

Part 3, Paper 115, The Supreme Being, Mighty Messenger

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John 00:00

Hey there, and welcome to a deep dive that's really going to stretch our thinking gaps. You know, I love those big questions, and you sent in a fascinating one, what is the Supreme Being? According to the Urantia Book. So we're cracking open paper 115 diving deep into this unique perspective on, well, the cosmos and existence itself. Even the book itself says wrapping our heads around something as massive as the Supreme Being is no easy feat. It's like trying to explain the Internet to someone who's never even seen a computer. Where do you even begin? It's true.



Sarah 00:31

The Urantia Book says we use these frameworks, these mental models, to understand pretty much everything in life, even something as grand as the Supreme Being. Yeah, and



John 00:39

it got me thinking about how humans have always created origin stories, myths, religions, all to try and explain the universe. We crave those frameworks seems built into us. It really does seem that way, which makes you wonder, what's the framework the urancia book is working with?



Sarah 00:54

Well, for starters, it breaks reality down into three levels, finite, absinite and absolute. Okay, you and I, we're down here in the finite, the world we experience directly, right ground level, exactly the absolute at the very top, you could say that represents ultimate reality, the source

of everything, the realm of the Supreme Being. Okay,

J John 01:13

so we're on the ground floor supreme beings, penthouse level. What about that absinite in between? I'm not even sure I can pronounce that, let alone understand it.

S Sarah 01:22

Think of it like this. Imagine the feeling of awe you get when you look up at a starry night sky. There's a sense of mystery of something vast and beyond us, that feeling, that Inkling could be thought of as touching the Absinthe. It's that bridge between our finite world and the absolute.

J John 01:40

So we're always catching glimpses of it, but never fully grasping it exactly.

S Sarah 01:43

And that's why even our understanding of the Supreme Being is considered relatively true in the book. It's not about having all the answers, but acknowledging that our understanding can evolve as we grow, just like a child's understanding of say, how a plant grows, changes as they learn more about biology, our comprehension of the Supreme Being can also deepen over time,

J John 02:06

which is kind of a relief, in a way, takes the pressure off needing to define everything perfectly, absolutely, and that actually leads nicely into one of the most intriguing ideas. The book presents, this concept of the I Am. Now I went into this thinking we'd get a neat definition of the Supreme Being, but it's way more nuanced than that.

S Sarah 02:23

It really is I am isn't so much a definition as it is an experience. It's that fundamental recognition of existence itself, both our own existence, and the existence of something far greater than ourselves. So instead

J John 02:33

of trying to pin down the Supreme Being with words, it's more about opening ourselves up to the experience of its reality, getting very zen very quickly.

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Sarah 02:42

You could say that it's about acknowledging the limits of our finite minds and then going beyond those limits to connect with something truly vast and ultimately always evolving.

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John 02:52

Okay, now that is a really different take on the Supreme Being, one that's not static or unchanging, but actually growing, and that's where we're going next, because this concept of the Supreme Being as a being of growth is absolutely central to the Urentia book, and frankly, it blew my mind a little. Let's unpack that together, shall we? It

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Sarah 03:13

is fascinating. Yeah, the idea that even the Supreme Being is on this journey, constantly evolving,

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John 03:18

it's a far cry from the All Knowing, all powerful deity we often hear about, you know, right? And it makes you wonder, how does that growth even work on like a cosmic scale? That's

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Sarah 03:27

where the book introduces this interplay between potentiality and actuality. Think of it like this. Imagine a tiny seed holding the potential for a mighty oak tree. Okay? It's not an oak yet, not in its full glory, but given the right conditions, nourishment time, it has the potential to become something magnificent. Right?

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John 03:48

The potential is there just waiting exactly

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Sarah 03:50

and in a similar way, the Urantia Book suggests that the Supreme Being embodies the infinite potential of the entire cosmos. It's the ongoing process of that potential becoming real, becoming actualized, that drives its growth. So

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John 04:05

in essence, the universe is this grand unfolding, and the Supreme Being is unfolding right along with it. Yeah. that's a pretty wild thought. Honestly. it really

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Sarah 04:13

is. It challenges us to see divinity in a whole new light, totally, but

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John 04:16

it also raises a pretty big question, if this Supreme Being is growing and evolving. What role do we play in all of this? I mean, we're just tiny humans here on this little planet. Does our existence even register on the cosmic scale of things? That's

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Sarah 04:30

where it gets really interesting and, I think, incredibly hopeful. The Urantia Book suggests that we're not just passive observers in this cosmic drama. We're active participants, our choices, our actions, even our thoughts, contribute to this grand tapestry of existence, influencing the very evolution of the Supreme Being. Wait,

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John 04:50

so you're saying that every decision we make, every act of kindness, every creative spark, is somehow shaping something as vast as the Supreme Being. Yeah, that's

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Sarah 04:57

how the book seems to frame it. That's pretty empowering. Thought. It really is. Every time we choose Compassion Over indifference, every time we strive for understanding and connection, we contribute to the unfolding of a greater reality. Wow. It's as if the Supreme Being is constantly evolving alongside us, drawing upon our collective experiences to grow and expand.

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John 05:19

Okay, that right, there is a serious perspective shift. Suddenly the universe feels a whole lot less lonely and a whole lot more interconnected. But I have to admit, when I got to the part about the original, the actual and the potential, I'll confess, my brain did a bit of a backflip. Can you help us unpack those terms? Because I think they're key to understanding this whole concept of the Supreme Being, absolutely.

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Sarah 05:41

Those are some of the denser concepts in the book, but they're crucial to grasping the Urantia books cosmology. Think of it this way, and we might need to structure our imaginations a bit here. The original is like the source code of the universe. okay. the ultimate blueprint.

J John 05:55
the I Am we talked about earlier.

S Sarah 05:57
Okay, so the original source, the foundation of everything. What about the actual? The actual

J John 06:01
represents the existing universe, everything we can observe and experience right now. Think of it as the tangible manifestation of that original blueprint. So

S Sarah 06:10
if the original is the blueprint and the actual is the like Foundation, what does that make the potential?

J John 06:17
Exactly the potential represents. Well, everything that could be, all the possibilities, the unrealized growth, the infinite future that is still unfolding. It's the blank canvas that we, along with every other being in the cosmos, are constantly co creating with the Supreme Being.

S Sarah 06:34
So it's like we're all part of this cosmic art project, and the Supreme Being is providing the canvas and maybe some of the inspiration, but we get to add our own colors, textures, ideas. I love that analogy. And you know, this is where the Urantia Book introduces another layer of complexity, and we'll tackle that next. Okay, I'm

J John 06:52
ready for that next layer. What are we adding to this cosmic art project? Well,

S Sarah 06:56
the book introduces the concept of triodides, and you thought we were done with complex terms, but these tie directly into the concept of the potential. All



John 07:05

right? Break it down for me, what in the cosmos are triodities? Think of them



Sarah 07:08

like the fundamental forces that shape the potential of the universe. The book identifies three main ones, deity, universal and unqualified. Okay? Each one represents a different aspect of reality, like gravity or electromagnetism in physics, but on a much, much grander scale. Okay,



John 07:27

so we've got these forces shape and potential. How does that tie back to the Supreme Being and well, us, that's



Sarah 07:33

the really fascinating part. The book suggests that the Supreme Being interacts with these triodities, almost like a conductor leading an orchestra. Okay? The Supreme Being is drawing upon these forces, guiding them and being shaped by them as it continues to grow and evolve. And here's the kicker, our actions, our choices, they actually influence these triodities, even if in ways we can't fully grasp. So



John 07:57

it's like we're not just adding colors to the canvas. We're actually contributing to the palette itself. Yeah, our actions are influencing the very forces that shape what's possible. That's



Sarah 08:07

a great way to put it. It's a pretty humbling thought, really, to think that even our seemingly small choices might have ripples on a cosmic scale. Totally



John 08:14

it makes you look at your life in a completely different light. And speaking of light, one concept I found truly awe inspiring is this idea of the Supreme Being engaging in these dual motions,



Sarah 08:25

ah, yes, the constant dance between reaching for the absolute and expanding out towards infinity. It's like this incredible tension between unification and exploration that drives the evolution of everything. It's like

evolution or well, everything. It's like

J John 08:39

the Supreme Being is on this epic quest, constantly striving for greater unity with its source, with the original, but also embracing the infinite possibilities of creation, the endless potential of the potential. It's kind of like us, right? We all crave that sense of belonging, of connection to something bigger than ourselves, but we also have this innate desire to explore, to grow, to see what lies beyond the horizon. It's a

S Sarah 09:02

beautiful analogy, and it speaks to the interconnectedness of everything in the Urantia book's cosmology, we're all part of this grand cosmic dance from the smallest subatomic particle to the Supreme Being itself. That

J John 09:13

actually brings to mind something the book mentions about how even if we were to reach the ultimate truth, beauty and goodness of the Supreme Being. It wouldn't be the end of the journey. There would still be more to discover, more to experience, more to become precisely.

S Sarah 09:27

There's no finish line in this cosmic evolution, no point where we can say, Okay, we've arrived. We know it all. It's about embracing the journey of growth and discovery, both individually and collectively. And that journey, it seems, continues infinitely.

J John 09:43

It's incredible, and honestly, a bit mind blowing this whole concept. So as we wrap up this deep dive into the Urantia book's vision of the Supreme Being, is there a final takeaway you hope our listener will carry with them? Well, if I

S Sarah 09:54

had to choose one, it would be this, the Supreme Being isn't some distant, unchanging. Changing deity, but a dynamic, evolving being constantly growing alongside us. We are all part of its story, and our choices, however small they may seem, contribute to the unfolding of a reality far grander than we can possibly imagine

J John 10:15

that is beautifully put and definitely something to reflect on, especially the next time we find

that is beautifully put and definitely something to reflect on, especially the next time we find ourselves looking up at the stars. A huge thank you for joining us on this deep dive into the concept of the Supreme Being as envisioned by the Urantia Book. It's been a journey of cosmic proportions. And to our listener, we hope this has sparked your own curiosity and perhaps inspired you to explore the Urantia Book for yourself. Until next time, keep asking those big questions and never stop exploring the mysteries of the universe.