely free!

The Urantia Foundation publishes this book on their website because it continues to have a purpose of presenting "enlarged concepts and advanced truth," by combining science, philosophy and religion into one idea that can be a tool for anyone, regardless of your beliefs.

It's been translated into more than 20 languages and is even believed to be the driving force behind four fantasy novels.

But it is a commitment, for reading it means taking on 2,000 plus pages divvied up into 196 individual papers. It corrects "errors" found within the bible as well as fills the holes missing in the Bible; it gives you admission to the full picture of all 36 years of Jesus' life, as well as guidance as to how to make sure you succeed in all aspects of human life and then move from universe to universe until finally, you come upon God in Paradise, and beyond.

Because in this book, we are not meant to follow God as much as we are to partner with him; though God believes in free will, he has placed a piece of his own will inside every one of us and gives us the ability to grow with him, or move in our own direction against him.

In fact, this is just a book, or a guide. There is no "Urantia" religion or form of Christianity called "Urantia"—it is a more detailed version and continuation of the story you know of God, Jesus and the most notable religious characters in the Bible. This book is the fifth and final revelation because it's the universe's Hail Mary to try to help our planet get back in God's good graces.

Chapter 2:

What are the Five Epochal Revelations?

One of the biggest reasons anyone would likely pick up "The Urantia Book" is that it tells us more of Jesus' life than the Holy Bible. I mean, if you were writing the book sleeve you might even lead with that tidbit because it grabs the reader immediately and makes them want to at least thumb through the pages.

And this book doesn't disappoint, it tells you more of who he was, how he came to land in the place he would call "home" (in Urantia/Earth) and it reviews the full scope of his time here.

Jesus' life and the many other details outlined in "The Urantia Book" are part of what the "sleeping man" told The Forum would be the fifth epochal revelation. But, like any good story, we should start by talking about the first of the five revelations:

- **Revelation #1:** The very first revelation was a mission to improve the culture of our fair planet.

Once Urantia/Earth was populated with living souls, it was felt by the powers that be that the primitive beings populating the planet needed guidance. So they sent Caligastia, a Planetary Prince, and a staff of 100 associates to this planet with the mission to improve Earth's civilization and lead the best minds on the planet to the culture seen in Dalamatia (a.k.a. The Garden of Eden).

"Their plan consisted in attracting the best mind of the surrounding tribes and, after training them, sending them back to their people as emissaries of social uplift." ("The Urantia Book," page 749).

Once the Garden of Eden was well underway and the inhabitants were on the path to a more refined way of thinking, it was time for the next phase of the plan.

- **Revelation #2:** The second epochal revelation involved Adam and Eve. Though this book gives Adam and Eve a bit more of a mission than they had in the Bible.

Followers of this book believe that Adam and Eve were sent here to form a "pure-line" of descendants to continue populating Urantia/Earth. Their job was to populate Eden and continue to grow the population on this planet with those who would help carry out the word of God.

They were also tasked with setting up a governmental hierarchy in Eden, which would serve as their Capitol, like Washington D.C. is to the United States, on a global scale.

Once established, Adam and Eve could entrust their work in Eden to their most clever advisors and begin visiting more of Urantia's/Earth's countries to set up a, "wide ministry of biologic uplift, intellectual advancement, and moral rehabilitation."

Because we know that Adam and Even did not succeed in their task, though their failure is a bit different in this book (more detail on that later), the next revelation also a two-part mission of sorts.

- **Revelation #3:** This revelation, essentially, was a bit of a scouting mission wrapped in an advocacy campaign to help the people of Urantia/Earth find their way to God. So Machiventa Melchizedek, who would later speak to William and Lena through the "Sleeping Man," was sent to this planet to choose a place that held the proper beliefs, families and values for Jesus Christ to be born, grow up, and teach us the way of God.

During these scouting missions Melchizedek would also recruit some of the greatest minds to teach the way of God and show them how to teach others to continue the population on its journey to join God in Havona.

Melchizedek was successful in his missions, as he scouted the perfect location for Jesus to be raised and was able to bring many wonderful minds to find their religious awakening.

- **Revelation #4:** This revelation will be reviewed in detail later, but this is the birth and life of Jesus. His purpose here was to reveal the "true nature and character of God to mankind" and to continue to teach us all how to find our way to God.

As you'll read later, though, Jesus' life was cut short and followers of this book believe that Jesus' life and mission ended much sooner than it should have.

- **Revelation #5:** The fifth and final revelation was the delivery of "The Urantia Book."

Because of all that our planet had done and all the ways that previous leadership had failed to get Urantia/Earth to a place where it could be led to salvation, it took some time for this book to be delivered to that small group of folks in Chicago, Illinois.

But the powers that be felt that the early to mid-1920s was the perfect time for delivery and that they selected the perfect group to work tirelessly to carry this revelation across the threshold and deliver it to 20th century Urantia/Earth.

Chapter 3:

Who is God in “The Urantia Book”?

“God is the father; man is his son. Love, the love of a father for his son, becomes the central truth in the universe relations of Creator and creature—not the justice of a king which seeks satisfaction in the sufferings and punishment of the evil-doing subject.” (“The Urantia Book,” page 1,746).

Faithful Christians believe that those who do good will spend eternity in Heaven while those who revel in sin will spend infinity in the bowels of Hell. And while those who believe the teachings of “The Urantia Book” do believe in Heaven, they do not believe that the nature of God is ever to punish.

Urantia followers feel that God’s goal is only to reward.

In fact, the Nature of God, according to this book and its followers, was not to give us a set of *rules* to follow; the laws of God are merely God’s habits and ways of living—and since he does all things well, you should choose to follow his path.

The beliefs in the book clearly state that those who follow the path laid out for them by God will move from life form to life form and universe to universe until they merge with their Thought Adjuster and converge to the will of God. Then, they will finally enter Paradise.

The Thought Adjuster is the piece of God’s will that He instills in each and every one of us, but He also provides you with the free will to ignore this guidance, if you see fit. Think of this like the angel on your shoulder, not really visible to the naked eye but a nagging feeling that what you’re doing either is, or is not, the way of God.

There are those who choose to ignore the guidance of their Thought Adjuster and instead choose the path of evil. These people will simply cease to exist once they perish in their current world.

Urantia book followers know that God doesn’t just oversee the Earth, he is the divine creator of all beings, on all planets, and humans are merely one group of his loyal subjects.

Without God, who is the eternal creator and controller, reality would cease to exist.

And since we are all God’s children, He has given each world within His domain a purpose, and every creature—including you—within those worlds is part of His plan.

As you work through this plan, with faith and service to Him, you progress and ascend to your rightful place alongside Him in Paradise.

And unlike many other religions, that require you to devote your life to God’s will, you don’t need to put aside your individual aspirations to work beside this God. He does not demand devotion to Him or eternal sacrifice and service to him—instead, he wishes you to fulfill your dreams with Him in mind and with Him as your partner.

Followers of this book believe that the Thought Adjuster, or the piece of God’s spirit that is provided to you, is the first breadcrumb on your trail to find God. And this very first piece of Him isn’t given to you at birth, it’s instead provided to you upon making your first independent “moral” decision,

which Urantia followers estimate to be between the ages of five- and six-years-old.

And from then on, your choices lead you down either a quick path to Him; a long, windy journey to salvation; or an end to your journey altogether.

If you use your free will to make choices that follow God's path, then once you've moved past this life and have gone through enough lives and universes that your purpose becomes pure, you will fuse with this piece of God's spirit, and become one with Him.

This is what they call your "reward for the ages," when you have essentially "won" eternal life—though this most typically takes place in the afterlife, it can occur during this life here on Urantia/Earth, although the book's most devout followers believe this to be so rare it borders on impossible.

One of the most telling traits of those who follow the writings in this book is that they do believe that God is "unchanging."

This doesn't mean that He's stubborn or any of the other negative connotations normally associated with lack of change; it means that He is a constant presence in our lives but has no past, no future, no outside, and no beyond.

God is "stationary, self-contained and changeless," and therefore absolutely independent.

But God moves, and God grows because He has free will, He is free will, and He bestows this will upon you. Like mentioned above, His laws are not laws in the conventional sense, meaning they aren't a set of rules you have to follow at the risk of being punished if you choose not to.

His laws are merely a list of his habits, and, like a parent to their toddler, God is your guiding force to give you all the tools you'll need to make the right choice, but eventually He allows you to make that choice yourself.

He doesn't require that you talk to him, and though He may not respond in normal conversation, the God in "The Urantia Book" does wish for you to communicate with Him. But there is no mention of a church or congregation; He wants to you talk to Him however you see fit, so if that is in a church then He wishes for you to continue speaking with him through the church.

Because your faith in Him and relationship with Him will grow from this; and your life here on Earth is just God's "short and intense test" for you, and the afterlife is the continuation of this training.

Chapter 4:

Creation of the Universe

Much like the science we know and have studied in our middle and high school classrooms, "The Urantia Book" states that we are all products of an "event" much like the Big Bang Theory, which occurred some 4.5 billion years ago.

Urantia book followers believe that the enormous Angona system began its approach to the sun. After cooking for roughly 500,000 years and then finally exploding, the solar systems—including the one where we now reside—were formed and the first stages of life were set in motion.

It's the organization of these universes that sets the beliefs of "The Urantia Book" apart from modern science.

You see, Urantia followers believe that there are six concentric ellipses to the Master Universe where all of God's creatures reside, and they are as follows:

1. The Central Universe, a.k.a. Havona
2. The Seven Superuniverses
3. The First Outer Space Level
4. The Second Outer Space Level
5. The Third Outer Space Level
6. The Fourth and Outermost Space Level

At the center of the universe is the Isle of Paradise, where "Havona," which is an eternal universe with a billion perfect worlds, surrounds God. This ellipsis around Havona is also where just seven "superuniverses" reside.

Though these "superuniverses" are not yet considered to be complete, they are the "grand universes" where enlightened beings come to live.

And Uranthia/Earth, is the 606th planet in the Santania system, which is part of the Norlatiadek constellation, nestled inside of the local universe, Nebadon, which is part of the Orvonton superuniverse, which is the last of seven superuniverses to be created.

Havona is part of "Paradise" and is a holy area that that has three domains known as "Upper Paradise," "Peripheral Paradise," and "Nether Paradise."

Paradise is comprised of seven zones and each zone is made up of sectors with a hierarchy as follows:

- 1,000,000,000 organized working groups = one unit
- 1,000 units = one division
- 100,000 divisions = one congregation

- 10,000,000 congregations = one assembly
- 1,000,000,000 assemblies = one grand unit
- Seven grand units = one master unit
- Seven master units = one superior unit
- Seven superior units = one supersuperior unit
- Seven supersuperior units = one celestial unit
- Seven celestial units = one supercelestial unit
- Seven supercelestial units = one supreme unit

This is just how one zone within Paradise is laid out. And since the followers of the book believe that these are not yet completed and there is still room being made for more, it shows you that there is no punishment or Hell for Urantia followers; God has created a space for all of his celestial beings to make their way to His home.

Now, if you're not too confused yet with this breakdown, let's bring it back to our local universe, Nebadon, which is made up of 100 constellations.

One of those constellations is Norlatiadek, which is our constellation and is comprised of 100 different systems, including Santania, which is Urantia's/Earth's system that, according to a paper by Marian Rowley, is currently made up of 619 inhabited worlds, but is working toward 1,000.

Urantia/Earth itself has been inhabitable for roughly 550,000,000 years, and at that time God allowed celestial Life Carriers to implant "ancestral life plasm" in three waterways, which would be the best places for vegetation and life to begin.

Much later, about 1,000,000 years ago, human life began.

Then, about 500,000 years ago, it was decided by the powers that be that our planet needed some spiritual leadership. So an administration was set up under the direction of Caligastia, who became the Planetary Prince of Urantia after volunteering to advance our civilization.

Caligastia would later play a crucial role in the eventual Adamic default, which refers to the errors of Adam and Eve.

Roughly 37,000 years ago, Adam and Eve were highly evolved Ascendant Mortal Beings sent to Urantia/Earth as a young planet to assist in our genetic upgrade. They arrived here pleased to find that the development of the Garden of Eden was well underway, but were a bit bewildered by the lack of communication between Urantia/Earth and the other worlds due to the fallout from the Lucifer Rebellion.

After 100 years, things were going well. Adam and Eve had produced 63 children and 1,647 grandchildren of "pure-line" descent, of which they were intended to produce 1,000,000.

Adam trusted an associate sent to him by Caligastia. This associate, named Serapatatia, would ultimately betray Adam at the will of the Prince, who had ideas that immediate progress would be had if Eve would "mate" with a native.

The idea was that the child born from this relationship would make the natives more willing to acquiesce to the governing ideas of the leadership.

Serapatatia convinced Eve to bear a child with Cano in an effort to “save the world.” This union resulted in the birth of Cain, who was to be raised by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Adam, however, grew suspicious and eventually confronted Eve, who soon confessed the betrayal and the conspiracy with Serapatatia and Caligastia.

Upon finding out about this affair, Adam, to forgive Eve, had his own affair. From that union a daughter, named Sansa, was born.

These trysts led to the beginning of the less than desirable genetic lines here on Urantia/Earth. Though Adam and Eve tried again with the second Eden, their efforts were never enough to undo the damage.

The prequel to the fallout from Adam and Eve was the Lucifer Rebellion, which at first blush seems to hold relatively close to the story we know from the bible.

Some 200,000 years ago Lucifer and Satan were, at one point, servants to God, but they began to question this allegiance.

In “The Urantia Book,” Lucifer was in a high position in the Local System of Santania for 500,000 years; he was in line for a promotion to become a Constellation Father of Nebadon when he began questioning the administration hierarchy. He penned a blasphemous paper denouncing God, and was able to convince his assistant, Satan, to accompany him in a rebellion.

Together they convinced more and more to join their rebellion—including Caligastia. It was because of the Prince’s decision to revolt that Earth became one of the 37 planets brought to chaos and confusion by pledging allegiance to Lucifer and denouncing God and his Son, Michael.

The rebellion failed, but because God is forgiving and allows extended periods of time for those who did betray him to change their ways, the rebels were not killed or even removed from Earth immediately. They were allowed to remain here for some time, causing trouble later for Adam when he attempted to institute his ideas for government.

Urantia/Earth is still in an extended “time out” of sorts while the leadership deals with Lucifer, but there are strong hopes conveyed in “The Urantia Book” and by its followers that this penance will soon be served. If, that is, people of Urantia/Earth adhere to the original plan and follow what is laid out in “The Urantia Book” so that our planet can be allowed back into the fold.

Chapter 5:

What is the Relationship Between “The Urantia Book” and the Bible?

This book is not a religion in and of itself. For instance, you don't convert to something called “Urantiaism,” because it does not exist; “The Urantia Book” is meant to clarify, teach and provide its followers with the missing pieces and a more in-depth guide book to becoming one with God.

Followers of the book believe that it is an enhancement to the Bible. Just as the New Testament fills in the holes from the Old Testament, “The Urantia Book” tells a larger, more well-rounded story of God, Jesus and our planet.

You see, Urantia followers feel the Bible didn't get it exactly right. After all, the Bible is a story told by humans, and because humans by definition are not perfect, we would potentially witness and recount something imperfectly. So these celestial beings sought out to correct that, finish the work of Jesus, and help us correct the problem on our planet.

Adam and Eve, for example, are not the same two people you've read about in The Old Testament.

As mentioned, this book's Adam and Eve were intended to create life here on Urantia/Earth, but specifically they were here to make some genetic upgrades to our existing population. But Urantia's Adam and Eve also mess up, just like the Bible's version of Adam and Eve did, although “The Urantia Book” is a bit more of a soap opera of sorts.

They each had affairs that produced impure offspring, who ended up migrating around the world and forming unions with lesser races and breeding this impure gene pool.

Also, the Bible has Adam and Eve arriving in the already completed and empty Garden of Eden while “The Urantia Book” has this land already populated, and workers from the first revelation are setting up and nearly finished with Eden when Adam and Eve arrive.

Regardless of which version of the story you follow, one key item is that many who follow either the Bible or this book speculate and believe is that Eden was actually the Lost City of Atlantis.

“The committee on location ... reported a favorably concerning three possible locations: The first was an island in the Persian Gulf; the second, the river location subsequently occupied as the second garden [between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers]; the third, a long narrow peninsula—almost an island—projecting westward from the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea.” (“The Urantia Book” page 700)

The third site suggestion is where book followers believe Eden was created. This is supported by much research cited in an article featured in [UB the NEWS](#), stating that Eden, by descriptions from “The Urantia Book,” was likely located in the Mediterranean Sea between Cyprus and Syria.

This is also where many historians and researchers feel that the lost city of Atlantis was located, and the UB article cites many sources but one in particular, written by Robert Sarmast and published

in *Discovery of Atlantis*, outlines the island's likely origin as The Garden of Eden.

This research concludes that maybe the island didn't just sink slowly beneath the waters like the book says, but that possibly plate shifting or volcanic activity contributed to its demise.

But in a macro sense, both books do agree that Adam and Eve did exist, and that Eden was their first place of residence, and that their error is what caused a dreadful ending to an intended way of being.

Another thing that both books agree on is the existence of Jesus and his contributions to how we think today.

Both books describe Jesus as both human and divine, though "The Urantia Book" states that Jesus was actually the human incarnation of "Michael of Nebadon," one of the 700,000 "Paradise Sons" of God.

Both Christians and Urantia followers believe that Jesus was Mary and Joseph's son, though the circumstances around the birth do differ between stories, the end result is the same, Jesus was born in Nazareth as the most welcome son of Mary and Joseph.

"The Urantia Book" also calls out the many miracles that Jesus performed, like turning water to wine and healing the blind and that, after his crucifixion and death, Jesus rose on the third day.

One difference of opinion that seems to exist between the two books is that, according to Urantia, Jesus' crucifixion was not actually to atone for the sins of man. "The Urantia Book" tells the story much the same way, but feels that Jesus had more work to do here on Urantia/earth, and was killed prematurely because of the fears felt in that day. Jesus, and his ability to teach and lead so many, threatened the religious leaders and prompted their immediate action to remove him from any position of power.

One thing that truly differentiates "The Urantia Book" from the Bible is that this book details much more of Jesus' life. In fact, while the Bible only hones in on a few crucial months to years in Jesus' life, "The Urantia Book" covers more time, and uses hundreds upon hundreds of pages in doing so.

Chapter 6:

The Teachings of Jesus

That may be why it took a full year for The Forum to receive the Jesus papers.

From what the Urantia Foundation shares on their website, at the time the Jesus papers were delivered, there was an ongoing lawsuit in the universe between Gabriel and Lucifer, and The Forum was unable to receive Jesus' story until full permission was given.

Once granted, with a note from the higher powers that they would not have delivered the papers to the Contact Commission if they did not want them to be studied, the full story of Jesus' 36 years was available for all loyal members of The Forum.

The book reveals what we've known, that Jesus was a prophet and that he was sent to Earth to show us the way of God. Though we have already mentioned the differences in the Bible's version and "The Urantia Book" version of Jesus, this part remains true: he was a social servant, and he was sent to show the people of Urantia/Earth how to follow God's path.

He taught that God is our father and though he does love all of mankind, he loves each of us individually—so much so that one of his greatest gifts bestowed upon us is the free will we exercise regularly.

Because we have one father, "The Urantia Book" teaches of the brotherhood of man, much like the Bible.

But in this version, Jesus teaches us to learn about one another, and that even though we can have "spiritual unity" we don't need to have "philosophical uniformity," according to an article published on [this website](#). So you can think what you want to think and believe what you wish to believe, as you as you do so while believing in the spirit of God.

Mostly, like the Bible, Jesus taught the people of Urantia/Earth how to have faith, and that faith would be our salvation.

As already mentioned, the book's version of God does not punish the evil, but those evildoers will not find eternal salvation and instead will end their existing life without the hope of something more on the other side.

So when Jesus was tortured, maimed, crucified and died, he did rise three days later, to show the people of Urantia/Earth what salvation looks like, what is possible with faith and how to believe.

But unlike the Bible, Jesus was not supposed to die at the young age of 36; he was supposed to live on, and to continue to teach our planet about faith, divinity and the path to God.

Jesus was set to experience first-hand life as each creature in God's universe, and his time on Urantia/Earth was his time spent in human form. He had already lived six other lives prior to visiting Earth, but after seeing the resistance and devastation here, he chose this planet to complete his "final bestowal experience."

Born to Urantia/Earth on August 21, he lived here as Jesus of Nazareth and had an authentic

human experience. He struggled through school, cared for and financially supported his mother and siblings after Joseph's untimely death.

Jesus spent a lot of his time traveling, and this book outlines that, his relationship with John the Baptist, and his time training the apostles.

In fact, if Jesus had not been murdered and was able to complete his task, we may never have needed "The Urantia Book" to be bestowed upon us at all. The gift of this book is to complete Jesus' mission of teaching us God's will.

It's because of this, and other issues, that Urantia's/Earth's people are thought to be "greatly retarded in all phases of intellectual progress and spiritual attainment," compared to other worlds, and this crucifixion of God's son is essentially exhibit A in the trail showing how far we must go to correct this, and get on the path to salvation.

Chapter 7:

Historical Prophecies

We know that the book didn't predict Nazism and the attempted eradication of the Jews verbatim. But this book did foretell that the secular way of governing could lead to trouble, because leadership without faith is just a landmine waiting to be stepped on.

But a close reading of "The Urantia Book" reveals that these pages did predict some events of WWII; because this "godless" leadership is what Urantia followers believe created the rise of totalitarian societies, like the Soviet Union when under the control of Lenin or Stalin. This book's teachings could even have predicted The Korean War and the strenuous relations in present day North Korea.

There are even more ways that this book parallels findings from the scientific community and predicts future world issues that William, Lena or the entirety of The Forum and could not have been aware of.

In agreement with science, this book believes that we humans originated as superior primates that formed millions of years ago. But the similarities just about stop there, since the teachings also state that the first human beings were Andon and Fonta, born 993,419 years before 1934.

Skipping forward, and focusing a bit more on the negative way our secular government has impacted our way of living is pretty evident. Every year, as our distance from religion lengthens, society's grasp on right and wrong seems to loosen. From school shootings to mass transit bombings to the events of 9/11, humans need to find their way back to faith, and with that, they'll find the path to recovery.

This is even echoed by Mo Siegel, current President of The Urantia Foundation and founder of Celestial Seasonings tea. Siegel so believes in the teachings of "The Urantia Book," that he feels presently, because mankind is not following the teachings of this book and focusing on faith, we're on an evolutionary cul-de-sac, and our progress is stifled.

He might even take it a step further to say we're backtracking, because Siegel heavily promotes the uplifting ideals outlined in "The Urantia Book." He believes that you needn't focus on material possessions or personal gain, but you need to find your inner peace and do good deeds so you can find your way with God.

It's even rumored that the snippets you find on the side of your Celestial Seasonings tea packet are inspired by, or even direct quotes from, "The Urantia Book." Siegel was even quoted as saying that he felt it would be wasteful to focus solely on material success, so when he went into business he chose health foods to make a difference.

And Caroline MacDougall, Celestial Seasoning's fifth employee and current CEO of Teecino, even told *Van Winkle's* that the book was a guiding principal and that Siegel and his partner continuously quoted from it, bolstering their arguments with comments about the divine.

But Siegel and his partner have both left Celestial Seasonings, and Siegel, at the helm of the Urantia Foundation, is providing his insights directly to the followers via their [website](#).

Chapter 8:

Future Predictions

Beyond the biology, this book explains how humans came to understand and grow, and for some time we did rapidly progress as a species. But, according to this book, our imperfections have held us to be a “confused and disordered” planet.

That is why these “revelations” occur. They are the teachings of those who are more evolved than us and they provide the keys to bring us from disorder and chaos to divinity.

“The Urantia Book” is a revelation that these spiritual leaders provided to us 100 years before its time in an effort to help Urantia/Earth prepare for what is to come. For those who believe the book’s teachings, that means a visit from a Magisterial Son or Trinity Teacher Son will occur in the second half of the 21st century.

Urantia/Earth is under what these celestial beings called Norlatiadek quarantine. This basically means we’ve been ostracized and are not allowed to be part of the other systems that are working on their path to God.

If you’re a follower, then the reasons we’re still in purgatory are pretty easily answered. There was the Lucifer rebellion and the Caligastia betrayal, cited in Papers 53 and 67 as succumbing to the urge of the individual and rejecting the allegiance to the universe and God.

As mentioned in a direct response to this question of what will become of us, Siegel said that after these rebellions, the murder of Jesus, and the Adamic default it’s “difficult to see how anything worse could happen to our planet.”

The trial against Lucifer and his associates is currently underway, and once the ruling is executed it is possible that Urantia/Earth will be allowed back into the Santania system along with the other isolated systems.

Siegel says that he believes that the Most Highs, or celestial individuals who rule the kingdoms of men, have placed an observer here on our planet. Siegel also feels this observer has the power to seize the planetary government in times of crisis.

But Siegel doesn’t think this seizure will happen. He says, “I have faith in both the wisdom and the strength of our planetary government (augmented), and do not believe we would have been given a book “timed” for after 2025 if there would be no one around to read it at that time.”

The existing book states that our planet will be saved and will not decay—there is not a natural end of world before the end of time, according to Siegel.

But what is to come while we are still here? That is a question that the book does seek to answer, and at the time the book was delivered to us, from 1925-1934, the book explained that we were presently on an enthralling journey to “social readjustment, moral quickening and spiritual enlightenment.”

The book also states that another, even more impressive John the Baptist will rise and again proclaim, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” This means that another revelation will be the second coming of Christ or someone else, much like Jesus, will come to Urantia/Earth and restore our faith

and bring us back to the loyal followers we once were.

This change will not be quick for our planet, as the book also prophesizes that it will take a millennium to have us enact these changes and settle into our new, divine way of living.

Because of the events of the past and how the secular way of guiding countries has led to heart-ache, battle and war, one thing that it's easy to understand is the fact that the book foretells a change to our secular way of living. There should, in the opinion of this book, be no divide between church and state.

Your religion is not something that can be turned off, so the western civilization's way of being will need to be eliminated.

The book predicted that secularism would influence the 20th century to an extent that would "blight the spiritual experience of millions of unsuspecting souls," and those who closely follow this book feel that this prophecy has come true.

Divorce rates have skyrocketed, crime and disease have climbed, and while we make headway fighting both, the deterioration of society is, in the mind of the Urantia follower, a direct relation to our lack of faith.

And if we don't change this—which the book says is in our power to do so—the book predicts that the unrest will grow, and lead to war: *"Twentieth-century secularism tends to affirm that man does not need God. But beware! This godless philosophy of human society will lead only to unrest, animosity, unhappiness, war, and world-wide disaster."* ("The Urantia Book" page 2,081)

This quote, in the mind of many, including Preston Thomas of prestonthomas.org, is to be a warning that if we don't change our secular ways, we are doomed to face another World War, and maybe more.

True believers think that this prophesized World War II and the rise of Nazism, the Korean War, Vietnam as well as the wars we waged in the Middle East and likely the actions of late involving the rash of mass shootings in America.

Arguments could be made that there are many culprits responsible for this moral decay, and lack of faith or lack of guidance by faith could be one of them. One could also speculate that the modern age we live in has brought us down, with advancements giving us too much access and everything we could ever need being at our fingertips—literally.

But this book tells us that Jesus will come and save again, and our job is to ready the planet, and ourselves, for him. Not all prophecies are bad, and this book tells us that these revolts will end when secularism does, and when we follow Jesus' gospel we'll see the way to Paradise.

The book teaches that we need to allow Jesus' word to triumph over "materialism, mechanism, and secularism," in order to reach spiritual evolution.

So, followers of this book believe that our planet's time in purgatory is soon to be over, and that we're in the beginning stages of this awakening and we will begin by teaching the youth of the world "how to engage in life planning and character progression."

Because this book doesn't say that there needs to be "new" teachers to show us the way, its mantra is that we must overcome this ourselves and teach each other, and our children the way of God.

Chapter 9:

Death, Resurrection and the Purpose of Life

Death, to Urantia followers, doesn't mean an ending; it's a beginning of your next life in a new world, one that will bring you closer to God.

Similar to Christianity, those who follow God and His path will not cease to exist once their human life is over. Your spirit will transcend, but unlike Christianity, you may not reach God right away—but you will be steps closer to Him.

Human nature means dreading the monotony of just one place, one life, one incarnation—so Urantia followers believe that you transition from one planet to the next in search of your complete self, because that is the nature of any soul. You seek change, and devout Christians and Urantia followers both wholeheartedly believe that death is nothing to be feared, it should be welcomed.

Like any other religion, death to those who believe is merely the end to your physical self. The body that holds your soul to this planet has served its purpose and your soul will carry on and be resurrected in a new world.

There are, however, finite deaths as well. If your soul is deemed to be spiritually and morally bankrupt, then your spiritual guides shall leave you and your life on whatever planet you are currently residing will be your last.

Or if your mind begins to go, and the pieces of your brain that allow you to act upon your free will are no longer viable, your soul will cease to exist once you've perished on your current planet.

But these are the exceptions, not the rule. For followers of this book believe that most souls are resurrected.

And like Christianity, Urantia followers do not believe in reincarnation; resurrection is vastly different from reincarnation, which is the belief that you will inhabit another body of flesh.

Resurrection means that your soul will leave your body behind on Urantia/Earth and transcend to another world. The main difference between Urantia's teachings and Christianity is the number of worlds you'll reside on before you reach the Kingdom of Heaven, or Paradise. Urantia followers believe that celestial caretakers will carry your soul until it is ready to be reconstructed in the next dimension.

This reconstruction occurs in a different place, and likely on a different planet. While your soul may maintain your "personality," you will likely be placed in a more appropriate body, which is specially prepared in the resurrection halls of the first Mansion World.

These Mansion Worlds are where the resurrected arrive, and the largest shock is the transition. After this first resurrection, it gets a bit more commonplace and your soul adjusts more quickly.

The ultimate purpose of life on Urantia/Earth, though, is to become completely in tune with the spirit of God that lives within you. Because you have free will, you need to decide whether you turn the spirit off completely, or turn the volume up so you can travel down the path to salvation.

Your personality is still yours, and how you partner with this spirit to determine how long you will cycle through the planets or advance to Paradise on Havona with God.

Dedicating yourself to God and achieving this union will secure you a path to the next realm, where you will be resurrected in your new form, which will continue from realm to realm until you meet God in Paradise.

"The pursuit of the ideal—the striving to be Godlike—is a continuous effort before death and after. The life after death is no different in the essentials than the mortal existence. Everything we do in this life which is good contributes directly to the enhancement of the future life. Real religion does not foster moral indolence and spiritual laziness by encouraging the vain hope of having all virtues of a noble character bestowed upon one as a result of passing through the portals of a natural death. True religion does not belittle man's efforts to progress during the mortal lease on life. Every mortal gain is a direct contribution to the enrichment of the first stages of the immortal survival experience." (Page 103, section 5.7)

Unlike Christianity, which says that as long as you lead a good life here you will meet God in Heaven, "The Urantia Book" says that, in most cases, your good life here is a stepping stone to another good life, which leads to another, and another, until you're so pristine and so Godlike that you can now go and live with him in Havana.

So the purpose of life, according to this book and those who believe it, is quite literally to do your best. You have free will, so you should make the choice to be selfless, to teach others, to give and nurture and to be as Godlike as you can.

And if you truly believe, then you know you have another chance to do even better when this human body fails you. And if you don't believe, then you've used your free will to choose to see nothing beyond this life.

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