

Part 3, Paper 63, The First Human Family, Life Carrier

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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John



John 00:00

Okay, so are you ready to do this? Are you ready to dive into like, the origins of humanity? Who



Sarah 00:05

always ready? Let's do it. Okay,



John 00:06

because today, we are diving deep into the adori of andon and Fanta, the first human family, as told by the Urantia Book. Ever wonder what it was like for the very first humans? Like? What were they like, what did they do?



Sarah 00:21

I think that is something that is inherently interesting to everybody, right? Where did we come from? What were those first people? Like? Yeah. And what's interesting, I think, is what the Urantia Book describes about these very first humans is they were not like just primitive beings with survival instincts. They have this thing in them called human perfection, hunger. It's so interesting. It's like this drive inside of you to seek something beyond, to always want something more, even if you don't know what more is. That's such a good point. It makes you think about like all of us have that, right, right? Like there's something in us that wants more, yeah, but to think that they were the very first ones to experience this thing called human perfection, hunger, and the names that were bestowed on them by celestial beings, I think, are very telling. Oh, yeah

 John 01:05
for sure.

 Sarah 01:06
So andon means the first father like creature to exhibit human perfection, hunger. And Fanta means the first sunlike creature to exhibit human perfection, hunger.

 John 01:17
So right there we have this implication that there was something different about them, yeah, than even their parents. This wasn't just like evolution at work in the traditional sense. There was something else going on here,

 Sarah 01:29
almost like they were chosen, you know, right? Or they were destined for something, and that they knew it on some level, and they even chose names for themselves. So and Don was Santan, which means loved by Father and Fanta was Santa, meaning loved by mother, which I just think is so sweet that just speaks to their bond and the fact that there was something really unique going on, right, like

 John 01:50
a level of awareness exactly that their primate ancestors didn't have exactly.

 Sarah 01:55
And this yearning, I think, this hunger, this drive, is ultimately what led them to break away from the tribe, yeah? And it took a lot of courage to do, oh, absolutely. They were venturing into the unknown, driven by a force that they didn't totally comprehend, but they knew they needed to

 John 02:10
go totally leap of faith, absolutely. And the Urantia Book really talks about how they use the Mun to light their way, you know, yeah, fearing the night, but finding a haven, right? Yeah, a safe place, yeah, but it wasn't just about the physical distance. It was about breaking free from the limitations of what they knew of their past. Right? It was a new chapter, absolutely.



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Sarah 02:28

And this new chapter led them to, I think, what is probably the biggest discovery you could possibly imagine at that point, right, the discovery of fire. Oh, man. And they were the first, yeah, imagine the impact of that moment. I

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John 02:44

know. It just gives me chills. It's like, I mean, we take fire for granted, I know, right, but for them to be the first ones and to harness that power Absolutely, wow. Imagine

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Sarah 02:54

that first man made flame, you know, not only illuminating the world around them, but like all of humanity, right? Totally.

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John 03:01

And they struggled. They struggled to get it two months, two months to create that first spark.

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Sarah 03:07

Yeah? The Urantia Book really emphasizes this point, because we would be like, you know, couple of days, forget about it. Oh, yeah, totally, wait for lightning to strike, right? Exactly. But they didn't. They had this drive, and this is really where I think fantas intelligence really shines through, yeah, you know, and gronton was strong. He made the flint tipped club to protect them on their journey. Yeah, Fanta, though, is the one that figures out how to start the fire. She uses a bird's nest as tinder. And to me, that shows this incredible observation of nature and the ability to apply it

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John 03:43

totally such a good point. Talk about an aha moment for the ages. I mean, with that one fire, right? Everything changes. Everything changes. They go from being at the mercy of everything to having warmth and protection and a tool to shape their world.

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Sarah 03:58

Absolutely a pivotal turning point, a total pivotal

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John 04:01

turning point, and it's with this mastery of fire that their family begins. Yeah,

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Sarah 04:06

their first child was sontad, sontad, and then came 18 more, oh my gosh. And then a multitude of grandchildren, 19

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John 04:14

kids. Wow, that's a lot. That's a lot of kids, lot of mouths to feed. But that's also, I mean, it's fascinating, because the book talks about how they started to wrap their newborns in protective coverings, yeah, which is so interesting. It is, isn't it? Yeah, because it's like these uniquely human behaviors are starting to emerge, right, right?

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Sarah 04:33

Nurturing a family unit, taking care of their kids. It's really interesting, yeah.

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John 04:37

And they describe their dwellings as semi cave structures interconnected by hallways, yeah,

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Sarah 04:43

highlighting their developing sense of community and this kind of ingenuity with architecture. Yeah, it's a far cry from the, you know, lone wolf lifestyle of their primate ancestors. Yeah,

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John 04:54

totally. So they went from that to this. They're building something like this. Is the found. Creation of human civilization, this family, this clan, coming together,

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Sarah 05:03

and tragically, their time together is cut short. Oh, no. What happened? So nature can be a giver, but it can also be cruel, right? And the Urantia Book tells us that and on and Fonta both died in an earthquake. Wow,

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John 05:17

yeah. What a tragic end to such an incredible life. But their son, Santa, despite being severely injured himself, right? Took on the leadership role. Yeah, he took up the mantle. It's amazing. I mean, can you imagine having

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Sarah 05:30

to step into your parents' shoes,

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John 05:32

not only that, but like, after a devastating loss like that, absolutely, and then to have to lead this fledgling clan talk about trial by fire, right?

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Sarah 05:41

Absolutely. And that's where we really see the andonic legacy unfold. Okay, so

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John 05:45

let's get into that. So we've got this whole like, thriving clan now, right, being led by sontad, right, and carrying on this like torch that andon and Fonta started, right? What were these early humans like? Like, if we could go back in time and see them, would we even recognize ourselves in them?

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Sarah 06:03

It's so interesting to think about right? No, it's so cool. And thankfully, the Urantia Book actually gives us quite a bit of detailed description of their appearance. Oh, really, yeah. So like they had dark eyes, swarthy complexions, a kind of mix of yellow and red, okay? And very little body hair. So the book actually says that if you were to look at them, they would resemble more like a modern day Eskimo than any other ethnic group alive today. Huh,

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John 06:29

interesting. Okay, so that's what they look at. But what about like their society, right? Do they have their own culture, their own beliefs, even their own language at this point? Yeah, yeah.

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Sarah 06:40

So their language, very much like their tools and their social structures, was always in this constant state of evolution. Makes sense, because they're learning so much about the world, right, right? Exactly. So imagine these new words that they're having to come up with for these discoveries, oh yeah, for their inventions, for all these things that are happening as they are going about their lives.



John 07:04

It's really cool to think about, because it's like every word we speak and every every concept that we're wrestling with, absolutely it all goes back to them, in a way, it



Sarah 07:14

does. It goes back to those very first attempts to put language to their experience. I love that. And



John 07:20

you know, speaking of experience, their belief system at this time was still really rooted in nature, absolutely,



Sarah 07:26

right? They lived in a world where they were at the mercy of the elements. Totally, you know, they couldn't control the weather. They couldn't control the changing seasons. So these things, you know, thunder, lightning, storms, these were more than just weather patterns to them, right? These were powerful forces that inspired a lot of awe and a lot of fear. Yeah, totally. And you can even see this in how they related to the animal kingdom too. Well, yeah.



John 07:53

I mean, they relied on animals for survival, right? Absolutely. So it makes sense that they would have this like reverence for them.



Sarah 07:59

Their lives literally depended upon the success of their hunts. Yeah, exactly. So they developed all these elaborate ceremonies, these rituals that involved things like animal sacrifice as a way to kind of appease these forces, right, to ensure a good hunt, to maintain balance and order in the world, yeah? Because



John 08:20

if they don't have a good Hun, right, then they don't eat exactly, and they don't have clothing. So



Sarah 08:25

you can see how to them these things were of the utmost importance, you know,

J John 08:29

yeah, totally. It really puts things into perspective, yeah, I think for us, you know, we get so caught up in our own little worlds and our own dramas, our own daily struggle, yeah, that we forget about that connection, you know, that's right, that the andonites had to something much bigger than themselves, absolutely,

S Sarah 08:46

that sense of wonder and awe, yeah, but I'm curious,

J John 08:49

they were also described as having this really strong sense of community, right?

S Sarah 08:53

Their clan was everything to them. They were fiercely loyal to their families. They were incredibly protective of their children. They would, you know, go to great lengths to support their comrades. I love that, yeah. And in fact, you know, the Urantia Book even tells stories about how they would risk their lives to rescue their comrades that had fallen in battle fighting other tribes. Oh,

J John 09:13

wow. Okay, so they had this sense of loyalty, of camaraderie. That's really cool. But how do you go from being a unified clan to battling rival tribes, right? Weren't they all like descendants of andon and Fanta, like, how does that even work?

S Sarah 09:30

Well, you see, you've just hit on, I think, a recurring theme, oh no, that we see throughout all of human history. Oh, even the strongest bonds of kinship can be tested when populations grow and when resources become scarce, oh,

J John 09:42

the age old, struggle for power and resources, right? Some things never change. It's true. So how did these conflicts even come about? Did they just all wake up one day and be like, All right, let's fight over this last mammoth stake. I

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Sarah 09:55

mean, I'm sure it didn't happen overnight, right? It was probably very gradual, right? Just little disagree. Agreements and misunderstandings that probably over time, just escalated, right, right? And you have to remember, as the numbers grew, the andonites started to spread out geographically. Yeah, that makes sense, establishing new settlements, coming into contact with other clans, maybe even some that weren't direct descendants, and what started as like small territorial disputes over hunting grounds or who got what resources probably eventually escalated into these larger conflicts. It's

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John 10:28

such a classic tale. It is, you know, like miscommunication and then the fear of scarcity, right? And then, oh, we have to have power and all this. It's like it's still happening today, still happening today. But in this case, it's even more tragic, because it's their own kin that they're now turning against.

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Sarah 10:45

It is and you wonder, did they recognize that at all right?

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John 10:48

Like, did they ever have those moments where they're like, oh my gosh, this is like, this is not good. Like, look

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Sarah 10:54

what we're doing. We're fracturing what andon and Fanta created, right?

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John 10:58

Exactly? Yeah, exactly do we know? Like, does the book even touch on that at all? You know, the

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Sarah 11:04

Urantia Book doesn't really go into detail about their kind of emotional states, okay, but it does highlight the efforts of a leader named onager. Onager who emerges during this time, during this really tumultuous time, okay? And he wanted to unify the warring andonite tribes good for him, but not through force. He wanted to unify them through their belief system. So he taught that there was a single deity, a single deity that he called the breath giver to men and animals on



John 11:33

agar, the peacemaker. But this is kind of a big deal, right? Because they went from worshipping all these different animal gods and forces of nature to now, there's



Sarah 11:42

one to now, this one unifying force above all else. Okay, so



John 11:47

this is huge. This is a major turning point in their like spiritual evolution itself. This is a major shift. So onager comes along, right, and he's like, Hey everybody, what if, instead of all this fighting, right? He just believed in one deity, yeah, the breath giver to men and animals, right? And it's



Sarah 12:05

interesting too, because he didn't try to, like, force this belief on people. He actually established, like, a center called Oban, and he sent out missionaries from the center to try to spread his teachings,



John 12:18

get out missionaries. That's like organized



Sarah 12:22

religion, like, hey, wait a minute. Yeah, this is, this is early. It's fascinating,



John 12:27

though, because it shows this understanding that you don't have to force belief on people. You can plant a seed and let it grow. You know? It



Sarah 12:37

speaks to the power of education, right? Yeah, sharing these ideas and letting people kind of like, come to them on their own. And it wasn't



John 12:44



John 12:44

just about, like, the spiritual stuff, right? He was also really practical, like, he was like, okay, all this infighting is really messing things up.



Sarah 12:51

Yeah. He wanted to create an efficient government that makes sense. He wanted to unite these clans and give them a common purpose. And for a while it worked, like they had a golden age, right? Yeah.



John 13:02

But then what happened?



Sarah 13:04

Well, you know, I hate to say it, but I think this is another one of those examples of how, even when things are going well, yeah, we as humans tend to mess it up. Oh, man.



John 13:15

So the Golden Age didn't last. It didn't



Sarah 13:18

which is kind of sad, but it makes you wonder, is that just part of our nature?



John 13:22

I know it's like we strive for unity, and then we're like, Yeah, let's go back to dividing ourselves. I



Sarah 13:27

know. But it also makes you appreciate those individuals, like on agar, that really try to, like, you know, right?



John 13:33

Lift everybody up. You know, it's like they're trying to get us to evolve. They are, yeah, yeah. Speaking of evolving, we have to go back to andon and Fontaine? Well, we do, because remember, their journey doesn't end with their earthly lives, right?

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Sarah 13:45

Like we've talked about this with other deep dives, death is not the end, it's just a new beginning. And the Urantia Book tells us that they continued to like progress even after death, they even achieved citizenship on Jerusalem. Wait, hold

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John 13:59

on, Jerusalem. What is that?

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Sarah 14:01

Okay, so Jerusalem is this world, and it is described as being just this exquisite place of beauty. It's a higher realm of learning, cool, and it's within our local system of planets. So

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John 14:13

they ascended to this higher realm, they

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Sarah 14:15

did. But I think the point is they didn't just stop learning, right, right?

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John 14:18

They still had that human perfection, hunger, yeah,

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Sarah 14:22

it transcended even death.

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John 14:23

I love it Isn't that wild. But wait, it gets even crazier, doesn't it?

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Sarah 14:27

Oh yeah, this is the best part. Okay, spill the tea. Okay, so are you ready for this? I'm ready. The Urantia Book tells us that even as they were going about their afterlife, andon and Fanta remained aware of humanity's progress on earth. No way

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J John 14:43

so they could still see us. They're like these cosmic guardians just watching over us.

S Sarah 14:48

It's kind of a mind blowing concept, very cool. I mean, imagine being able to witness everything right from like, you know, the joys of our triumphs to the sorrows of our mistakes. They saw it all.

J John 14:59

They. Like they're rooting for us. They're like our own personal cheer squad, but they also feel our pain too. Yeah, you see it all. It's like bittersweet. It's beautiful, but it's also kind of sad, because they know, you know, yeah,

S Sarah 15:11

and imagine what that would be like for them to be so connected to us, to have this love for this civilization that they helped create, yeah,

J John 15:19

and for us, I don't know, I find it really comforting, like knowing that even when we mess up, right, they're still there. Yeah, there's

S Sarah 15:28

something really beautiful about that. I

J John 15:29

think there is I love that the Urantia Book gives us this unique perspective. It's not just a dry history lesson, yeah, it's a story about love and ingenuity and this like yearning for something more. And it makes you wonder if our very first ancestors were capable of all of that, right? What's our potential? What

S Sarah 15:51

are we capable of? Exactly? Yeah,



John 15:53

it's inspiring in a way. It's like, okay, we come from good stock. Let's not mess this up. Let's keep



Sarah 15:58

striving. Let's keep reaching for that human perfection Exactly.



John 16:01

And on that note to our listeners, I hope you enjoyed this deep dive into the world of andon and Fanta. We'll see you next time. Until then, keep exploring and keep asking those big questions you.