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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John

J John 00:00
Hey everyone, and welcome back. Ready for another deep dive

S Sarah 00:02
always. What are we tackling today?

J John 00:05
Well, today we're looking at the seven epochs of human advancement from the Urantia Book, you know it. We're talking about the big picture here,

S Sarah 00:13
how a planet, any planet, really goes from well, from basic survival to something truly remarkable. And

J John 00:20
of course, where our little world, Urantia, fits into all of this,

S Sarah 00:24
which, as always, is the most interesting question, isn't it, right?

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J John 00:28

So should we just jump right in? Let's dive in. Okay, Apoc, one primitive man picture, if you will, a world where it's all about survival. Humans

S Sarah 00:38

are just starting to figure things out. It's a long, hard road, and on some planets even longer and harder than others, honestly. And

J John 00:45

get this in the Urantia Book, it talks about these giant, intelligent birds, birds. Yeah, like giant birds used for transportation?

S Sarah 00:52

Oh, wow. Like people riding on birds, exactly. Can

J John 00:55

you imagine hitching a ride on a bird big enough to carry you for hundreds of miles? Talk about your eco friendly travel options. That's

S Sarah 01:03

wild. I mean, it really gives you a sense of how different things were back then. But even in this wild time, something important is developing. What's that moral will? That's the key. It's the foundation for everything that comes next. You see, without moral will, there can't be spiritual growth, not really.

J John 01:21

So even amidst all the chaos and survival instincts of epoch one, there's this spark of something deeper. Yes,

S Sarah 01:28

that's a great way to put it, a spark. It's like the universe is waiting for that spark of conscious choice before it can truly engage with us. It's fascinating.

J John 01:36

That is fascinating. Okay, so we've got this spark. Humanity is starting to make those first tentative steps toward moral development. What happens next? How does a planet and a planet's people move beyond this primitive state? That's where

S Sarah 01:51

EPEC two comes in, post planetary Prince man. This is where things start to get really interesting. It's like a spiritual dawn. A spiritual Dawn, okay, I like the sound of that. It marks a turning point. We start to see advancements in society, the development of more complex systems of government, and the emergence of more sophisticated religions and philosophies. It's a time of incredible growth and change. It

J John 02:14

kind of makes you wonder, though, I mean, looking around at the world today, with all its complexities, are we seeing remnants of epoch two still playing out, even now on Urantia. Ooh,

S Sarah 02:24

that's an astute observation. The echoes of those early epochs can definitely linger, influencing how we interact with the world and with each other. But let's move on to epoch three.

J John 02:34

Okay, epoch three, what do we got? Post Adamic man, here we go, Adam and Eve, right? I knew you were gonna say

S Sarah 02:41

that, but this isn't the Sunday School version you might be thinking of. We're talking about a material son and daughter. Their mission, their purpose, is to guide humanity toward a more settled way of life.

J John 02:52

Okay, so less about forbidden fruit, and more about building a sustainable future. Exactly,

S Sarah 02:56

agriculture technology. These are the hallmarks of epoch three. And here's where it gets even more interesting. Their offspring, carrying the special Adamic life plasm, gradually elevate the human race over generations. So it's

J John 03:10
not an instantaneous transformation, but a subtle, gradual process. Exactly,

S Sarah 03:13
speaking of advancement, though, let's talk about epoch four. Shall we? Let's

J John 03:18
do it. What wonders await us in epoch four.

S Sarah 03:20
Epoch four, post magisterial Sun man. Now this is where we start to see the emergence of a truly advanced society. Think utopia, utopia.

J John 03:31
Okay, now we're talking Paint me a Picture. What does Utopia look like on a planetary scale?

S Sarah 03:36
Well, imagine a single, unified race, no more conflict, no more division, just peace and harmony. They've achieved a level of intellectual and ethical development that's well, it's off the charts. Technology has advanced so far that it's actually used to free up time for intellectual and spiritual pursuits. Wait. So

J John 03:53
instead of technology being a distraction, it's actually used to enhance their lives.

S Sarah 03:57
Exactly. Imagine everyone has the resources and the leisure to dedicate themselves to learning, to creativity, to self improvement. Can you imagine what they could accomplish? Wow,

J John 04:09
just trying to wrap my mind around that. It's almost unfathomable. You know, it really makes you wonder, doesn't it, what would you do with that kind of freedom?

S Sarah 04:17
That's a question for another deep dive, isn't it. You're

J John 04:19
probably right. Okay, so epoch four sounds pretty incredible, yeah, maybe even a little too good to be true. Well,

S Sarah 04:27
it is a very advanced stage of development, and it sets the stage for something even more extraordinary. But first, first comes epoch five, postole, Sun man, okay,

J John 04:38
and remind me, why is this one particularly relevant to Urantia,

S Sarah 04:42
because, as we've already touched upon, Urantia has actually already experienced the arrival of a paradise bestowal sun, right, exactly. But here's the thing, on most worlds, the arrival of a paradise bestowal Sun happens after they've reached a peak of development, like what we see in epoch four. So not

J John 04:58
to state the obvious, but. Urantia isn't exactly your typical planet, is it not exactly?

S Sarah 05:03
We've always known that, but you're right. It's an important point. Uran, she's journey, has been a bit unconventional. Let's

J John 05:09

say unconventional is one word for it. Okay, so what's the deal with these paradise bestowal sons? Anyway? What makes them so special?

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Sarah 05:17

Well, imagine a being of pure deity choosing to descend to a planet, to live and die among mortals, to

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John 05:24

experience life as we know it exactly, and their purpose

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Sarah 05:27

to establish a new and living way to uplift humanity, to offer a path towards spiritual enlightenment and connection with the Divine. It's a pretty big deal, it sounds

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John 05:37

like it, yeah. But if Urantia received a paradise bestowal son before it was really ready. Does that mean his arrival was premature? Yeah, I guess that's what I'm asking.

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Sarah 05:47

Well, it's a question that has intrigued Urantia scholars for centuries, hasn't it, and while the Urantia Book doesn't offer a definitive answer, it does shed light on the impact of a bestowal son's arrival, and what would that be transformation the arrival of a paradise bestowal son, like Jesus, is a cosmic event charged with spiritual energy. It creates a ripple effect that's felt throughout the planet and its inhabitants, enhancing their capacity for growth and understanding. So

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John 06:13

even if Urantia was still figuring things out, Jesus's arrival still had a profound impact. Absolutely.

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Sarah 06:19

Think about it. It was after his resurrection that the Spirit of Truth was poured out upon the world, leading to the universal bestowal of thought. Adjusters on Urantia. It marked a turning point in human spiritual evolution. Okay, I'm



John 06:32

starting to get it so even if we're not following the standard order of epochs, the core principles still apply



Sarah 06:39

precisely. The journey might look different, but the destination, the ultimate goal, remains the same.



John 06:45

And what is that goal? What are we striving towards? Epoch seven?



Sarah 06:50

Post teacher, Sun man,



John 06:51

okay, Lay it on me. What's so special about epoch seven? Imagine a world where



Sarah 06:55

conflict is a distant memory, where disease and poverty have been eradicated, where the average lifespan is closer to 500 years. 500



John 07:03

years. I mean, I'm all for a longer life, but that's a long time. What are people doing with all that extra time?



Sarah 07:10

It's not just about living longer. It's about what they're doing with those years. It's a time of extraordinary peace, understanding and cosmic awareness. It's during this time that the Trinity teacher sons arrive the Trinity, teacher sons. Who are they? Think of them as the ultimate cosmic professors. They arrive to guide these already advanced societies even further down the path of enlightenment, revealing the deepest truths of the universe. Wow,



John 07:34

J John 07:34
that sounds intense, but if these planets are already pretty much paradise, what else is there to learn?

S Sarah 07:40
That's the beauty of it. The journey of spiritual growth is infinite. There's always more to discover, more to understand. Okay, so

J John 07:47
we've traveled from epoch one to epoch seven, but I have a feeling Urantia still has a long way to go. Well,

S Sarah 07:53
Urantia is epoch six has been, shall we say, a bit more eventful than we see on most worlds. A

J John 07:58
bit that feels like an understatement. We've got conflict, division, inequality, environmental destruction. Then the list goes on and on, true,

S Sarah 08:05
but it's not entirely unexpected. The Urantia Book tells us that achieving true social brotherhood, the kind that marks a world progressing through epoch six, it requires some serious transformations,

J John 08:17
transformations like what, what needs to change? Well, for starters,

S Sarah 08:21
the Urantia Book stresses the importance of social fraternity. What does that even mean? Social fraternity? It's about fostering deeper connections between people, breaking down barriers of prejudice and division. Think, increased international and interracial interactions. You know, travel, commerce, cultural exchange, even

J John 08:41

so, more understanding and less us versus them exactly.

S Sarah 08:44

It also talks about the need for a common language, something that can help to bridge cultural divides and foster greater understanding and cooperation. Okay, what else? What

J John 08:52

other transformations are needed? Intellectual cross fertilization.

S Sarah 08:55

It's not enough to simply coexist. We need to engage with each other intellectually, to share ideas, challenge assumptions, and expand our understanding of the world and ourselves, so no more echo chambers. Precisely. Then there's the importance of an ethical awakening. Ethical

J John 09:12

awakening sounds intense. What does that entail? It's about

S Sarah 09:16

cultivating compassion, empathy, putting the Golden Rule into practice, treat others as

J John 09:22

you would want to be treated. That's a tall order these days. Anything else, don't

S Sarah 09:26

forget about political wisdom. Oh, boy, don't get me started on politics, no. But seriously, it's not just about having savvy politicians, although that would be nice. It's about population that's emotionally mature and capable of making responsible choices that prioritize the greater good of humanity. Okay, so

J John 09:42

it sounds as we've got a lot of work to do if we want to get Urantia on track for epoch seven was the last one spiritual something spiritual insight, cultivating a deeper understanding of ourselves as spiritual beings. That's crucial. So it's like

- S** Sarah 09:57
this multifaceted approach to Planet. Very evolution, you've got the social, the intellectual, the ethical and the spiritual all woven together exactly.
- J** John 10:05
It's about recognizing our interconnectedness, both with each other and with the divine. It's
- S** Sarah 10:10
a beautiful vision, I'll grant you that. But is it really achievable? I mean, can we really transform Urantia into the kind of Utopia described in the Urantia Book, or is that just a pipe dream?
- J** John 10:21
Well, the Urantia Book seems to suggest that it is possible, but it's going to take a concerted effort. We can't just sit back and wait for it to happen. We have to actively participate in the transformation. So what you're saying is we can't just rely on divine intervention. We have to take responsibility for our own evolution.
- S** Sarah 10:40
Exactly. It's a partnership, a cosmic dance, if you will. The Divine is there to guide and support us, but we have to be willing to take the steps to do the work that
- J** John 10:50
actually reminds me, we've talked about the arrival of a paradise bestowal son like Jesus, but what about his promised return? Well, that happened before or after Urantia achieves epoch seven. Does the Urantia Book say anything about that? That's
- S** Sarah 11:03
a great question, and well, the Urantia Book doesn't really give us a definitive answer on that. One of
- J** John 11:09
course not leave it to the Urantia Book to keep us guessing. It's true, but

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Sarah 11:13

it does speak to the unique nature of Urantia journey. Remember, you've already experienced something that most planets don't encounter until much later in their development. Right?

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John 11:20

We've been doing things a bit out of order, haven't we, which I guess makes it all the more interesting, but it does make you wonder if even reaching epoch seven, this state of near perfection, if that's not the end, then what is, what's the ultimate goal? Where does it all lead?

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Sarah 11:36

That's the million dollar question, isn't it? And you know, in a way, I think that's part of the beauty of the Urantia Book, it doesn't necessarily give us all the answers. It gives

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John 11:44

us more questions. Isn't that always the way it's true,

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Sarah 11:47

but it does something else. It opens our minds to possibilities. It invites us to explore, to ponder those mysteries that lie beyond our current understanding,

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John 11:57

and maybe, just maybe, to find our own answers along the way Exactly.

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Sarah 12:01

So while we may not know exactly what the future holds for Urantia, we can take comfort in knowing that we're not alone on this journey. We have each other, we have the guidance of the Divine, and we have the wisdom embedded within the Urantia Book to light our way beautifully.

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John 12:16

Said, Well, folks, it looks like we've reached the end of another deep dive. But remember, the exploration doesn't end here. In fact, it's just beginning. So keep those minds curious, keep asking those big questions, and, most importantly, keep seeking those truths that resonate deeply within your own soul. And



Sarah 12:34

don't forget to join us next time for another fascinating exploration into the pages of the Urantia Book.



John 12:39

Until then, happy exploring.