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Sie Haben Soeben Das Literarische Meisterwerk Entdeckt, Das Ihre Fragen Ber Gott, Das Leben Im Bewohnten Universum, Ber Die Geschichte Und Zukunft Dieser Welt Und Zum Leben Von Jesus Beantwortet Das Urantia Buch F Gt Geschichte, Wissenschaft Und Religion Zu Einem Zusammenklang, Zu Einer Lebensphilosophie, Die Neue Bedeutung Und Hoffnung In Ihr Leben Bringt Wenn Sie Nach Antworten Suchen, Lesen Sie Das Urantia Buch Die Welt Braucht Neue Spirituelle Wahrheit, Die Modernen M Nern Und Frauen Einen Intellektuellen Pfad Hinein In Eine Pers Nliche Beziehung Mit Gott Bietet Aufbauend Auf Dem Religi Sen Erbe Der Welt, Beschreibt Das Urantia Buch Ein Endloses Schicksal F R Die Menschheit, Wobei Es Lehrt, Dass Lebendiger Glaube Der Schl Ssel Zu Pers Nlichem Geistigen Voranschreiten Und Ewigem Fortleben Ist Diese Lehren Stellen Neue Wahrheiten Bereit, Die Kraftvoll Genug Sind, Das Menschliche Denken Und Glauben F R Die N ChstenJahre Zu Erheben Und Zu Erweitern Ein Drittel Des Urantia Buches Umfasst Die Inspirierende Geschichte Von Jesus Ganzem Leben Und Eine Offenbarung Seiner Urspr Nglichen Lehren Diese Panorama Erz Hlung Schlie T Seinen Geburtstag, Seine Jahre Als Jugendlicher, Die Reisen Und Abenteuer Der Erwachsenenzeit, Sein Ffentliches Wirken, Seine Kreuzigung UndErscheinungen Der Wiederauferstehung Ein I thought that a detailed critique, on a rational level, should be presented for such a major revelatory religious work but this will be short and to the point I studied the Urantia Book UB in the 80s and for a

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brief time it impressed me to the point where I felt it had much to offer and should indeed be regarded as worthy of serious consideration to help guide mankind towards a better spiritual and social existence The UB has many admirers but it has largely been ignored by academics, theologians, the media or Christian apologists As someone who had spent decades on the study of both exoteric and esoteric teachings and so called revelations I had never come across a work that would even come close to the UB s massive length over two thousand pages , it quasi scientific presentments, its claim to be a chronicle of the creation and history of the earth and the universe, its revision of Biblical texts and the complete biography of Jesus including the missing years and a proposition that mankind belongs to distinctive racial groups whose individual traits are to play a major role in human engineering and the organization of social endeavours for the betterment of human progress The work is alleged to have been channeled from extraterrestrial beings but includes material plagiarized from published human writers which presents a logistic and ethical quandary aside from UB s other questionable elements. The following are some of the reasons I have chosen to reject the UB s credibility, from my own indefinable progressive universalistic liberal conservative religious stance The Urantia Book is far too complex to be comprehended or believed by other than a tiny minority of humankind A trustworthy revelation would not be presented as such It rejects most of the universal metaphysical concepts which are characteristic of Eastern religions, Jewish Qabalah, Muslim Sufism and western wisdom religions The evidence by many researchers for the existence of reincarnation at least in some form for some entities is overwhelming The UB categorically rejects reincarnation The evidence for communication from the dead by researchers is likewise overwhelming The UB rejects any such communication but does accept it from extraterrestrials The UB rejects universal soul survival Research concerning NDE s relates that spiritual survival is not dependent on a belief in God or in an afterlife but the UB teaches that those without faith will be extinguished spiritually at the time of death UB s story of Jesus is wonderfully presented and could possibly have become the foundation for a new reformation of Christianity But, for that to

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occur, the other parts of the UB would have to be accepted as well, which was too tall an order. The cutesy place names e.g. Jerusem, Salvington, Satania, Havona, Volvox and proper names e.g. Caligastia, Vorondadek, Matadormus are not credible and are in fact laughable. Its racially preposterous slurs and directives will always be the UB's Achilles heel, no matter how much they are rationalized and explained away. Pages 770-771. At such a time the greatest test of wisdom of world leadership will present itself. Will Urantia planet Earth rulers have the insight and courage to foster the multiplication of the average or stabilized human being instead of the extremes of the supernormal and the enormously increasing groups of the subnormal. The subnormal man should be kept under society's control. No should be produced than are required to administer the lower levels of industry, those tasks requiring intelligence above the animal level but making such low grade demands as to prove veritable slavery or bondage for the higher types of mankind. Page 585 it seems that you ought to be able to agree upon the biologic disfellowshipping of your markedly unfit, defective, degenerate, and antisocial stocks of humanity. Page 921. After all, the real jeopardy of the human species is to be found in the unrestrained multiplication of the inferior and degenerate strains of the various civilized peoples. Page 1088. The church, because of overmuch false sentiment, has long ministered to the underprivileged and the unfortunate, and that has all been well, but this same sentiment has led to the unwise perpetuation of racially degenerate stock, which have tremendously retarded the progress of civilization. Page 1132. Such inferior races as the Bushmen of Africa. Saved my life. Main reason I didn't suicide in 1986 at the beginning of a 12 yr suicidal depression 1986-98, and one of the main reasons I became spiritual after growing up in an atheistic agnostic family. Almost completely replaced other cosmologies in my beliefs. Caveat. My early training as a mathematician scientist means that I hold many inconsistent views of reality simultaneously. Overall, I have a 99% belief in this not channelled, but esoteric work. It's one of the VERY RARE books which I've reread every few years, always finding that my added experience allows new insights. The symmetry, beauty, and grandeur of its concepts is breathtaking. Mind blowing. I'm pretty smart. College at age 10, and this is the book

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which puts me in my place every time I have an attack of inflation when I think that I m hot shit or have had some spiritual or emotional break though Rereading the UB Urantia Book reminds me how little I know or have experienced, and how incredibly vast and inspiring the universe is.2 days ago 10 16 12 I just started reading the UB again, copying quotes from papers 1 15 that I feel will help me in my present life e.g wisdom just at the edge of my understanding 100 4.4 In physical life the senses tell of the existence of things mind discovers the reality of meanings but the spiritual experience reveals to the individual the true values of life These high levels of human living are attained in the supreme love of God and in the unselfish love of man If you love your fellow men, you must have discovered their values Jesus loved men so much because he placed such a high value upon them You can best discover values in your associates by discovering their motivation If someone irritates you, causes feelings of resentment, you should sympathetically seek to discern his viewpoint, his reasons for such objectionable conduct If once you understand your neighbor, you will become tolerant, and this tolerance will grow into friendship and ripen into love 100 4.5 In the mind s eye conjure up a picture of one of your primitive ancestors of cave dwelling times a short, misshapen, filthy, snarling hulk of a man standing, legs spread, club upraised, breathing hate and animosity as he looks fiercely just ahead Such a picture hardly depicts the divine dignity of man But allow us to enlarge the picture In front of this animated human crouches a saber toothed tiger Behind him, a woman and two children Immediately you recognize that such a picture stands for the beginnings of much that is fine and noble in the human race, but the man is the same in both pictures Only, in the second sketch you are favored with a widened horizon You therein discern the motivation of this evolving mortal His attitude becomes praiseworthy because you understand him If you could only fathom the motives of your associates, how much better you would understand them If you could only know your fellows, you would eventually fall in love with them 100 4.6 You cannot truly love your fellows by a mere act of the will Love is only born of thoroughgoing understanding of your neighbor s motives and sentiments It is not so important to love all men today as it is that each day you learn to love onehuman

being If each day or each week you achieve an understanding of one of your fellows, and if this is the limit of your ability, then you are certainly socializing and truly spiritualizing your personality Love is infectious, and when human devotion is intelligent and wise, love is catching than hate But only genuine and unselfish love is truly contagious If each mortal could only become a focus of dynamic affection, this benign virus of love would soon pervade the sentimental emotion stream of humanity to such an extent that all civilization would be encompassed by love, and that would be the realization of the brotherhood of man The Urantia Book, Paper 100, page 1098

The Urantia Book is the only book I've read over and over again, each reading amazing than the last. I'm not going to attempt to describe the contents it is in the public domain grab a copy and become a citizen of the universe of universes. First of all, this book is not for everyone It deals with the creation of our universe, the history of man, energy, time, space, and the reason for the fabric of our existence I feel this book is way ahead of its time Now many of the ideas presented in this book contradict Christianity and virtually all dogma in some form or another This book is very long and I will be reading it for many years to come. The contents of this book came to be through channeling For those of you who don't know what that is, it is when people receive information from a supposed alterior source, like a spirit guide, angel, or guardian of some kind If you don't buy into this concept in any way shape or form, this book will be a complete waste of time However, if you do buy into it, this is probably the most brilliant, in depth piece of writing you'll ever come across. My first memory of the Urantia Book was as a child marveling over the thickness and heft of the book in the reference section of the public library Of course, being a child I didn't really understand the contents of it at all Later as a scholar of religion, I procured a copy for myself, as I gathered quite a few of the various sacred texts of the world I made a single attempt to read it back then, but the sheer density and obtuseness of the first few papers had me laying it aside and there it languished on my shelf for the past fifteen or so odd years untouched Currently, due to the nature of my job as a night watchman, I have all the time in the world to read, and I figured that The Urantia Book might kill a few nights worth of empty time. Being that I'm a curiosity seeker

than a sincere inquirer into religion, I have to give credit to the people that come at it from the angle of faith. The first two thirds of the book are so relentlessly tedious and repetitive, that the truly odd and entertaining bits are buried under massive mind numbing heaps of verbiage. I would liken the whole descriptions of super universes, universes and long lists of celestial administrators to a massive cosmic corporate org chart, where much is written, but very little is actually said. I noted to myself, in all the long lists of job titles, not one celestial being holds the position of editor, which perhaps is why this divinely commissioned and written book is so long. It easily could have been half the length with no loss of content or message. The last third of the book holds the narrative of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, who in Urantian theology is reckoned to be the human incarnation of Michael, the administrator of our local universe. While this section is much readable and is at times rather moving, it's still overly long and repetitive. Much of the impact of the traditional biblical narrative comes from the punchiness and brevity of the sayings of Jesus. Having him expound at length for pages on end to his clueless apostles, while entertaining, takes much away. Instead of adding depth, it subtracts it. Overall, much of the weirdness of the book comes from its discussion of the early history of mankind and its strong eugenic bent. To be fair, the whole systemization is far too idiosyncratic and eccentric to really be offensive, unless one is looking to be offended. As the book desires to be a grand unification of science and spirituality, the whole science end of it is interesting from an anthropological and sociological standpoint. The celestial beings, or the human author purporting to be celestial beings were certainly well read on the scientific views of their time, so it comes across as an interesting picture of what much of consensus was back in the 1930s, and how much of our understanding of cosmology, geology and biology has developed and changed from those early views. One could see the Urantia Book as an attempt to create a response to the scientific and social challenges facing Protestant Christianity in the early 20th century and with its strong fideistic bent and arguments against ritual, tradition, mysticism and asceticism it's definitely Protestant. If Earth is just one small planet in a massive universe, and if life evolved over eons, and mankind is descended from the apes, then the

spiritual warp and woof must also follow and not only explain it, but in its own way, incorporate it into its system Hence heaven and the afterlife being built into the cosmological set up of the universe, and spiritual growth also follow evolutionary and eugenic s.It s certainly an ambitious project, but in the end it bites offthan it can chew and ends up becoming an artifact of its time and place That combined with the fact that it simply is not written in a way the average person could easily digest means that this gigantic book is likely to be a curiosity sitting on many a library shelf instead of the grand reformation of the message of Jesus for a modern era 1.5 out of five stars.

Depending on ones point of view it either 1 imaginatively expands on the broader aspects of possible reality throughout the Universes of Universes and the history of earth from a religious scientific worldview 2 Corrects many of the false beliefs regarding Gd, history, religion and politics, science etc and especially focuses on correcting the beliefs about Jesus, his life, his mission, the purpose of it all with regard to salvation and the true religion that Jesus intended his followers to hold on to.3 It greatly distorts Christianity, in a cunning way it twists things here and there with malice and intent under the guise of asophisticated and thorough understanding of reality or some combination thereof view spoiler Most places I go and the people I talk to don t know anything about the urantia book One exception and the only place I ve ran into people that follow it so to speak is at the rainbow gatherings I never really sat down with them and talked to them about it even though I was somewhat familiar with it I got it from my Dad in 1998 apparently he heard about it from my uncle maybe and had it on his shelf for years since the seventies maybe At one point they used to like to discuss it perhaps over drinks I don t know the details but the point is it wasof a curiosity then a devotion to the thing from what I gathered.For me too I just was interested in reading the big crazy book and I started to back when I borrowed it from my Dad in 1998 However, I never got very far with it, and I continued to push finishing it to the back burner Well at the end of last year 2009 I found out that it was in the public domain and I decided to download the audio and listen to it at work so in effect I cheated but at least I ve heard it all now.Now that I have read it I am somewhat interested in reading some of the other books that are out that give details

into the history of how it came about I don't really accept it as it is presented I don't know if or when I will get around to reading further about it hide spoiler My mom was in a Urantia study group, at her church, in the 70s I read some of it then, at 14 I asked her, You do realize this book says we evolve from aliens don't you I found it after she died, while cleaning out her house, and read it cover to cover I loved the margin notes and highlights she had left It is an amazing read My favorite sections are the history of Earth Urantia and the intricate story behind the 20 years of Jesus' life not covered in the New Testament Long story short, God is the God of a vast universe system Earth is a distant outpost alien intervention is the administrative system of God's cosmos Jesus is the Son of God the battle between good and evil on Earth has specific and fascinating origins This book is a fascinating blend of science, cosmology, religious philosophy It is available online and a free iPhone app You will never view ancient aliens or ancient history in quite the same way. Frightening So you've got this book mostly written in the 30s by a bunch of freaky weirdies And it says some awesome stuff like And God spoke and said the proton is one thousand times the mass of an electron and other totally out of nowhere-ness Most people focus on the overwhelming cosmology at the beginning of the book, or the biography of Christ at the end both those sections just drag after a while and don't have much to add I got into the middle sections, the philosophical scientific bits, and found it a satisfying read I'm not surprised that most Urantia society members are doctors and scientists I found myself swayed by the angels' arguments the further I got into the work This review was meant for the hardcover edition The Urantia Book But it does just as well here.

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TEIL II
Das Lokaluniversum

TEIL III
Die Geschichte Urantias

TEIL IV
Das Leben und die Lehren Jesu

