

Part 1, Paper 12, The Universe...Universes, Perfector of Wisdom

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S Sarah 00:00
Ever get that feeling, but feelings that you know, like you're just totally insignificant, like a teeny, tiny speck. I swear every time I look up at the night sky, all that space just makes me feel like, what's the point?

J John 00:13
The existential dread of the cosmos, exactly.

S Sarah 00:15
And that's exactly what we're diving into today on this deep dive. We're tackling the mind bending vastness of it all with excerpts from the Urantia Book, ambitious, well, paper 12, specifically the universe of universes. Okay,

J John 00:31
so buckle up. This isn't your typical Look at the pretty stars kind of text. This one throws out some wild concepts. Yeah,

S Sarah 00:37
no. Tiene, where do we even begin with a title like the universe of universes? Well, it

J John 00:41
starts by really challenging our idea of infinity itself. I mean, we picture the universe as this endless, sprawling thing, right? But what the book argues is, even within the infinite there's structure

S Sarah 00:52
levels, you know, levels like floors in a building or something kind

J John 00:56
of, imagine like a set of concentric circles, almost like a cosmic dartboard.

S Sarah 01:02
A cosmic dartboard. Never heard that one before, with

J John 01:04
Paradise, the very heart of creation, right there in the bullseye. Okay, I'm kind

S Sarah 01:08
of visualizing this. So where do we fit in humanity? We hidden the bullseye on this dartboard of yours. Not

J John 01:14
quite. We're way out on the edge, like way out in a young universe called Nebadon. Nebadon

S Sarah 01:21
sounds like a bad guy from Star Trek, maybe. But think of

J John 01:25
it this way, if the grand universe is like the Wild West, okay, we're out on the frontier, just starting to explore. So

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Sarah 01:32

we're cosmic pioneers. I like the sound of that, but it does make you wonder what's going on in those other cosmic neighborhoods, right, right? Are there other uses out there looking up at their own night skies, just as clueless as we are.

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John 01:44

That's a question that's haunted folks for well, forever. And honestly, this book doesn't give us hard answers on that one, but it does lay out this framework, this possibility of life, even consciousness, existing on scales we can't even fathom. Okay,

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Sarah 02:00

my brain's already starting to hurt. That's a lot. But before we spiral into oblivion, let's go back to this whole structure thing. Why a dartboard? What's holding this cosmic Bullseye together? Ah,

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John 02:12

that is where things get really interesting, because this book talks about universal gravity, but not just the kind that keeps our feet on the ground. Yeah, I was gonna say it describes four circuits of gravity, each one more mind bending than the last four types

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Sarah 02:26

of gravity. Okay, you've officially lost me. What's the difference between the gravity keeping my coffee mug on the table and this, like cosmic dartboard gravity? You're talking about?

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John 02:35

That is an excellent question. So the gravity we know this is the very tip of the iceberg, right? Is that basic force holding physical stuff together, makes sense. But then there's this idea of personality gravity. Personality gravity. Imagine a force so powerful, so fundamental, that it doesn't just affect objects, but it pulls on our minds, our spirits, even drawing us towards, well, them towards paradise, that ultimate source. Okay, hold

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Sarah 03:03

on, you're messing with me, right? My coffee mug has gravity. I get it, but now my soul has gravity too. I think I'm officially in over my head. So last time on the deep dive, we were wrestling with this whole personality, gravity thingy, stuff, no kidding, the idea that we're not just pulled down by a good old Earth gravity, but drawn towards something way bigger at the center of everything still boggles the mind. It's



John 03:26

a powerful image, isn't it? And it kind of gets at this idea that us humans were hardwired for connection, for something more than just the everyday,



Sarah 03:35

totally. But I had a thought after last time we talked about personality, gravity pulling us towards paradise, right? But what about our minds? Where do they fit in all this cosmic stuff? That's



John 03:44

where it gets really interesting. See, the Urantia Book introduces this concept called the conjoint actor.



Sarah 03:50

Conjoint actor sounds intense, right? It's basically the



John 03:55

force behind intelligence thought itself operating on a universal scale. Okay?



Sarah 03:59

So my mind isn't just my mind. It's like tapped into some cosmic mainframe of thought, less like



John 04:05

a mainframe, more like a network, a web, connecting minds and spirits across the cosmos. Whoa. And according to this we're not just receivers in this network, we're active participants. Hold



Sarah 04:16

up. You're saying my thoughts, they have an impact on the universe like little old me, worrying about deadlines is influencing the cosmic drama. Bold claim, right? But



John 04:22



John 04:26

that's what the universe of universes suggests, our thoughts, actions, even our intentions. They make ripples, ripples that go way beyond our understanding. Whoa,



Sarah 04:34

that is a lot of responsibility for a Tuesday makes you want to meditate more or something.



John 04:38

Maybe so. But it does beg the question, how are we using this mind power, harmony or chaos, right? Big



Sarah 04:45

Questions. Okay, so we've got this mind blowingly huge universe, layers upon layers dimensions. We can't even imagine. Our souls are getting pulled towards this ultimate source. Our minds are in some cosmic network. Where do humans fit in? Is. Easy to feel pretty small in all this. That's



John 05:01

the thing the Urantia Book, it addresses that head on, and honestly, it gives a pretty hopeful perspective. Remember that personality gravity, pulling us to the center, that same force, it connects us to each other too. It's individual connection to the divine, but UD at also recognizing that spark in everyone, everything around us, so



Sarah 05:23

we're all connected like some big cosmic family reunion we weren't invited to.



John 05:27

There's this passage. It's beautiful. No person can escape the benefits or the penalties that may come as a result of relationship to other persons, the part profits or suffers in measure with the whole okay. I



Sarah 05:39

think I'm starting to see where you're going with this, like a





John 05:41

cosmic butterfly effect. Yeah. Butterfly Effect, every action, every choice, it doesn't just affect us. It affects everyone around us. Maybe the whole universe, humbling and the empowering, no humbling



Sarah 05:49

is putting it mildly. But if we're all connected part of this grand cosmic tapestry, why is there so much division, so much conflict? It's like we forgot how to be a family. That's the



John 06:00

paradox. Isn't it connected to this incredible source of love wisdom, and yet we lose sight of it. Daily life gets in the way. Yeah, but the Urantia Book, it suggests that potential for unity, it's always there in each of us. Goes back to that father fragment idea, right? The



Sarah 06:16

Father fragment, the idea that we carry a piece of the divine within us that always kind of blew my mind, right? But



John 06:21

think about it, the vast universe, our minds all linked up, our thoughts shaping reality, maybe, just maybe, there's more to us than we realize. You're saying



Sarah 06:31

deep down under all the mess of being human, we're connected to something truly extraordinary. That's



John 06:37

exactly it, and that realization that has the power to change everything back again



Sarah 06:42

for our final descent into the deep dive. So we've been on this wild ride through the Urantia Book, edge of the cosmos, souls with their own gravity, minds all plugged in like some cosmic internet I'm still processing, to be honest, it's a





John 06:56

lot to unpack, that's for sure, but through all those wild concepts, there's this one idea keeps popping up, and it's kind of beautiful, really, this idea that we're not just insignificant specs in some cold, uncaring universe. Tell me more about



Sarah 07:10

that, because honestly, after last episode, I walked outside, looked up and felt kind of lost, like I was drowning in infinity. I hear



John 07:16

you, but remember that whole father fragment thing we talked about? Yeah, that's where it goes from, whoa or tiny to something a lot more meaningful.



Sarah 07:22

Remind me about the Father fragment, though, I need a refresher. After all that cosmic talk,



John 07:26

it's like this, inside each of us, there's a piece, a spark, of the same force that made everything, literally, we're children of the cosmos. Okay,



Sarah 07:35

now I'm trying to picture that a spark of the infinite hanging out next to like my anxiety about tomorrow's meeting, and



John 07:43

it's not just sitting there. Remember how our minds are all connected? Well, this book takes it further, our thoughts, actions, even what we want. It all impacts that network shapes reality itself. Wait, seriously,



Sarah 07:55

so I'm not just made of the universe stuff. I'm actually shaping it by just existing. Kind



John 08:00

of the Universe Book suggests we're not just watching this cosmic show. We're in it, creating it

of the Urantia Book suggests we're not just watching this cosmic show. We're in it, creating it, adding our own little melody to the whole symphony. Okay,

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Sarah 08:07

no pressure or anything. But seriously, how do we handle that? Being a co creator, it's a big job. Does the Urantia Book give any hints? No

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John 08:14

step by step guide, if that's what you mean. But it's big on living in tune with our divine side, love, compassion, understanding, not just for ourselves, but for everything. So not

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Sarah 08:25

enough to just think about the huge universe. Gotta actually do something with that knowledge, huh?

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John 08:30

You got it? Recognize that connection, then a CT on it. Kindness, real connection. Being creative, all that adds to the harmony of the whole shebang. Pretty

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Sarah 08:39

inspiring stuff. So we are more than just insignificant specs, way

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John 08:44

more big picture. You me, everyone listening. We're expressions of the universe's potential, and that that's worth thinking about,

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Sarah 08:53

definitely something to ponder. And on that note, we'll leave you to explore the vastness within and around you until next time on The Deep Dive. Keep seeking you.