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Sarah, John

S Sarah 00:00

Welcome in, everybody. Ready to dive deep? Today, we're gonna be tackling a concept that's puzzled people for centuries, really the Trinity, and we're gonna look at it through the lens of the Urantia Book, which has some really fascinating perspectives on it.

J John 00:15

It's amazing how the Urantia Book really reveals this incredible depth and breadth to the concept of the Trinity. It's really woven into the very fabric of reality in the way that we don't often think about so for

S Sarah 00:29

anyone who might be new to this, when we say Trinity, we're not just talking about the Father Son and Holy Spirit. Here, we're talking about this universal principle of three in one, a singular deity existing as multiple persons. Yes, and are you saying the Urantia Book takes that idea and just like runs with it absolutely

J John 00:44

but before we get into the really complex stuff, it's really interesting to kind of start back with how humans have historically understood this idea of three as one, and Urantia Book actually uses the term triads to describe these early human attempts to grasp at this concept of the Trinity, triads that popped up all over the world in different cultures, right?

S Sarah 01:07

Like those concentric circles that machiavent and Melchizedek wore, those were basically what like ancient infographics, precisely.

J John 01:14

Think about it. You have early humans trying to make sense of the universe, probably limited by their counting systems, and they start noticing these patterns. You have three fingers on a hand, a three legged stool for stability. I mean, even the cycle of day and night can be broken down into three parts, sunrise,

S Sarah 01:30

midday, sunset, exactly, yeah, it makes sense. So they're seeing these threes popping up everywhere, and it starts to work its way into how they understand the divine,

J John 01:39

exactly. It's fascinating how our brains work, right? Yeah, and you see it reflected in a lot of those early religious interpretations as well, like the Hindus, for example, with their concept of being intelligence and joy, or the Buddhist with their teacher, law and brotherhood, all reflections of this fundamental three in one idea.

S Sarah 01:56

So we have this kind of natural inclination towards triads, this way of simplifying the world around us, but the Urantia Book is saying that true Trinity, that's something different. It's revealed not just something we observe, right? Exactly,

J John 02:10

in fact, the Urantia Book actually details three significant attempts to reveal this true nature of the Trinity to humanity, and it's fascinating to see how those attempts were both influenced by existing beliefs and how difficult it was to truly grasp the concept, okay,

S Sarah 02:25

I'm hooked. Let's unpack those three attempts who were the first to give it a go. So

J John 02:30

the first attempt. surprisinalv. came from Prince caliaastias staff. wow. nearly half a million

years ago. Yes, that caligastia. Unfortunately, most of that knowledge ended up being lost during the rebellion.

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Sarah 02:42

Talk about a major cosmic plot twist. Okay, so Attempt number two, Adam

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John 02:47

and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Okay, they focused their teachings around the Father, Son and Spirit. And thankfully, some traces of that knowledge did linger. It influenced belief systems in Mesopotamia, Egypt, even made it over the India where you have Agni, the three headed fire god. Okay,

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Sarah 03:04

so some little seeds of truth were planted, but it sounds like humanity was still struggling to really reconcile this idea of a single god with this three and oneness. So who gets the next shot at explaining it?

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John 03:15

That would be our friend with the concentric circles. Chuckles. Makaventa Melchizedek, of course, yeah, he came to remind humanity about the Universal Father, eternal son and the Infinite Spirit. But it was definitely an uphill battle trying

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Sarah 03:28

to explain a concept as mind blowing, as the Trinity to like nomadic tribes. Yeah, that's gonna be like trying to teach a cat to play chess, right?

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John 03:38

You could say that the Urantia Book even mentions that many of his followers ended up kind of blending this trinity concept with existing beliefs, like, for example, the three most highs of norlachide. Very few really grasped the concept of an eternal paradise Trinity.

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Sarah 03:55

It really highlights the sheer scale of what they were trying to understand. That this difficulty in grasping the Trinity that wasn't just an issue for those early humans, was it later religions, especially the monotheistic ones, had a real tough time with this concept. Oh,



John 04:09

absolutely and understandably so. I mean, the very idea kind of challenged the foundation of their beliefs. Let's



Sarah 04:14

delve into that a bit. What made it so challenging for those monotheistic faiths to reconcile their beliefs with this trinity. Well,



John 04:22

yeah. I mean, for a religion like Judaism, which is founded on this unwavering belief in Yahweh as the one true God, the concept of a Trinity that must have seemed like a real head scratcher, absolutely,



Sarah 04:33

you know, it's like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole, right? Their entire belief system was built on the singularity of God to then say, well, actually, there are three of them, but they're also one. You know, it would naturally create a theological conundrum. And the Urantia Book actually points to this very struggle. It



John 04:53

does make you wonder, though, if this concept of the Trinity is this like universal truth, why wasn't it presented in a way that could be, I don't know, more easily understood across different cultures and belief systems? That's a great question, and it speaks to, I think, the mystery that's inherent in the Urantia book's narrative. You know, it suggests that revealing these spiritual truths is a process, one that unfolds over vast stretches of time, and that it's a process that is influenced by the capacity of those who are receiving the revelation, remember, even with divine intervention, the Urantia Book tells us that truly comprehending these concepts is an evolutionary process. So it's



Sarah 05:30

not like flipping a switch. It's more like what gradually adjusting the focus on a telescope, exactly slowly bringing things into clearer view,



John 05:37

a perfect analogy. And this challenge of trying to reconcile the Trinity with this, this monotheistic framework that wasn't limited to just Judaism. I mean, think about Islam. The

Quran emphasizes this oneness of law. It leaves very little room for a Trinitarian interpretation. So it seems like this resistance to the Trinity concept, it's something that emerges again and again in faiths that are rooted in a strong monotheistic tradition. So it

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Sarah 06:03

was less about rejecting the idea outright, and more about struggling to reconcile it with their existing understanding of the Divine. Exactly

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John 06:10

they were seeing polytheism, where perhaps they should have been seeing a kind of divine multiplicity within a singular essence. And the Urantia Book actually highlights this very tension is kind of a recurring theme throughout human spiritual history.

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Sarah 06:23

So how did Christianity, which emerges from that same Jewish tradition of monotheism, how did they eventually embrace this concept of the Trinity? Because they had Jesus literally revealing the Father Son and Holy Spirit. You'd think that would make things pretty crystal clear.

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John 06:39

You'd think so, wouldn't you? But even with Jesus's teachings, the early Christians still grappled with this. Don't forget, they were coming from a background that was deeply, deeply rooted in the worship of Yahweh as the one true God. So to integrate this new understanding of a Triune God, that was a process. It wasn't some instant download. The Urantia Book seems to suggest that even with the best teacher imaginable, grasping a truth as profound as the Trinity, it takes time.

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Sarah 07:04

Okay, so even with this divine revelation, wrapping their heads around the Trinity, it was a journey, not just like a destination that they instantly reached. It sounds like the early Christians, even with their close connection to Jesus, they still had some misunderstandings about the Trinity like didn't they mistake Jesus for the internal son of the paradise Trinity? That's

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John 07:24

right. The Urantia Book clarifies that the Christian concept of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while practically true on a spiritual level, it wasn't entirely factually accurate. You see, they mistook specific beings, like Jesus, the creator son, for these eternal and infinite persons

of the paradise Trinity.

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Sarah 07:44

So they were kind of getting the vibes Right, yeah, but the specifics were a little off. It's like hearing a song on the radio and loving it and then later finding out you misheard some of the lyrics

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John 07:52

Exactly. And this is where the Urantia Book offers such valuable insight, I think, because it helps us to understand not just the who of the Trinity, but also the why. It reveals this deeper significance of the concept and how it helps to explain some of the universe's biggest mysteries. Okay,

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Sarah 08:08

so let's dive into that. Why? Why is this concept of the Trinity so crucial to understanding not just God but the cosmos itself? Well,

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John 08:16

think about it. We live in a universe of incredible diversity, yeah, constant change, endless evolution. And yet, underlying all of that, there's this fundamental unity, a single, infinite source of all reality, reconciling that oneness with the multiplicity that we observe all around us, that's no easy feat, right? And that, in essence, is the challenge that the Trinity helps us to address. It's like the cosmic equation then it helps us make sense of it all. So the

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Sarah 08:41

Trinity is like this missing link that connects the dots between a singular, absolute God and this diverse, ever changing universe that we experience precisely.

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John 08:49

The Trinity isn't just some abstract theological idea. It's the key to understanding how a singular, absolute God can be both the unchanging first source, a and d, the ever changing, dynamic force behind a constantly evolving Cosmos, mind

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Sarah 09:06

blown. And so the Trinity explains how God can be both one and many. But the Urantia Book doesn't stop there, does it? It introduces this whole other level of threes with this concept of

triunities. How do those fit into this cosmic equation? Here's where it gets really,

J John 09:21

really interesting. Remember the seven? Remember the seven absolutes that we talked about before? Think of those like the fundamental building blocks of reality. The Urantia Book explained that these absolutes, they interact and relate to each other in these specific triune configurations. These configurations are called triunities. They're like these specialized teams of absolutes, each with a specific job to do in this grand scheme of things. Okay, so we're going

S Sarah 09:45

even deeper into this idea of threes being fundamental to reality, but instead of just these simple observations like triads, now we're talking about these cosmic forces that shape the very fabric of existence. You

J John 09:57

got it, and it's important to remember. That triennities are distinct from the paradise Trinity. The Trinity is about these three persons of deity. It's a single entity. Triunities, on the other hand, are functional groupings of the absolutes that govern different aspects of reality. They're the behind the scenes, mechanisms that are driving the universe's operations, seven

S Sarah 10:16

absolutes, countless interactions, endless possibilities. It's giving me a serious case of cosmic vertigo.

J John 10:23

It is a lot to take in, but let's break it down a bit. The Urantia Book describes seven primary triunities, each with its own unique function. The first, the personal, purposive triunity, is probably the one that resonates with us most strongly is

S Sarah 10:36

that, because it's the one that directly involves us, Father, Son, Spirit,

J John 10:40

you got it. Think of this triunity As the wellspring of divine love, mercy and ministry that flows from the paradise deities into all of creation. It's the source of our spiritual nature. It's the source of our capacity for love, worship, growth. It's the triunity that, in a very real sense,

makes our spiritual ascent possible. Wow. Talk

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Sarah 11:00

about an incredible legacy, but there are six other triunities Ray what kind of cosmic functions are we talking about here? Oh, we're

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John 11:05

talking everything from the cosmic blueprint of existence itself to the very essence of spirit, energy, even our old friend the unqualified absolute gets involved. Each triunity represents a different facet of reality, and they're all working together in this intricate, interconnected dance of existence. So

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Sarah 11:24

in a sense, these triunities are like the cosmic conductors, each one orchestrating a different section of the universe's grand symphony. A beautiful way

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John 11:33

to put it, yeah, and it's through understanding these triunities that we really begin to grasp the incredible scale and complexity of reality as the Urantia Book reveals it. But there's one more layer we need to unravel. Oh, there's more. I'm barely keeping up as it is, I know, right, but trust me, this is where things get really, really mind blowing. You see, the Urantia Book doesn't just leave us with these seven primary triunities.

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Sarah 11:54

Wait, there are more. Hold on. Let me grab a notepad. My brain is about to hit capacity. Don't

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John 11:58

worry, we'll take it slow. The Urantia Book alludes to a total of 15 triunities, 15.

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Sarah 12:04

Okay, so where are the other eight hiding out, and what makes them so special that they only get this brief mention? That's the

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John 12:11

million dollar question, isn't it? The Urantia Book early hints at their existence, suggesting that they operate on levels of reality that are beyond even the experiential level of supremacy,

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Sarah 12:22

okay, so beyond even the Supreme Being, we're talking about realms of existence that would make even a cosmic philosopher's head spin. What's fascinating is that the Urantia Book, it acknowledges these higher levels of reality without fully explaining them. It's at the cosmic cliffhanger it leads us to ponder the vastness of what we don't yet know, and

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John 12:42

that's the beauty of it, isn't it? It doesn't shut down our curiosity, but invites us to keep exploring, to keep pushing the boundaries of our understanding.

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Sarah 12:50

So we've gone from these simple, relatable triads, these basic observations that early humans use to try to understand their world, and from there we've zoomed out to this incredible cosmic panorama of triunities, and then beyond. It's enough to make your head spin. But didn't you mention something about triodities too? How do those fit into this cosmic picture? Ah,

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John 13:10

yes, the triodities. While the triodities are primarily about functional unity, how the absolutes work together, triodities are more about the emergence of experiential deities. Experiential

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Sarah 13:21

deities so like gods that we can actually interact with and experience as we progress on our spiritual journey,

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John 13:26

precisely triodities play a crucial role in the emergence of deities like the Supreme Being, who, you know, we experience progressively throughout our ascension career. Think of it this way. If triunities are the cosmic architects, then triadities are the master builders bringing those architectural plans to life. Okay, I

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Sarah 13:45

think I'm starting to get it so triadities are involved in the actualization of these deities. Do we know exactly how that

J John 13:51

works? The specifics are still shrouded in mystery, which, you know, only adds to the intrigue, right? The Urantia Book provides us with two key examples, the triodity of actuality and the triodity of potentiality. And let me tell you, their names are not an exaggeration.

S Sarah 14:07

Okay, I'm intrigued. Break it down for me, what do these powerful sounding triodities actually represent? All right, let's talk about these cosmic power couples, triodity of actuality and triodity of potentiality. What makes them so fundamental?

J John 14:19

Well, the triodity of actuality is like the ultimate power, trio of realized existence. Okay? It brings together the eternal sun, the paradise aisle and the conjoined actor, wow, the very essence of spirit, the foundation of the cosmos and this boundless potential of mind, all coming together in perfect harmony. Talk

S Sarah 14:38

about a dream team. So if I'm understanding this correctly, this triodity represents the forces that make reality. Well, real exactly the bedrock of everything that I see, the

J John 14:49

ultimate expression of actuality, the very ground of being. But then we have the triodity of potentiality, right? And as you can probably guess, that's where things get really, really interesting. Oh.

S Sarah 14:59

I'm all yours. The unqualified absolute is involved in this one, right? You know it. And if we're talking potentiality, that has to be where things get really wild. This triodity

J John 15:09

consists of the Deity absolute, the universal absolute. And as you astutely pointed out, the unqualified absolute, okay, it's like the cosmic storehouse of everything that is, everything that was and everything that could be. No talk about potential. So

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Sarah 15:24

in a way, the triodity of potentiality is like the blank canvas upon which the triodity of actuality paints the masterpiece of creation. That's

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John 15:33

a beautiful way to put it. And it's within this interplay of actuality and potentiality, this cosmic dance of triunities and triodities, that the Supreme Being emerges,

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Sarah 15:44

the Supreme Being. Now that's a concept we could spend a whole other deep dive exploring. But for now, can you give us a little teaser? What makes the Supreme Being so significant in this grand scheme of triunities and triodities,

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John 15:55

the Supreme Being is fascinating because it's a deity in the process of becoming imagine a being of unimaginable power and scope, constantly evolving right alongside the universe itself, shaped by these very forces we've been discussing. Yeah, it's mind blowing.

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Sarah 16:10

It really puts things into perspective, doesn't it? We started with these simple triads, these basic observations that early humans used to understand their world, and from there we've zoomed out to this incredible cosmic panorama of triunities, triodities and the Supreme Being. It's enough to make your head spin.

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John 16:29

It is a lot to process, that's for sure. But I think within this intricate tapestry of cosmic forces, there's a really profound message for us. We are not just observers in this grand cosmic drama, right? Every step we take on our own spiritual journey, every decision we make, it contributes to the unfolding of this incredible universe.

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Sarah 16:46

It's both humbling and awe inspiring at the same time. Wouldn't you say to think that we play a part in this cosmic dance

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John 16:52

absolutely and the best part is we're only just scratching the surface. Right? Remember those eight unrevealed triunities We touched on earlier, and I do those my friend, are a testament to the boundless mysteries that still await us. It's

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Sarah 17:06

like the Urantia Book is giving us a glimpse into the infinite, reminding us that there's always more to discover, more to understand, always more. It's a journey without end, and that's incredibly exciting.

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John 17:17

I couldn't agree more, the pursuit of knowledge and spiritual growth is an adventure that never gets old. Well

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Sarah 17:23

said. Well, folks, there you have it, the Trinity, triunities, triodides and the Supreme Being. We've covered a lot of ground today, but more importantly, we've opened up a universe of possibilities for continued exploration. So the next time you look up at the stars, remember you're not just looking at Diskant Points of Light, you're looking at a symphony of cosmic forces, all orchestrated by a love that surpasses our wildest imagination. Until next time, keep those minds open and keep diving deep.