

Part 1, Paper 10, The Paradise Trinity, Universal Censor

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- S** Sarah 00:00
Alright, folks, buckle up, because today we're diving head first into some seriously mind bending territory, the paradise Trinity. We'll be exploring excerpts from paper 10 of the Urantia Book, which tackles this intricate idea of a three in one God. Yeah,
- J** John 00:14
it's one of those concepts that seems deceptively simple at first glance, but the deeper you dig, the more you realize how profound and far reaching the implications really are, which
- S** Sarah 00:25
is why you're here. Honestly, I tried getting my head around this whole Trinity thing beforehand, and let's just say I felt a little out of my depth. So where do we even begin? Well, the book
- J** John 00:33
emphasizes that this union, Father, Son spirit isn't just some random cosmic occurrence. It's presented as absolutely essential, woven into the very fabric of existence. And here's where it gets really interesting. The Urantia Book tells us this trinity actually predates the universe itself.
- S** Sarah 00:50
Hold on. predates meaning. It's not like God created the universe and then decided. hmm. I

need a Trinity now it was already a thing. That's precisely

J John 00:58

what the Urantia Book presents this trinity as the foundation upon which everything else rests. It's almost like think of the fundamental need for balance in all things, light and dark, up and down, this inherent duality woven throughout existence.

S Sarah 01:12

Okay, I get that, but how does the Trinity fit into that picture? Instead

J John 01:16

of just duality, picture a primordial Trinity being action and relationship, all intertwined and coexisting. That's how the Urantia Book describes the paradise Trinity, a perfect eternal balance, existing outside of time and space, the source from which everything else flows, So

S Sarah 01:32

Father, Son and Spirit. This Trinity represents the ultimate interconnectedness. It's kind of mind boggling. But wouldn't that mean God, in a way, limited himself by becoming this trinity?

J John 01:43

That's a question the Urantia Book tackles head on. It introduces this concept called self distribution, which basically means God, out of infinite generosity, voluntarily limits his power to share it with creation.

S Sarah 01:55

That's a fascinating way to look at it. It's not about diminishing God's power, but expressing it in a way that allows for relationship and creation. Okay, so we've established this trinity as this ultimate interconnectedness, this force behind everything. But how do we even begin to grasp the Father, Son and Spirit as individual actors within this unified whole? It feels almost paradoxical. It's a question

J John 02:19

that's kept theologians up at night for centuries, and the Urantia Book, it offers a pretty unique perspective. Remember that analogy we were using earlier about the artist and their limited palette? Yeah,

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Sarah 02:29

about choosing limitations to create something truly beautiful? Right

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John 02:33

exactly now, imagine, if you will, that the artist's Canvas is actually this incredible tapestry woven from threads of different colors, different textures. Each thread, though, it retains its own individuality, right? But together, they create this unified image. Okay, I see where you're going with this. The Father Son and Spirit. They're like those individual threads, each with their own distinct qualities and roles to play in this grand cosmic tapestry. The father as the first sorts and center, embodies the will and law of the cosmos. It's like imagine him as the loom itself, the one upon which the entire tapestry is woven

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Sarah 03:07

and the sun. Where does he fit into this cosmic weaving?

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John 03:12

The son, he's described as this perfect reflection of the Father, the one who reveals God's personal nature to creation. He's like the master weaver, taking the raw materials of the Father's will, you see, and shaping them into those intricate patterns of existence. So

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Sarah 03:26

we've got the loom, we've got the weaver, but what about the thread itself? Where does the Spirit come into all of this?

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John 03:34

The spirit? Well, this is where things get really interesting. The book calls the Spirit the conjoint actor, the one who bridges that gap between the Father's will and the son's action. Picture, the spirit as the shuttle, carrying the thread back and forth, interweaving the father's and son's energies throughout the entire tapestry.

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Sarah 03:53

That's a pretty powerful image. The father is the loom. The Son is the weaver, the Spirit the shuttle. It's dynamic. You know what I mean? It's like there's this constant interplay between the three. And

J John 04:01

that's exactly it. It's not this static existence at all. There's this incredible synergy within the Trinity. The Urantia Book, it suggests that this interplay, this back and forth, that's where creation itself originates.

S Sarah 04:13

So what I'm hearing is the Trinity isn't just present in the universe, it's the very source of the universe's existence. Absolutely

J John 04:21

and just like a tapestry wouldn't exist without the loom, the Weaver or the shuttle. So to the universe as we know it, it's a direct result of that Trinity's unified action.

S Sarah 04:32

It really makes you wonder, if each of these three persons of deity have such specific roles, how does that play out on a larger scale. Like, it sounds great in theory, but how does this trinity in action actually look like in the grand scheme of things? That's

J John 04:47

a question the Urantia Book really dives into. And this is where it gets really fascinating, especially when you bring in this concept of cosmic justice.

S Sarah 04:54

Cosmic justice. Okay, now we're getting to the heavy stuff. Is this where things get kind of karmic like, are we talking about the weighing? Have souls and all that.

J John 05:01

Well, the Urantia Book definitely delves into the idea of cosmic consequences for our actions, but it's not as simplistic as some divine scorecard. Don't forget, we're talking about the Trinity here, this perfect balance of Father, Son and Spirit. Each person of deity embodies certain qualities and justice. Well, justice is more of a function of the Trinity as a whole, not just one person's domain. So

S Sarah 05:23

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It's not like the father's the judge, the son's the defender, and the Spirit makes sure it's all fair. Not

J John 05:28

quite. It suggests that while justice, like it's woven into the very fabric of the cosmos, like gravity, you know, universal, but it's not about punishment, really. It's more about ensuring this, this harmonious evolution of everything. And this is where it gets really interesting, because the Urantia Book introduces these beings called stationary SONS OF THE TRINITY. Stationary

S Sarah 05:49

sons. Okay, now we're going deep down the cosmic rabbit hole. Who are these guys and what's their connection to cosmic justice?

J John 05:57

Think of them like cosmic administrators. I guess. Yeah, they have all these roles, but the ones tied to justice are really something. For example, there are these beings called universal censors. They're described as these, these impartial observers, watching, evaluating the ethical progress of intelligent beings, yeah, across the entire cosmos. Hold on

S Sarah 06:17

ethical observers, like someone's actually keeping tabs on whether we're like, living up to our potential.

J John 06:22

That's what the Urantia Book suggests. Our choices, the actions we take, they ripple out on a cosmic scale. But, and this is important, it's not about being good enough or following some strict rule book. The book emphasizes over and over that the Trinity's justice is always, always tempered with mercy. It's guided by by a deep understanding of our challenges as evolving beings.

S Sarah 06:43

So less about judgment, more about guidance, then exactly

J John 06:47

remember the Trinity's ultimate goal. It's the harmonious development of the entire cosmos, and yeah, that includes us. It's about helping us learn, grow, even, maybe especially, from our

and year, that includes us. It's about helping us learn, grow, even, maybe especially, from our mistakes, you know? And this whole idea of growth, of evolution towards something greater, that ties into another fascinating concept from the euro Chia book, the Supreme Being. Wait

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Sarah 07:09

a supreme being. But I thought the Trinity was the ultimate power in the universe. It is.

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John 07:13

But here's where things get really wild. The Supreme Being, it isn't separate from the Trinity. It's described as this, this evolving expression of the Trinity, a focal point for its creative energy, but within the finite universe. So

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like the Trinity is the infinite source, and the Supreme Being is how that infinite power is focused, expressed within the limits of time and space. You got

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John 07:35

it and get this, according to the Urantia Book, the Supreme Being still evolving, still growing, right along with everything else. It's like the universe itself is on this incredible journey, this striving toward greater harmony, greater and greater completion, and all of it guided by the Trinity's love. It's wisdom. You

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Sarah 07:55

know, even with all this talk about cosmic justice, supreme beings, this idea that the universe is still evolving, becoming something more. It's kind of hopeful, in a way, isn't it?

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John 08:04

It really makes you think, you know, challenges us to look beyond our limited understanding of time and space the way we usually see things. No kidding,

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Sarah 08:11

it makes you realize that even if we don't always understand the why behind everything, there's this bigger picture something we're all a part of, something amazing, and

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John 08:19



John 08:19

that's it, isn't it? Maybe that's the most important thing we can take away from the Urantia Book and its exploration of the paradise Trinity. We are just isolated beings on this little rock. You know, we are deeply, intricately connected to something so much greater than ourselves, so much more mysterious, some more wondrous than we can even begin to imagine. And



Sarah 08:39

on that note, I think we'll leave our listeners with that thought. Keep exploring these ideas, folks, keep asking those tough questions, and, most importantly, keep diving deep.