

Part 1, Paper 14, The Central ... Universe, Perfector of Wisdom

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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John

S Sarah 00:00
All right, buckle up, because we are diving into some seriously mind bending stuff today.

J John 00:04
Yeah, we're talking about the Urantia Book, and

S Sarah 00:06
we are tackling paper 14, specifically,

J John 00:08
paper 14, yeah, which,

S Sarah 00:10
let me tell you, it makes black holes look like a walk in the park. It

J John 00:14
really does.

S Sarah 00:15
So to try to wrap our brains around this, maybe you can set the stage for us. Well, what's

J John 00:19
so captivating about this deep dive is that it takes us beyond just gazing at distant stars. We're dealing with a whole spiritual cosmology laid out right in front of us, a framework for understanding not just the universe as it is, but our place in it. And the smack dab in the middle of it all is havona, the Central Universe.

S Sarah 00:39
Central Universe, you're gonna have to, you're gonna have to break this down for me. Okay, so

J John 00:43
picture a place of utter, absolute perfection. Imagine like a cosmic city, but amped up a billion times more majestic than anything we could ever dream up that's havona, a colossal island of stability made up of a billion spheres, each more awe inspiring than the last

S Sarah 01:01
a billion with a B, and that's a lot of celestial real estate we're talking about. Get this,

J John 01:05
unlike our very own universe, which, you know, can't seem to sit still, always changing and evolving, havona is portrayed as this finished masterpiece, a testament to the sheer, well infinite power of the Creator. It's like the ultimate blueprint, the gold standard for everything in creation. So

S Sarah 01:20
while our universe is still trying to figure things out, havona is already there, the picture of perfection, precisely.

J John 01:25
But it's not just randomly floating around in space. It has this incredible structure, like a perfectly ordered city. Imagine this paradise, the source of all creation, right, the very center. Then Picture those billion spheres of havona, meticulously arranged around it in seven

concentric circuits. Seven



Sarah 01:46

circuits. Are we talking about some kind of cosmic traffic circles here? Think of it more



John 01:50

like levels in a video game, but on a cosmic scale, each circuit or level has its own distinct characteristics, its own unique inhabitants.



Sarah 01:58

So as you ascend through these circuits, you're leveling up, so to speak, you



John 02:02

could say that, yeah, moving through these circuits means undergoing this incredible spiritual education. Ascending creatures like us would start their journey in the Seventh Circuit, the furthest out, and gradually move inward, circle by circle, with each step inward, representing a massive leap in spiritual development. Hold



Sarah 02:18

on. Back up a minute. You're saying we, like humans, here on Earth, could actually go to this place, according



John 02:24

to the Urantia Book, yes, it suggests that we as spiritual beings, possess the potential to, well, ascend through the universe with avona as the ultimate destination and ultimately reaching the First Circuit, the one closest to paradise itself. Paradise the ultimate VIP section, exactly, and it's in this journey toward the divine, this incredible ascent that lies at the very heart of the cosmology presented in the Urantia Book.



Sarah 02:50

This is all mind blowing, but let's talk about time for a second. You mentioned that a single day in havona is equivalent to almost 1000 years here on Earth. Now I'm all for a long weekend, but that's a really long time.



J John 02:59

Yeah, it's hard to wrap your head around time as we perceive it. Here, it just functions completely differently. In havona, doesn't bind you in the same way. And think about this, there's no decay, no death as we know it. Lower life forms undergo this process called Get this transmutation of materialization. Basically, they can change their form without actually experiencing death.

S Sarah 03:21

Okay? So no wrinkles, no gray hairs. Sign me up. But seriously, if our very notion of time is so different, there what else about our human experience might not quite translate in hivona?

J John 03:33

Well, for starters, our senses wouldn't be of much use. Great, really. The Text explains that havona operates on these entirely different energy forms and laws of existence that are just, well, fundamentally different from our own. It's a realm that exists beyond our current comprehension, beyond the grasp of our human senses, at least as it currently wired. So

S Sarah 03:51

you're saying, if we were to visit this amazing city of a billion worlds, our senses would be basically useless.

J John 03:58

Picture This you try to experience havona with your current physical body, you would essentially be blind, deaf and completely oblivious to your surroundings. So

S Sarah 04:08

much for sightseeing, that's a lot to take in this amazingly beautiful city of a billion worlds, a place where time flows differently and our human senses are about as useful as a chocolate teapot. But what about the residents? Who or what are we gonna meet when we get there? You

J John 04:25

know, the idea of encountering being so different from anything we can imagine, even if they're, you know, spiritually advanced, it's a little intimidating. Like, what do you even talk about with the being of pure light? Do they play charades? Well, that's the fascinating thing. The Urantia Book doesn't paint this picture of hivona as just a society of like super beings all in the same wavelength. You know, while it does describe these seven fundamental life forms, and each of those with get this countless variations, it really stresses the sheer diversity of the inhabitants of



Sarah 04:55

vivona. So, less like a perfectly arranged choir, more like a cosmic jam session, exactly.



John 04:59

Exactly, and these beings, they have their own unique purposes, their own experiences in this Central Universe, totally independent of our own journey. They're not just, you know, celestial statues, just standing around. The text, it describes them as living these incredibly rich and full lives, their activities going way beyond anything that we, with our limited human perspective, can even begin to grasp. Okay, so



Sarah 05:22

what do they do all day? If there's no Netflix in havona, how do they spend their time?



John 05:25

We'll try to imagine this beings of pure light and life, eternally settled, dedicating themselves to, you know, serving these perfect worlds. It suggests a society that's both dynamic and thriving, constantly in motion. Think about it, if you had eons to explore your passions to contribute to this universe of unimaginable beauty, what would you do?



Sarah 05:47

Honestly, I'd probably just be overwhelmed. It's a lot to process, but it does make you wonder, you know, what's possible, like the potential for life to exist in forms we can't even dream



John 05:57

of. And that's the beauty of the Urantia Book. It really challenges us to expand our understanding of what life, intelligence, even purpose, can look like outside of our own tiny corner of the cosmos. It's humbling



Sarah 06:09

to say the least, but let's bring it back down to Earth for a second. Why should we stuck here on this planet care about any of this? What does a place like havona have to do with you know, our everyday lives? And



J John 06:19

that's where the Urantia Book gets really profound, I think it's not just some fantastical travelog of the cosmos. It's presenting us with, like a framework for understanding our own spiritual potential.

S Sarah 06:31

So it's less about reaching this final destination and more about like the journey of growth and discovery that gets us there

J John 06:37

exactly, even in eternity, the adventure never truly ends. The excerpt even mentions like undreamed of changes and a veritable University of surprises that await those who journey through havona, okay,

S Sarah 06:50

a University of surprises in a realm of eternal existence. Now, that's an education I could get behind. It

J John 06:56

speaks to that fundamental human desire, don't you think, to explore, to learn, to constantly evolve. And the Urantia Book seems to suggest that this desire is, like, woven into the fabric of who we are. And it doesn't just disappear because we, you know, shuffle off this

S Sarah 07:09

mortal coil. We're hardwired for this journey, even if we don't always realize it precisely.

J John 07:13

And what could be more exhilarating than the chance to explore essentially, the ultimate cosmic playground, this universe meticulously designed to, like, help us evolve spiritually and deepen our understanding. It's like we're,

S Sarah 07:26

I don't know, programmed for this cosmic upgrade, even if we don't have the instruction manual yet. But it really makes you think, if this havona is like the ultimate expression of, you know, growth and understanding, what does that mean for us down here? That's

J John 07:39

the million dollar question, isn't it, if this Central Universe really does embody perfect harmony and spiritual evolution, what does that tell us about our own potential, about the possibilities that are maybe like hidden within us, maybe even within our world? So

S Sarah 07:53

instead of looking at this vast universe and feeling, you know, insignificant, maybe it's actually like a call to action, a challenge to, you know, aim higher, starting right here, right now, exactly.

J John 08:04

And remember how we talked about hivona being this blueprint for perfection? What if eventually we could actually create societies here that reflect even just a little bit the principles of havona? Just imagine a world where wisdom, compassion a deep understanding of how interconnected we all are. Those are the norm.

S Sarah 08:25

It's a pretty ambitious goal, I gotta say. But I have to admit, it's a pretty inspiring one,

J John 08:29

too. You know, the Urantia Book, it doesn't shy away from how incredibly massive and complex the universe is, but at the same time, it offers this message of hope. It reminds us that we're part of something so much bigger than ourselves, this grand, cosmic story that's still being written,

S Sarah 08:44

and we actually get to play a role in how that story unfolds, even if our part seems small, precisely

J John 08:50

every act of kindness, every moment of growth, even just trying to understand and connect with something beyond ourselves, it all feeds into that grand narrative.

S Sarah 09:00

This deep dive has been, well, a wild ride, to say the least, we started out feeling like tiny, little specks in this vast and indifferent universe, and now we're catching glimpses of this potential cosmic Destiny beyond our wildest dreams. And

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John 09:15

you know, maybe that's the most important thing we can take away from exploring havona. It's not just about reaching some far off destination. It's about embracing the journey of growth and discovery, both within ourselves and in the world around us.

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Sarah 09:27

So where do we go from here? We're not exactly packing our bags for havona anytime soon, but is there something from this deep dive that we can actually, you know, use in our lives, like today? Maybe it's

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John 09:37

about holding on to that sense of perspective, that bigger picture, remembering that all of this, our struggles, our triumphs, even just existing, it's all just one small chapter in a much, much larger story, a story that spans billions of worlds, trillions of beings, stretches across well, eons of time, really, I. It's

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Sarah 10:00

a good reminder that life's not meant to be lived entirely inside our comfort zones, right? Like, if we really want to grow, we have to be willing to step into the unknown, to question what we think we know, and just kind of embrace the mystery of it all. Who knows? Maybe that journey will even give us a glimpse of havona right here, within ourselves.

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John 10:15

Now, wouldn't that be something? And I think that's the perfect note to wrap up this deep dive on until

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Sarah 10:19

next time, everyone keep exploring, keep asking questions and never stop looking up. You never know what wonders are waiting out there in the vast expanse of the cosmos or even within the depths of your own being.