

Part 1, Paper 6, The Eternal Son, Divine Counselor

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SPEAKERS

John, Sarah

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Sarah 00:00

All right, ready for a deep dive? Always today, it's the urentia book, specifically paper six, the eternal sun.
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John 00:07

Ooh, diving right into the deep end with this one, right,
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Sarah 00:10

trying to unpack the nature of God's Son. Now, I know what you might be thinking, fire and brimstone, exactly, but this text, it's different. How? So it's less about dogma, more like, here's a mind blowing model of reality. What do you make of it?
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John 00:24

I like that, inviting us to engage, not just accept blindly, right?
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Sarah 00:29

So they start by calling the eternal Son God's first thought, which, okay, seems simple enough, but then curveball, totally the book itself says that description is a huge oversimplification,



J John 00:40
and the reason why is fascinating, it's basically acknowledging our human brains, stuck in time as they are, can't truly grasp something beyond time. Whoa,

S Sarah 00:51
so they're admitting even the book, can't fully explain this in a

J John 00:54
way. Yes, it's like we're using first thought to get the ball rolling. But don't get hung up on the timeline, because in eternity, there is no timeline. Okay,

S Sarah 01:02
so it gives you a familiar concept, and then goes, But wait, there's more to it than that, like this whole living in divine word description,

J John 01:09
it makes you realize how much power even our human words have, right? Think about it. Words inspire movements. They spark love. They can even incite chaos. Yeah, imagine a word that is the essence of a divine being

S Sarah 01:22
next level, for sure. So we're not talking about some hands off deity here, the text paints a picture of an active force in the universe, specifically its spiritual side. And that's

J John 01:33
where it veers sharply from typical creation stories. The eternal sun isn't just a one time creator, but this ongoing, sustaining force. They even use the phrase spirit gravity.

S Sarah 01:43
Spirit gravity, okay, you're gonna have to unpack that one for me. Sounds intense.

J John 01:47
Think about how the laws of physics govern the material world, right? Yeah. This is like this spiritual equivalent, the underlying force that governs the spiritual universe. The physical

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S Sarah 01:58

universe has gravity. The spiritual universe has this spirit gravity precisely? Does that mean us as spiritual beings, we're subject to some kind of cosmic laws too. The text

J John 02:10

seems to say exactly that all spirit, including ours, ultimately answers to the sun. Wow.

S Sarah 02:15

So whether we're aware of it or not, we're all connected to this spirit gravity thing. It's

J John 02:20

a pretty profound concept. It

S Sarah 02:21

really is, okay, so I've got the spirit gravity. And then the text throws in another curveball, which is, well, it describes the sun as embodying love and mercy, which, okay, pretty standard for a divine being. So far, so good. But then they compare the son's love to a mother's love, specifically contrasting it with the Father's love,

J John 02:40

yes, and that's where things get really interesting, right?

S Sarah 02:45

Like, what are they getting at?

J John 02:46

It's not that one is more loving than the other, but that they express love in different ways,

S Sarah 02:51

instead of that typical stern father loving mother dynamic, exactly,

J John 02:56
this is way more nuanced. Okay, you've

S Sarah 02:58
got my attention now. We've got this divine Word, embodying spirit gravity, expressing this motherly love. And

J John 03:06
then then it gets even wilder. The text claims the sun isn't actually all powerful.

S Sarah 03:12
Wait, what I thought divine beings were all Omni this and Omni that, right?

J John 03:15
You'd think so, wouldn't you? Yeah, but the Urantia Book throws us another curveball. It's like it's redefining power itself. How? So the son's power is specifically spiritual, not about controlling the material world. So even

S Sarah 03:28
this incredibly powerful being has limits. It's a

J John 03:31
surprising concept, and there's more more. It also says the son can't divide himself into pieces, like the father supposedly does with the adjusters. Hold

S Sarah 03:40
on, adjusters. You're gonna have to back up a bit there, right?

J John 03:42
Of course, the Urantia Book describes adjusters as fragments of the Father residing within us. A direct link direct link to what to the source of personality. So

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Sarah 03:53

there's a piece of God in my brain right now. It's a powerful concept, isn't it? It's a lot to process, but kind of amazing, too. And the fact that the son can't

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John 04:04

do that, can't fragment himself, it reveals something crucial about his nature.

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Sarah 04:09

Okay, I'm on the edge of my seat here. What

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John 04:11

does it reveal? It highlights that the eternal Son isn't about separation. He's unity, wholeness. He doesn't break himself apart. He emanates.

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Sarah 04:18

He's like this cosmic beacon, exactly, yeah, constantly radiating outwards. So that's how he influences the universe, not through separate

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John 04:27

pieces of himself, but this continuous, all encompassing flow of spirit. Beautiful concept.

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Sarah 04:33

It is okay. We've got this father who personalizes himself, these adjusters and the sun emanating this spirit gravity. How does that impact us down here? What are we supposed to do with this information?

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John 04:46

That's where things get really interesting. The Urantia Book is clear that simply knowing about the eternal sun isn't enough. It's not just head knowledge, right? True understanding. It comes from experience, from aligning ourselves with that universal. Spirit. So spiritual embodiment, exactly, tapping into that spirit, gravity, feeling his pull in our own

 Sarah 05:05
lives. Okay, this is blowing my mind. But how do we even start? Well, according

 John 05:10
to the text, we're not alone in this journey. There are other celestial beings, guides and mentors, who help us connect with the divine.

 Sarah 05:18
Okay, now we're talking tell me more about these cosmic companions. The

 John 05:21
Urantia Book calls them paradise suns. Paradise suns, yeah, and get this, they come from the central dwelling place of God, Paradise.

 Sarah 05:29
Okay, so straight from the source. What do these paradise suns? Do

 John 05:33
they choose to leave that perfect existence they

 Sarah 05:37
what? Why would they do

 John 05:38
that? To incarnate into evolving world like ours.

 Sarah 05:41
You're saying these incredibly powerful beings, they choose to come to a place like Earth, like ours. Yeah. What's the catch?





John 05:47

No. Catch. Pure service. They take on the limitations of a material existence, you know, experiencing life as we do, hold on



Sarah 05:54

so they go from this perfect existence to dealing with traffic and taxes. That's wild.



John 06:00

Imagine a being of pure light choosing to walk in shadow. Okay,



Sarah 06:04

that's a powerful image, but why? Why would they do that? The text says it's



John 06:08

the ultimate act of love and empathy. Really, by experiencing life firsthand, they gain a deeper understanding, understanding of our struggles, our triumphs. So



Sarah 06:18

it's not just observing from a distance. They're down here in the thick of it with us exactly,



John 06:22

walked in our shoes, felt our joys, our sorrows, and through their lives. They show us, show us what, what it means to embody the divine spirit. Okay, I'm



Sarah 06:33

starting to see how this all ties together. So these paradise suns are like bringing that spirit gravity right to our doorstep. You could



John 06:41

say that their presence helps us connect with the eternal sun on a deeper level, deeper



Sarah 06:46

than we could on our own, exactly like having a direct line

J John 06:50

in a way, yes, but instead of a phone call, it's a being who's chosen to walk beside us, wow.

S Sarah 06:57

Okay, that's a lot to take in, but we can't forget about the Infinite Spirit, right? The Infinite Spirit seem like a whole other entity altogether. They

J John 07:06

are. Remember how we were talking about the father being the source of personality and the son being this unified spirit? Yeah, the Infinite Spirit emanates from both of them,

S Sarah 07:14

so they're like the offspring of this ultimate power couple.

J John 07:19

It's not a traditional family, right, of course, but the text describes the Infinite Spirit as this boundless creative force. They permeate all of reality, and they're responsible for our minds.

S Sarah 07:30

Wait. Hold on. I thought the Father gave us our personality. He does. So what's the infinite Spirit's role? Then think

J John 07:37

of it like this. The Infinite Spirit provides the canvas, the raw potential for thought, the Father, He provides the breaststrokes, the personality. Okay, so the Infinite

S Sarah 07:49

Spirit is like the potential, and the Father is the realization of that potential. That's one way to think about it. So we've got this incredible interplay between personality, spirit, mind, it's a lot. Where did W E fit into all of this? I mean, we're down here with our finite, little minds trying to grasp these infinite concepts. And



John 08:10

yet the text says we're not just passive bystanders. We're not we have an active role to play in our spiritual evolution. Okay, now you've got my attention again. How? So remember how we talked about the father's adjusters residing within us,



Sarah 08:21

right? Those little pieces of the source hanging out in our brains, exactly. We each have a piece of that source within us. So it's like we're carrying around a piece of the Divine, a divine spark.



John 08:31

And just like those paradise suns chose to descend to the material world, we we have the opportunity to to ascend towards the spiritual.



Sarah 08:39

So it's about, I don't know, fanning those flames, nurturing that spark,



John 08:44

yes, allowing it to illuminate our lives.



Sarah 08:47

I like that. It's a much more hopeful way of looking at things. But how, how do we actually do that? How do we connect with the eternal sun in a real, meaningful way? That's where the creations of the Infinite Spirit come in. Okay, the Infinite Spirit. Again, they're like the overachievers of this whole cosmic setup. What do their creations do?



John 09:04

They act as our guides, mentors, helping us bridge the gap between the material and the spiritual.



Sarah 09:10

So the Infinite Spirit provides the potential, and then their creations give us the tools, the support to actually reach that potential. Precisely



John 09:19

the Urantia Book describes a vast array of beings created by the Infinite Spirit, each



Sarah 09:25

one with a specific purpose, I'm guessing, each one with a role to play that's like a dot cosmic support system guiding us towards spiritual growth.



John 09:34

Exactly, we're not alone in this journey, which is comforting. We have these incredible beings cheering us on, offering their wisdom and guidance every step of the way. You know,



Sarah 09:43

this makes me think about all the teachers and mentors I've had. Oh yeah, the ones who helped me grow. It's like they were tapping into that same energy, even if they didn't realize it.



John 09:53

It's a beautiful way to look at it, just like your earthly mentors, these celestial beings, they meet us where we are. Are with all our flaws and hang ups our limitations and struggles, yeah, and they gently guide us toward a greater understanding of ourselves, of the universe.



Sarah 10:09

That's a nice thought. But is it all sunshine and roses? Life can be tough. Are we just supposed to meditate our problems away?



John 10:17

That's where free will comes in.



Sarah 10:18

Oh, right. Free will. Forgot about that one.



John 10:21

The Urantia Book is clear that we have a choice. a choice about about how we engage with all

The Urantia Book is clear that we have a choice, a choice about how we engage with all of this. Yeah, we can choose to ignore that spark, or we can

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Sarah 10:29

nurture it so we're not just puppets on a string. We have actual agency in our spiritual development. Absolutely,

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John 10:36

we have the power to choose our direction, to shape our own spiritual destiny. That's a lot of responsibility, it is, but it's also incredibly empowering, don't you think? I

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Sarah 10:47

suppose it is. It's just a lot to wrap my head around. Okay, so we've talked about these paradise suns coming to earth, the Infinite Spirit and their creations guiding us. But the Urantia Book doesn't stop there. Oh no, it doesn't. There are Seraphim, cherubim, mighty messengers. It's a whole cast of celestial characters. What's the deal with all of them?

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John 11:07

It's like they took the concept of angels and said, Hold my cosmic latte. We're going bigger, right?

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Sarah 11:11

And it's not just about adding more beings. It's like each one has a specific job, you know, a role to play exactly.

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John 11:16

And those roles often go way beyond our traditional ideas about angels. That's how so well, for example, some are described as the celestial artisans shaping beauty and harmony throughout the universe. Celestial

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Sarah 11:28

artisans, so like cosmic interior decorators, but like on a universal scale, more like

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John 11:34

cosmic architects, really. The text suggests they're involved in everything, the formation of

cosmic architects, really. The text suggests they're involved in everything, the formation of galaxies, the balance of ecosystems. Wow. So they're like the ultimate artists, the ultimate expression of creativity and order. Okay,

It all matters. It all contributes to the overall balance.

 Sarah 12:45
Wow, that's a lot of responsibility. It

 John 12:48
is, but also incredible potential. Imagine if we all consciously chose

 Sarah 12:55
to do good, to align ourselves with what did you call it? The Universal good, exactly, to amplify the positive, not just think it, but live it.

 John 13:03
That's what the Urantia Book ultimately calls us to do, recognize the spark within and let it shine,

 Sarah 13:09
participate in this cosmic dance, as you said earlier, with open hearts, open minds, and that journey. That's how we understand the eternal sun, isn't it? Not just reading about it, living it, embodying it. And the best part, we're not alone on that journey. We've got these incredible beings cheering us on,

 John 13:24
guiding us, supporting us every step of the way. It's really quite humbling, when

 Sarah 13:29
you think about it, it is

 John 13:30
and inspiring. We may not have all the answers, and the mysteries of the universe will likely always be unfolding, yeah, but we can approach this journey with a sense of wonder, curiosity,

 Sarah 13:31
It's a journey, and it's a journey that we're all on together.

 Sarah 13:43

open hearts, like you said, Exactly so to our listeners, keep exploring the Urantia Book, keep asking those big questions, and keep looking for those little everyday miracles, the ones that remind us of just how interconnected everything is.

 John 13:57

And never underestimate the power of your own journey, the

 Sarah 14:00

impact you have simply by choosing to be a force for good in the world. Well said, this deep dive, it's been incredible, and we can't wait to embark on the next one with you all until then, keep exploring, keep questioning and keep reaching for those stars. See you next time.