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SPEAKERS

Sarah, John

J John 00:00
All right, so get ready to dive into some seriously mysterious territory today. Oh

S Sarah 00:05
yeah, we're talking about a figure so shrouded in Enigma, you'll be reaching for your history books and maybe like a decoder ring or two. And

J John 00:13
you know, we love a good mystery who

S Sarah 00:14
doesn't, especially when it involves ancient texts, possible divine intervention and maybe even a few plot twists that could rewrite history as we know it. No

J John 00:23
kidding, buckle up, folks. Because today's deep dive is all about machiventa Melchizedek, a name straight out of, I don't know, some kind of celestial epic. It

S Sarah 00:33

does have a certain ring to it, doesn't it?

J John 00:35

You shared some mind blowing excerpts from the Urantia Book on this paper, 93 To be precise, and I have to say I'm hooked. But let's rewind, for those of us who might not be familiar with this story, who was this? Machiventa Melchizedek, and why should we care about a name that honestly sounds like it belongs in a fantasy novel?

S Sarah 00:53

Well, you're not wrong about the fantasy novel vibes, but this is where things get really interesting. You see, according to the Urantia Book machiventa, he wasn't just another prophet wandering the desert. Okay, then

J John 01:05

what was he? Some kind of, like ancient celebrity, think bigger.

S Sarah 01:09

Imagine a being, a divine being, who volunteers for a special mission, a kind of emergency mission to planet earth. An

J John 01:15

emergency mission. You say, sounds serious. What was the emergency? Do we forget to pay our cosmic taxes or something?

S Sarah 01:21

You see, it was around 3000 BCE and humanity. Well, let's just say we were struggling, spiritually speaking, like really struggling. The idea of one God, it's fading. People are worshiping everything under the sun, literally, trees, animals, their reflections and puddles, you name it. Sacrifices big time, but faith, a personal connection with the divine, not so much.

J John 01:46

Okay, I'm picturing something like a spiritual free for all, everyone for themselves, exactly.

S Sarah 01:50

 Sarah 01:59
It's like the world's spiritual WiFi was down and everyone was stuck in offline mode. Enter machaventa, not in a blaze of glory, not on a chariot of fire, but as a regular guy. Hold

 John 02:01
on, rewind. He's a divine being, but he shows up looking like an average Joe.

 Sarah 02:05
That's the thing he wanted to blend in. No fanfare, no trumpets, announcing his arrival. He became known as the sage of Salem. Talk about an undercover operation, Sage of sale now, where

 John 02:14
have I heard that before

 Sarah 02:15
present day, Jerusalem. That's where he set up shop, so to speak. But think about it, a divine being living among humans. Talk

 John 02:23
about walking the walk. Do we know how long he was? You know, undercover,

 Sarah 02:26
according to the Urantia Book, he lived for 94 years. 94

 John 02:30
years. That makes my attempts at blending in at a karaoke bar look like child's play, I can imagine. So, okay, he's undercover. He's trying to, I guess, set humanity straight right, tell them about the one God, the importance of faith over sacrifices. That must been a tough sell back then.

 Sarah 02:47
Oh, absolutely. It wasn't just about adding another deity to the mix. It was a complete paradigm shift, a spiritual revolution. Melchizedek was challenging the very foundation of their

belief system. It's

J John 02:59

like he walked into a room full of people convinced the Earth was flat, and he's like, Guys, I hate to break it to you, but

S Sarah 03:04

exactly. And to make things even more interesting, he starts this whole Salem religion thing. Salem religion,

J John 03:10

okay, I've heard of like, witch trials, but not a Salem religion. What was that all about? It was

S Sarah 03:17

a belief system with a single god at its center. But it wasn't just some abstract philosophy either. He laid down Seven Commandments for living, practical guidelines that, interestingly enough, echoed some of the values from those Garden of Eden stories.

J John 03:32

Okay, so he was tapping into something familiar, something that resonated with people, even if this one god idea was totally new. Exactly,

S Sarah 03:38

for example, two of those commandments emphasized the importance of knowing and worshiping God and Honoring Your Parents. Sound Advice

J John 03:46

timeless even, yeah, but still a tough sell, I imagine. Oh, definitely,

S Sarah 03:50

especially when you've got folks like Abraham on the scene. Ah,



J John 03:53

yes, Abraham, talk about a student who took his teacher's message and, well, ran with it. But wasn't he initially all about conquering lands and building empires? That's putting

S Sarah 04:05

it mildly. Ambition was practically his middle name. But that's where melchizedek's influence gets really fascinating. Okay,

J John 04:11

I'm intrigued. What happened? Do they have, like, a spiritual intervention in a way? Yes,

S Sarah 04:16

Melchizedek, he saw something different in Abraham. He saw the potential for spiritual leadership, for guiding people towards a different kind of Kingdom, not one built on conquest, but on faith,

J John 04:26

a kingdom of the soul, instead of a kingdom of well, swords and sandals exactly

S Sarah 04:31

their covenant, this agreement they made. It wasn't just about land or power. It was about an idea, the idea of one God, a concept that honestly, would eventually shape the course of Western civilization. And

J John 04:43

to think, it all started with this undercover divine being and a very ambitious guy named Abraham, wow. So we have Melchizedek, this Divine Being undercover planting the seed for a major spiritual shift. But Did everyone get the memo? Did they all just suddenly embrace. This one god idea,

S Sarah 05:01

you'd think, right, divine intervention, truth bombs a brand new religion. It's a guaranteed recipe for, I don't know, instant cosmic success. Yeah, you'd think so. But reality, well, reality has a way of, you know, adding its own plot twists. Ah, good



John 05:15

old human nature always mucking things up. But seriously, how did something so profound, so revolutionary. How did it get so muddled? Okay,



Sarah 05:23

imagine this. No printing presses, no social media, no Instagram influencers to spread the word. You've got this incredibly important message, this whole concept of one God, and it's being passed down through generations by word of mouth. Talk about a game of telephone. Exactly? Things get lost in translation, misinterpreted, tweaked to fit the narrative of the day. It's a wonder any of it survived at all. But



John 05:46

we're talking about scribes, scholars, people whose whole job was to preserve knowledge, right? But surely they understood the significance of melchizedek's message well,



Sarah 05:55

even those meticulous record keepers, they weren't immune to, let's say, a little bit of creative editing. Creative editing. The Urantia Book hints that while the Hebrew scribes, they respected Melchizedek, their main focus, their priority, was solidifying their own national and religious identity. They were all about their special covenant with God and that narrative, well, it didn't exactly leave a lot of room for a figure like Melchizedek, because he predated their whole belief system exactly. It's like trying to create the world's most exclusive club and then realizing, Oh, wait, there's this guy, this Melchizedek fellow, who was preaching the same message centuries earlier. Awkward



John 06:33

more than awkward, I bet. So they couldn't just erase him from history, so they downplayed his role.



Sarah 06:39

That's one way to put it. The Urantia Book doesn't paint it as some malicious act, more like trying to reconcile two versions of truth, one that supported their established narrative and one that, well, maybe complicated things a bit. That



John 06:52

makes sense. I guess even with the best intentions, history has a way of being rewritten, or in this case, maybe unwritten is a better word,

- S** Sarah 06:59
precisely. It makes you wonder what other pieces of the puzzle might be missing, right?
Speaking
- J** John 07:03
of missing pieces, what about melchizedek's exit? He's there guiding humanity and then poof gone. Right?
- S** Sarah 07:10
You'd think a Divine Being would at least leave a forwarding address, but no, according to the Urantia Book, he just
- J** John 07:17
vanished. Vanished. No dramatic farewell tour, no cosmic mic drop, nope.
- S** Sarah 07:22
He was gone. But here's where it gets really wild. The Urantia Book suggests that while melchizedek's physical presence was gone, his influence, Oh, it didn't exactly disappear.
- J** John 07:32
Okay, now you've got my attention. Are we talking secret societies? Yeah, hidden messages in ancient scrolls. Think bigger, way bigger. Than secret societies in hidden messages. Okay, now you have to spill it. What are we talking about here?
- S** Sarah 07:44
Well, the Urantia Book suggests that Melchizedek has been, shall we say, working behind the scenes all along,
- J** John 07:50
working behind the scenes like let pull in some cosmic strings, influencing world events from the shadows. You're

- S** Sarah 07:56
getting warmer. The Urantia Book hints that he's been inspiring prophets, guiding spiritual movements, all very subtly, very under the radar.
- J** John 08:06
Whoa, hold on. So he's like this. What divine puppet master, orchestrating things throughout history.
- S** Sarah 08:12
I wouldn't say puppet master exactly and more like a guiding hand, nudging humanity towards a greater understanding of well, everything. Okay,
- J** John 08:20
I'm intrigued, but I need more. What kind of greater understanding, and what does this have to do with Melchizedek potentially having a bigger role to play? Remember
- S** Sarah 08:28
that whole fallen planetary Prince thing we talked about caligastia Vaguely.
- J** John 08:32
Wasn't he supposed to be like Earth's spiritual guardian or something? And then he went
- S** Sarah 08:36
rogue. You got it. Caligastia was basically our planet's designated spiritual CEO, responsible for guiding humanity's evolution, but he got caught up in, shall we say, a bit of a cosmic rebellion. Bad career move, right. Understatement
- J** John 08:50
of the millennium. But you're not suggesting that Melchizedek, this divine being, might step into caligastia shoes. Are you?
- S** Sarah 08:57
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The Urantia Book definitely implies that Melchizedek might be the one to take on that mantle, to become Earth's new spiritual guide. Hold

J John 09:05

on. Talk about a promotion. But wait, wouldn't that be, I don't know, a step down from Melchizedek. He's this divine being, and he's gonna fill the role of a fallen angel. That's

S Sarah 09:14

what makes it so fascinating. It suggests that maybe, just maybe, there's a path to redemption, even on a cosmic level. Okay? Now

J John 09:22

my head is spinning. So we've got this ancient sage, Melchizedek, who might have been secretly influencing humanity for centuries, and now he's being lined up to potentially lead us into a new spiritual era.

S Sarah 09:33

That's the beauty of the Urantia Book, isn't it? It takes these figures from ancient texts and reframes them, showing us that history spirituality, our own potential, it's all far more interconnected than we might realize.

J John 09:45

It's mind blowing, and it makes you wonder, if someone like Melchizedek walked among us today, would we even recognize him?

S Sarah 09:52

Would we be open to His message, or would we just, you know, scroll past him on our phones?

J John 09:57

That's a sobering thought. Mm. Out of all the deep dives we've done, this one takes the cake for sheer What if potential big. Thanks to you, our listeners for joining us on this incredible journey through the Urantia Book. Until next time, keep those minds open and those questions coming.