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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John

J John 00:00
Ever imagine, like stepping out of this life and into this crazy, big celestial city 100

S Sarah 00:05
times the size of Earth? Yeah,

J John 00:07
100 times bigger than earth. Well, that's Jerusalem, and that's where this deep dive is taking us, right into the heart of it, just like the Urantia Book describes. And

S Sarah 00:16
this isn't just any city. We're talking system capital, the hub for a whole local system of planets, including our own little Urantia.

J John 00:24
So we're unpacking paper 45 today, local system administration. That's

S Sarah 00:28
the one try and get a handle on how the celestial Metropolis does its thing. System

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J John 00:33

sounds kind of, I don't know, bureaucratic. What's exciting about cosmic bureaucracy?

S Sarah 00:38

Oh, you'd be surprised. Picture a place where it's architectural spheres, not planets, dotting the cosmic landscape, where beings, these material sons and daughters, are shaping the destinies of entire worlds, and where even a full blown rebellion couldn't disrupt the harmony of the place rebellion.

J John 00:55

Now that sounds less like a day at the intergalactic DMV. You said material sons and daughters. We'll

S Sarah 01:02

get into them. They're fascinating. Okay,

J John 01:04

okay, I'm intrigued. So Jerusalem, this system capital. What's it like to actually be there?

S Sarah 01:09

Okay, so you've transitioned. You're no longer Earthbound. You arrive in the local system. And what's the first thing you see? Jerusalem, of course, this incredible cluster of 57 architectural spheres. Each a one, a masterpiece of celestial engineering. 57

J John 01:26

it's like a celestial city planner went wild. They

S Sarah 01:28

had some grand ambitions. And the scale of it all almost 100 times the size of our planet. Gravity's a bit lighter than Earth, thankfully,



John 01:35

he was gonna say, so why so many spheres? What's the purpose? Think



Sarah 01:40

of it as a system designed for spiritual growth. Each sphere with its own specific function. Seven of them are especially interesting, the transitional culture worlds. They're like way stations for the soul, each one dedicated to a particular phase of your spiritual journey.



John 01:56

So each sphere is like, what a different stage of the journey, exactly.



Sarah 02:00

And the first of these transitional culture worlds get this. It's called the finaliter world, where those beings who've completed the entire ascension process reside. Wait,



John 02:10

so those who are just starting out, they get to see where it all leads. Imagine



Sarah 02:13

that being new to the whole ascension thing and visiting this final editor world, catching glimpses of those who've reached the ultimate destination. That's



John 02:21

some serious motivation, right there. Talk about keeping your eye on the prize. But a place this buzzing, this active, it needs a leader, someone calling the shots. Who's in charge on Jerusalem, the



Sarah 02:34

system sovereign, a being called Lana Forge. Now, before you get intimidated by the title, Lana Forge has a story, one of resilience and unwavering loyalty. Okay, I'm listening. He wasn't always in charge. Satania, that's our local system's name, went through a bit of an upheaval, a rebellion. In fact, let me guess, Lucifer, you know it, and Lana Forge, throughout that whole rebellion, he stayed loyal, loyal to Michael the universe, ruler, who you might know as Jesus, and that loyalty, well, it earned him the top job.

- J** John 03:03
So he's not just a ruler, he's a survivor, a tested leader, but even for someone like him, running a whole system of worlds, you need a team, right?
- S** Sarah 03:11
100% that's where Lana forge's team of lanandez sons comes in. They're like his cabinet, highly evolved beings, each with their own specialty.
- J** John 03:21
Okay, so who are these cosmic Cabinet members? Well,
- S** Sarah 03:25
there's mansurosha Atlanta forges first assistant. After that rebellion, things were a little chaotic, and Mansa rosha brought the order
- J** John 03:31
essential role. What about the others? His second assistant,
- S** Sarah 03:35
sadib proof that even in the celestial realms, two heads, or at least two deputies are better than one makes
- J** John 03:41
sense. Teamwork makes the dream work. And then
- S** Sarah 03:45
there's Holden. He's the custodian, I guess you'd say, but not in the way you're probably thinking,
- J** John 03:49
custodian is he like shining up all those architectural spheres, not quite.

S Sarah 03:53
Remember those rebellious spirits, the ones who went with Lucifer, right? Right? Well, Holden makes sure those spirits don't cause any more trouble. He's got a very specific job.

J John 04:01
So less cosmic janitor, more like cosmic warden. Got it precisely.

S Sarah 04:05
And then you've got vilton the system recorder, responsible for, you know, recording everything that happens within the system. It'd be easy talk about information overload. And then there's Forton the bestowal director. Stole

J John 04:18
director is that like a spiritual event planner,

S Sarah 04:21
kind of he oversees any activities related to Michael's time on Urantia. Hold

J John 04:25
on. Are we talking about Jesus's life on Earth?

S Sarah 04:28
That's right. The Urantia Book uses bestowal to describe those times divine beings choose to experience life in a material form, like in a material body on a material world. So fortins job is managing the ripple effects of Jesus's time on Earth. No small task, if you think about it, Wow,

J John 04:45
that's quite the portfolio. And who rounds out this team of celestial heavy hitters? That

S Sarah 04:51
would be harvard. Help the high counselor. Not only does he advise I am forgo directly, but he

would be nonviable. He's the high counselor. Not only does he advise Liana Forge directly, but he also acts as the chairman of the Jerusalem Executive Council. Council. Wait, there's

J John 05:00
a whole council too. Oh, yeah.

S Sarah 05:02
This council is made up of 12 super evolved beings. They guide the entire system so

J John 05:07
they make the big decisions, right? You could say that. And who are these council members? Well, you've

S Sarah 05:12
got the original Adam and Eve on there.

J John 05:13
Wait, Adam and Eve like from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve the very same. Wow. I guess even Paradise has a probationary period, apparently, so. And then

S Sarah 05:24
there are representatives from various realms and even other planets, all chosen for their wisdom and experience.

J John 05:30
Original Adam on a celestial Council That's wild. What does this council even do? Are they like drafting treaties for the whole cosmos? Think

S Sarah 05:39
of them more as the ultimate advisors, not just for Atlanta Forge, but for the entire system, okay? Advisors making the big decisions representing satania to the rest of the universe, basically making sure everything runs smoothly according to the divine plan, of course.



John 05:54

Right, right? Cosmic board of directors, yeah, keeping the system on track, exactly.



Sarah 05:59

And speaking of guidance, the Urantia Book also talks about a group called the four and 20 counselors. This is where things get even more interesting, especially for us on Urantia. Those



John 06:09

are the 24 elders for the Book of Revelation, right?



Sarah 06:12

The very same John saw them in his vision sitting around that throne. That's the one surrounding the throne where the archangel judges the souls from satania. And get this this council, it includes some pretty major figures, Adam and Eve. Are there really? Yep, Enoch, Moses, even machiventa Melchizedek. It's like a who's who of spiritual giants. It's almost like



John 06:38

the Urantia Book is connecting the dots between how we understand faith, even leadership here on Earth, and those cosmic roles Exactly. It's all connected. It really makes you wonder, you know, what kind of potential does the human spirit have if folks from our planet end up on this celestial Council? Do we know anything about them? We do.



Sarah 06:57

There's onagar, a leader from way back before the planetary Prince even arrived on Urantia. Wow. Talk about a long view. He's seen it all. Then you have mancent, a renowned teacher from the era after the planetary Prince came to Urantia. Okay, and it gets even more interesting. We've also got representatives from some of those very early human races. Wait, seriously.



John 07:18

So this cosmic Council, it has voices from different cultures and backgrounds. 100%



Sarah 07:23

there is anumana lonton, a spiritual leader of the red man or land off a prince of the blue men. Porciunta, an Oracle from the orange race, and singlington, a religious leader from the yellow

race. Each one bringing their own unique experiences to those Council discussions.

J John 07:40

That's incredible. In the grand scheme of things, we really are all connected part of this huge cosmic tapestry, and that

S Sarah 07:46

tapestry is definitely richer for its diversity. But let's talk about another fascinating group within this whole cosmic structure, the material sons and daughters. Okay,

J John 07:55

yeah, the material sons and daughters. I gotta admit that one's got me a little stumped. Who are they? What do they do?

S Sarah 08:00

Here's where we shift gears a little move away from the administrative side and into the space where the spiritual and material realms intersect. We've been talking about a highly organized system, but it's still a system of spirit, of energy, right? Well, the material sons and daughters. They're the bridge between that realm and the physical universe. So

J John 08:19

they're the ones who bring spirit into the material world.

S Sarah 08:23

You got it. They're described as the physical link between divine beings and material creatures. That's

J John 08:29

a pretty big job, when you think about it. What else do we know about them? Well, for one they're

S Sarah 08:33

the ones populating these planets we've been talking about, and they have families just like we do, though their family planning might be a little different.



John 08:40

Can you imagine those conversations, honey, did you clear it with the High Council to have another kid?



Sarah 08:46

I'm sure it's a tad more nuanced than that, but the book suggests that even these advanced beings understand the value of family, those bonds, the lessons, which



John 08:56

is interesting, right? You'd think as you ascend through these spiritual levels, you'd leave those very human concerns behind.



Sarah 09:03

It's a recurring theme, this idea that many human experiences, even the ones we don't necessarily associate with spirituality, those contribute to our growth. They help us understand the cosmos in a new way. And while



John 09:17

we're on the topic of assumptions about the afterlife, yeah, we have to talk about the probation nursery on the finalitors world. What is that about?



Sarah 09:25

This is such a perfect example of how the Urantia Book takes those ideas we have about the afterlife and just completely reimagines them. This nursery, it's a second chance for children who died before they could choose their spiritual path.



John 09:37

So even in this system, there's room for compassion, it would seem. So



Sarah 09:41

it's a cosmology where love and mercy, those are woven into existence itself, even those who pass on before their time, they're included. And it really underlines how important family is, even in those celestial realms

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J John 09:53

it's a very different way of thinking about things. And what's even more surprising, it's not just the material sons and daughters who experience Parenthood. The Urantia Book says that mortals, even Seraphim, those angelic beings, they engage in parental roles too, and it's all part of their spiritual development. It

S Sarah 10:10

really makes you think, doesn't it like these experiences being a parent, a teacher, a friend, these are fundamental to who we are, no matter how far we progress spiritually,

J John 10:19

it really challenges our ideas about what it means to be a spiritual being, to evolve absolutely

S Sarah 10:24

and this idea pops up again when we get to the Melchizedek schools, this concept of practical experience as a vital part of spiritual growth. Right? The

J John 10:34

Melchizedek schools, we talked about those a bit earlier. That's where mortals go to learn the ropes, the ins and outs of this vast cosmic administration, right?

S Sarah 10:41

Exactly, continuing education for the evolving soul. We're talking over 30 different education centers on Jerusalem, all dedicated to helping ascending mortals make sense of the universe and all the responsibilities that come with their spiritual growth. 3030,

J John 10:57

different schools. I barely made it through one. So what kind of subjects are we talking about

S Sarah 11:01

here, everything under the celestial sun. Honestly, you start with the basics, like self evaluation, understanding your place in the universe. But then it gets really interesting. One of the culminating courses, it focuses on representative government

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J John 11:14

Hey, hold up, representative government, like voting, elections. We're talking political science in the afterlife, according

S Sarah 11:21

to the Urantia Book, that Representative plan. That's the divine ideal of self government, and it's everywhere in the universe. It makes sure every voice is heard, every being has a say. So

J John 11:32

even in the celestial realms, your vote counts. That's kind of a radical concept. How do these celestial elections even work? Well,

S Sarah 11:39

every century, each local system, like satania, elects 10 representatives to the constellation legislature, constellation

J John 11:45

legislation. Yeah, there's a whole other level of cosmic government we haven't even touched on.

S Sarah 11:50

Oh, the universe is a big place with a lot going on. But to get back to your question about the elections, things are a bit different in this system. See, your voting power, it's not based on where you live, or anything like that. It's all about your Mota. Mota, I

J John 12:03

don't think I've ever heard that word before. What is Mota? Mota

S Sarah 12:07

is essentially morontia wisdom, the wisdom you gain as you move through the morontia life, that transitional phase between your material existence and those higher realms of spirit.



John 12:17

Morontia wisdom. So how do you get more of it? Well, as you go



Sarah 12:21

through your ascension, you undergo a series of evaluations on Jerusalem. Think of it as a spiritual progress report. The Melchizedek examiners, those wise beings we talked about. They assess your morontia wisdom, how well you understand the universe, the brilliant evening stars, another order of celestial beings. They determine your spiritual insight, your capacity for things like love and compassion. And the four and 20 counselors, they evaluate your social development, how well you cooperate, contribute to the well being of others.



John 12:55

So it's like the ultimate peer review, but with a lot more writing on it than my last research paper, you



Sarah 12:59

could say that and your voting power is determined based on these evaluations. Those with more wisdom, more experience, they have a bigger say in how the universe is run. Makes



John 13:07

our elections here on earth seem a little simplistic by comparison, maybe,



Sarah 13:11

but it also highlights a really important principle, something that resonates in both the celestial and the material realms good governance. It should reflect the collective wisdom of everyone being governed. It's



John 13:23

kind of inspiring, in a way, this whole system where wisdom and experience are the most important things. Yeah, it makes you think maybe our systems here on Earth, flawed as they are, they reflect these grander cosmic structures in some



Sarah 13:35

way, a distant echo, perhaps a reminder that we're all part of this big experiment. You know,

this is grand experiment in self governance, and

J John 13:43

each of us has a role to play exactly. It's humbling, when you think about it like that, to see ourselves as part of this vast cosmic order and

S Sarah 13:50

incredibly inspiring our journey even those small acts of kindness, seeking knowledge, it all has meaning repercussions that go way beyond what we can even grasp absolutely

J John 14:00

we've covered so much ground in this deep dive. I mean, we went from the amazing architecture of Jerusalem to the inner workings of a celestial government, we really did.

S Sarah 14:09

And we explored how the Urantia Book sees the afterlife, those compassionate provisions like that probation nursery we talked about, and those fascinating beings like the material sons and daughters bridging the gap between the spiritual and the material,

J John 14:23

and the Melchizedek schools, who knew you could get schooled in democracy by beings who make Aristotle look like he's just starting out right.

S Sarah 14:31

The Urantia Book really challenges us to think differently about spirituality. It's not just about doctrines. It's about seeing how everything connects this incredible unity behind all the diversity we see in the cosmos, a lot to take in it is but in a good way, it's a journey, and like any good journey, it leaves us with more questions than when we started. And

J John 14:52

that's what a good deep dive should do. So everyone listening, we'll leave you with this. The Urantia Book suggests. Cooperation, wisdom, compassion, those are the guiding principles of the universe. So how can that knowledge change your approach, how you live your life, interact with others, how you see your place in this vast cosmic tapestry? Something to



Sarah 15:13

think about, isn't it? It might lead to some unexpected insights, a deeper understanding of your own unique purpose.



John 15:18

Until next time, keep exploring. Keep asking those questions, keep diving deep.