

Part 3, Paper 112, Personality Survival, Solitary Messenger

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Sarah, John

- S** Sarah 00:00
Well, hey, there everybody. Are you ready to dive in? You sent us excerpts from the Urantia Book. This time, it's paper 112 and that's all about personality survival. So that's what we're gonna unpack today, what this fascinating text has to say about us, humans, death, and maybe even something bigger beyond all that. Yeah,
- J** John 00:17
it really is a fascinating exploration cosmic dimensions, a merantia, self, even the possibility of, like humans fusing with something divine, yeah,
- S** Sarah 00:27
no doubt about it, dense stuff. So maybe let's just start with how the Urantia Book defines personality. Well,
- J** John 00:33
it describes personality as this direct gift from the Universal Father, almost like a spark of the divine that's, you know, given to all living beings, that includes us right here on Earth. Okay, hold
- S** Sarah 00:42
on. Hold on. So you're saying that a piece of something divine is like within us right from the

start exactly.

J John 00:47

It's suggesting that this essence, this core of who you are, isn't just limited to, you know, this physical reality, but it's actually already like interacting with the cosmos in ways we can't fully grasp. And you know, the book says personality exists on multiple levels, across multiple dimensions, even Well, that's definitely

S Sarah 01:06

not your average definition of personality, that's for sure. So if this piece of us, this spark, is this divine gift, does that mean it's like, automatically gonna survive after death? Are we good? Well,

J John 01:18

this is where it gets even more interesting. See, the Urantia Book doesn't shy away from the whole Free Will thing. So even though it says our personalities are, you know, like changeless in the presence of change, it also stresses that they're, you know, co creative. Yeah, we aren't just passengers, right? Yeah, we're shaping our own destinies.

S Sarah 01:35

So even with this divine spark within us, the decisions we make still affect our trajectory, our growth, absolutely.

J John 01:42

And those decisions, they're like, deeply connected to this concept of the thought adjuster. We'll get into that. But you mentioned something earlier about the Urantia Book outlining different types of death that caught my attention. Oh

S Sarah 01:55

yeah. That really got me thinking too. Three kinds of death really makes you stop and think about it, right? Because most of us, I think we only think about death as this one big event.

J John 02:05

Totally Well, get ready, because this is where the Urantia Book might really challenge those preconceived notions. Talks about spiritual death, intellectual death, and then, of course, the physical death that. like you said. we're all familiar with. Okay.

S Sarah 02:19

I'm ready. Walk me through it. So, like, what is spiritual death? How is that different from just, you know, your physical body dying? Well, according

J John 02:25

to the Urantia Book, spiritual death is when someone completely rejects the idea of survival of anything beyond the material world, like they've completely shut off that connection to the divine spark, you know, turning away from spiritual growth and evolution so

S Sarah 02:41

someone could be physically alive, but if they've totally closed themselves off to like any kind of spiritual reality, the Urantia Book might say they're already gone. Wow, that's, uh, that's a lot to think about. It

J John 02:54

is pretty bold statement. It makes you question what death really means, right? It's not just about the physical body.

S Sarah 03:00

So then, what about intellectual death? Where does that fit in?

J John 03:02

Well, you can kind of think of it as the point where the mind, our ability to like, consciously think and make choices, just stops. And importantly, this doesn't always happen at the same time as physical death. That's

S Sarah 03:13

that's kind of a difficult thing to grasp. You know, someone's physically alive, but they don't have that spark of like conscious thought. It really makes you question, what makes us human, doesn't

J John 03:23

it? It really does. It's a question the Urantia Book really dives into, because while our bodies are

it: it really does. It's a question the Urantia Book really dives into, because while our bodies are finite, there are other aspects of us, like our personality, the experiences we have, that are shaped by the Divine, those have the potential to go beyond our physical limits. So

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Sarah 03:40

we've got these different kinds of death. But what about what comes after? Earlier, you mentioned the thought adjuster and the morontia soul. Are those the keys to understanding survival in the Urantia Book? Yeah, absolutely.

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John 03:51

Let's start with the thought adjuster, which is described as a pre existent force, meaning it was around even before we were born.

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Sarah 03:58

So before even like a thought, this piece of the Divine is already in play. That's wild. Yeah,

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John 04:03

it really is a remarkable idea. The Urantia Book is saying that at the very moment of your creation, this fragment of the Universal Father, a piece of God called a thought adjuster, it's given to you. We

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Sarah 04:15

don't earn it. We don't develop it. It's just inherently a part of us, from the get go

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John 04:20

exactly, and it acts like this, well, kind of like an inner compass guiding us towards the Divine Right, like a built in compass. And you know how a compass helps us find our way when we're lost or in a new place? Well, that's what the thought adjuster does. It's there to help us navigate through life, grow spiritually, make those choices that you know align with that eternal potential.

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Sarah 04:40

It's like having a direct line to cosmic wisdom, kind of nudging us in the right direction. I love that. Okay, so when we die, when that physical death happens, what happens to the thought adjuster? Does it just like disappear?

J John 04:53

This is where the journey gets even cooler. In my opinion. The Urantia Book says no, the Thought Adjuster doesn't die with the body. Instead, it goes back to the spiritual realm, and it takes with it this record, like the diary of your experiences, your choices, the essence of who you were. So this

S Sarah 05:10

tiny fragment of God has been with us, watching learning, and then carries that knowledge back when we're gone. It's a beautiful idea, isn't it, this interplay between the human and the divine. But what about the morontia soul we were talking about that earlier? Ah,

J John 05:24

yes, think of the morontia soul as this, like this evolving essence. It's shaped by all your experiences, the lessons you learn, the choices you make in this life, and it's all woven together, kind of guided by the thought adjuster.

S Sarah 05:35

So the morontia soul is like a tapestry made up of like the threads of our human experiences and the influence of the adjuster. And it's this morontia soul that has the potential to survive. It keeps evolving, even after death

J John 05:50

you got it. And where this survival, this evolution happens, is what the Urantia Book calls the mansion worlds. It's like where the morontia life unfolds.

S Sarah 05:59

Okay, mansion worlds. Are we talking pearly gates here, clouds, harps, or some a bit more cosmic. You know, it's interesting.

J John 06:07

I think it's best to think of them less as a physical location and more like a state of being, a different dimension of reality. You know, the specifically designed for the continued growth of the morontia soul. Okay,

S Sarah 06:17

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so less about harps and halos, more about spiritual growth, evolution, that sort of thing. But what does that even look like? I mean, what kind of development are we talking about here? Well,

 John 06:26

it's all about refining, perfecting, the things that make you, you, your character, your understanding of truth, beauty, even goodness. And remember how we were talking about the thought adjuster, how it keeps a record. That record, it comes into play on the mansion worlds. So

 Sarah 06:41

it's like this cosmic report card. We're judged on how well we used our time on Earth.

 John 06:46

Judged might be a little strong. The Urantia Book really stresses progress, not punishment. Think of it more like an evaluation. We learn from our experiences the good and the bad, and we use that to become well, more spiritually in tune. Okay? So

 Sarah 07:00

no, like eternal damnation or anything few, that's a relief. But what about heaven and hell? Does the Urantia Book have versions of those?

 John 07:07

You know, the Urantia Book has a more, I'd say, nuanced view of the afterlife. It's not about being good or bad, you know? It's about continuing on this path of spiritual growth, and it's tailored to your progress, your choices, in your material life.

 Sarah 07:21

So everyone gets a chance, a chance to evolve, learn, become closer to the Divine no matter what they did or didn't do while they were alive.

 John 07:29

Exactly. It's about recognizing that even in our mistakes, our failures, there's still a chance to grow. The journey doesn't just stop, it transforms. That is

S Sarah 07:38

a really hopeful way of looking at it. But what about our loved ones? You know, do we ever get to see them again? The

J John 07:43

Urantia Book actually does talk about that. It reassures us that the bonds we create, the love, the friendships, the connections that truly matter, they endure even beyond the physical.

S Sarah 07:53

So it's not just the solitary pursuit we continue to learn and grow with those we're connected to that's comforting. It really

J John 08:01

is a beautiful concept that the love and connection we experience in this life has meaning that goes way beyond our physical existence.

S Sarah 08:09

Okay, so we've got our merantia selves evolving in these mansion worlds guided by our past and, you know, the inherent wisdom of the thought adjuster. But I have a feeling we're only scratching the surface here. What happens next? What's the end goal of this whole merantia career, as the book calls

J John 08:25

it, this is where it gets really mind blowing, in my opinion. Remember that the whole point, the very essence of the Urantia book's cosmology, is the union of the human and the divine. You're

S Sarah 08:36

talking about adjuster fusion, that moment when the thought adjuster, that fragment of God merges with the human soul. Okay? Now this is exciting, absolutely.

J John 08:44

And this fusion is not just some symbolic idea. It has real consequences for our for lack of better term, cosmic journey.

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Sarah 08:53

Okay, I'm with you, I think so. What happens when adjuster fusion takes place? What does that even mean? Well,

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John 08:58

you can think about it as like shedding the limitations of our physical selves. The Urantia Book says that adjuster fusion brings all these incredible endowments. Divinity becomes a part of us. We get access to like all of past eternity, experiences, memories, even a taste of something it calls qualified potential absoluteness. Okay,

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Sarah 09:17

whoa, even just trying to imagine that. So we're not just immortal, living forever, but we tap into this whole other level of like cosmic awareness that's almost impossible to even comprehend. And the Urantia Book says this is our potential. This is where we're

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John 09:29

headed, right? It says that once this fusion happens, our eternal career is secure, so to speak, and we become beings with even greater potential, ready to go beyond even our local universe. So

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Sarah 09:41

it's like we're getting our like cosmic passport stamped, ready to travel to the furthest reaches of everything. But what does that even look like? What do these like, these fused beings, these former humans who've merged with the divine? What do they actually do with their eternity?

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John 09:56

You know, it's interesting that Urantia Book only gives us hints like. Suggests these fused beings, these, as it calls them, children of the Supreme, will have this vital role in the grand cosmic scheme of things, maybe even acting as administrators of future universes that haven't even been fully formed yet. So not

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Sarah 10:12

only can we merge with the divine, but we might actually end up helping shape the very fabric of existence. I mean, that's both incredible and kind of daunting, isn't it really makes you think twice about the choices we make, right? For sure, and

J John 10:24

it really highlights how much value and potential the Urantia Book puts on the human experience. Yeah, our choices, our growth, our journey towards the divine, it's all part of something much, much bigger, like a tapestry being woven together through the actions of countless beings across, you know, the vastness of creation, man

S Sarah 10:44

and that idea, that perspective, it makes adjuster fusion more than just this abstract concept. You know, it's like, if our personalities are really going to play a part in this grand, cosmic play, then everything we do right now in these physical forms, it matters. It's almost like a call to action.

J John 10:59

Exactly every decision we make, big or small, every act of kindness or cruelty, those moments where we grow, where we stagnate, it all feeds into this eternal tapestry that makes up who we are, and that tapestry, that essence of you, it keeps evolving even after our time on this planet is done. It really

S Sarah 11:14

is humbling when you think about it like that. I mean, the sheer scope of it all is almost too much to really grasp, you know, but I think that's what I love about the Urantia Book. It pushes you to keep on exploring, keep asking those big questions. And on that note, I think we're gonna have to wrap up this deep dive into the Urantia book's take on personality survival. But we want to leave you with something to think about, something to I don't know, maybe wrestle with a little What if you knew without a doubt that every choice you made, it wasn't just shaping this life, but also your eternal destiny. Would you live differently? What kind of cosmic legacy would you want to leave behind until next time? Everybody keep searching, keep growing and keep reaching for that divine spark inside of you.