

Ten Questions No Urantia Teacher Can Answer

*On the book that demoted Jesus, dissolved his body, and hid its author — a
pocket tract*

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Ten Questions

The Urantia Book is two thousand pages of majestic-sounding cosmology, published in Chicago in 1955 and presented as the direct writing of celestial beings — Divine Counselors, Melchizedeks, a "Midwayer Commission" — delivered through a human channel. It re-tells the whole story: Jesus becomes "Michael of Nebadon," ruler of one local universe among hundreds of thousands; the cross saves no one; the tomb was emptied by dissolution, not resurrection; and the Bible is a faulty human record which this book has come to supersede. Millions have found it beautiful. Beauty is not the test. Here are ten questions to put to it. Each falls on the book's own evidence — documents, laboratories, courtrooms — and then, under each, a single verse, to show that the Bible had already answered the question thousands of years before it was asked.

1. Who wrote it — and why did everyone swear to hide him?

The papers came through a sleeping man whose identity was guarded by a five-person "Contact Commission" sworn to silence. Dr. William Sadler's own history notes record the order: no human name was ever to be associated with the book — members were forbidden even to say whether the subject was alive or dead. The original handwritten manuscripts were **destroyed**. Every commissioner died without disclosing the name;

the Forum's 486 members signed a secrecy pledge. Ask the plain question: what genuine revelation has ever needed its witness erased and its evidence burned? Moses stood before Pharaoh in public. The apostles preached to crowds who could contradict them. A revelator you cannot name is a revelator you cannot test — and a claim engineered to be untestable is not humble. It is hiding. Set beside it how the real revelation answered its interrogator:

John 18:20 · Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

2. Why did the great debunker of mediums believe the medium in his own house?

William Sadler was a professional exposé of psychics. His 1929 book *The Mind at Mischief* explains, case by case, how mediums deceive and how the subconscious manufactures "revelations." Then, in an appendix, he grants one exception: "a rather peculiar case of psychic phenomena... I find myself unable to classify," dated to "the summer of 1911," observed across "probably 250 of the night sessions." The one trance the debunker certified genuine was the one meeting in his own home, producing a book his own family circle controlled, edited, and published. Every court in the world knows what to call a verdict rendered by the defendant's brother-in-law. He promised full disclosure after the subject's death. The promise was never kept. The test he should have applied was already written:

First John 4:1 · Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

3. Which sleeping man was it — and does any answer help?

Two published investigations have pierced the veil, and both find a trance-channeler. John Bunker and Karen Pressler (*Edgar Cayce and the Urantia Book*) argue the sleeper was Edgar Cayce — and they hold one striking card: Cayce was in Chicago in early 1911, giving trance readings for the *Chicago Examiner*, the very season Sadler dates his first contact. Martin Gardner (*Urantia: The Great Cult Mystery*, 1995) argues it was Wilfred Kellogg, Sadler's brother-in-law and Contact Commission custodian, and shows the book's doctrines carrying the fingerprints of Sadler's and Kellogg's own former Adventism — soul sleep, annihilationism, Jesus identified with Michael. A stylometric analysis (Cambridge University Press, 2007) finds at least nine human author-hands in the text. Now notice:

the defenders of the book must hope *neither* investigator is right — yet they cannot say who is, because their own founders burned the evidence. And whichever sleeping man it was, the answer is the same in kind: a revelation produced in trance, by a hidden human, edited by his relatives. If it was Cayce, note this above all: Cayce was a Bible-reading professing Christian who was himself *afraid* his trance gift might not be from God. Even the candidate channel doubted the channel. And Isaiah had already ruled on revelations sought from the murmuring dark:

Isaiah 8:19-20 · And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

4. Why do celestial beings copy from a Chicago library?

Matthew Block — a Urantia believer, not an enemy — spent thirty years tracing the book's sources and identified about **125 human books, all American, all in English, all published 1905–1945**, underlying some 150 of the 196 papers. Not loose echoes: whole papers tracking a source chapter by chapter (Paper 85 from a 1923 Yale book); the celebrated final paper on "The Faith of Jesus" built — about 95 percent — from two 1920s books by scholar Walter Bundy, "with the retention of many of Bundy's exact wordings." And the crown jewel: the "morontia mota," the revealed wisdom of the heavenly worlds (Paper 48), was lifted "well-nigh consecutively from the first 35 pages" of a human quotation dictionary — that is, from the letter A. Beings who claim to have crossed a hundred thousand light-years apparently did their research in a 1930s Chicago study, in English only, and stopped browsing at "Adversity." The book's narrator even concedes he "served more as a collector and editor than as an original narrator" (121:8.12) — an escape hatch that names no source and explains nothing about why omniscient beings needed Bundy. Twenty-six centuries earlier, God had already given his verdict on prophets who publish borrowed words as revelation:

Jeremiah 23:30 · Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

5. How does a revelation received in 1935 quote a book published in 1945?

The papers date themselves: Parts III–IV were complete by 1935, and the text repeatedly anchors to the year 1934 ("Andon and Fonta... 993,419 years prior to 1934"). Yet Paper

134 draws on Emery Reves' *The Anatomy of Peace* — published by Harper in **1945**. Insider diaries from the 1940s record the papers still being revised at Forum readings a decade after they were supposedly "received." There are only two possibilities: celestial beings plagiarized a book ten years before it existed, or human beings kept writing the revelation. Choose. And know what Scripture says awaits the hand that keeps adding to what God supposedly finished:

Proverbs 30:5-6 · Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

6. Why is its science exactly as wrong as 1935?

A revelation from beings who administer the physical universe should not flunk chemistry in the year of its own printing. The book declares that no atom can hold more than one hundred orbital electrons — element 101 would suffer "the instantaneous disruption of the central proton" (Paper 42). **Mendelevium, element 101, was synthesized at Berkeley in 1955** — the very year the book came off the press — and sat there stably; over twenty elements beyond 100 now exist. The book teaches Mercury keeps one face to the sun (falsified by radar in 1965 — it rotates in a 3:2 resonance). It assumes humans have 48 chromosomes (we have 46 — counted correctly in 1956). Its solar system forms by the Chamberlin–Moulton "close encounter" theory — a 1900s Chicago hypothesis already dying when the papers were written and long since abandoned. The error pattern is a perfect signature: everything a well-read Chicagoan believed in 1935 is in the book, and it is wrong in exact proportion to what was discovered afterward. Omniscience does not age. Compilations do. (The book's defenders quote its own disclaimer that its cosmology "will need revision" — which converts the revelation into something unfalsifiable, and concedes the question.) The Torah had already made failed claims the disqualifying test — and freed you from fearing the claimant:

Deuteronomy 18:22 · When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

7. Why do its angels teach the compiler's own eugenics?

The "celestial" authors command the reader's civilization to agree upon "the biologic disfellowshipping of your more markedly unfit, defective, degenerate, and antisocial stocks" (51:4.8), rank the black race as "the least progressive" of the colored races (64:6.25), and

warn against letting "the superior freely procreate with the inferior" (82:6.11). The identified human source for these sections is a 1930 anthology by the leaders of the American eugenics movement. And William Sadler had already published the same doctrines **under his own name** — *Race Decadence*, 1922. When the angels of a revelation hold the private opinions of its editor, down to the decade's fashionable pseudo-science and its cruelty, you are not reading heaven's mind. You are reading his. The God of the Bible had already spoken on the races of men, and it is the opposite of a breeding program:

Acts 17:26 · And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

8. Why did a federal jury rule that the author was a human being?

The question of who wrote the Urantia Book was actually tried, under oath, in a United States courtroom. The Ninth Circuit had already noted that copyright law protects human creativity, not "creations of divine beings." Then in *Michael Foundation v. Urantia Foundation* (Oklahoma City, June 2001, affirmed on appeal 2003), a federal jury examined the origins and found the book was the work of its anonymous human channel — whom the court soberly named "the Conduit" — and because his heirs never renewed the copyright of a book whose author had been hidden even from them, **the copyright was void**. The Foundation itself accepted the result. Sit with that: the one time the celestial-authorship claim faced cross-examination and a jury, it lost, and the book's own guardians could not save it — because the defense of the revelation would have required producing the man they had spent seventy years hiding. The jury's finding — a vision of human origin presented as heaven's — is a category God had already named:

Jeremiah 23:16 · Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

9. What did it do to the resurrection?

Now, with the book's earthly credentials in ruins, look at what it tried to take. The Urantia Book teaches that Jesus rose only as a "morontia" being while "the body of flesh... was still lying there in the sepulchre niche, undisturbed" (189:1.2) — a "discarded outer covering" — and that the tomb was found empty "not because the body of Jesus had been rehabilitated or resurrected, but because the celestial hosts had been granted their

request to afford it a special and unique dissolution" (189:2.8), by "accelerated time." It states outright that the apostles' teaching "that the material and mortal body of Jesus was raised from the grave" was "a belief which was not true" (189:2.6). The risen Jesus answered that exact theory, in person, to men who thought they were seeing a bodiless spirit:

Luke 24:39 · Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

He ate fish in front of them to prove it. He told Thomas to put a finger into the wounds (*John 20:27*). He had staked the claim in advance — "destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up... he spake of the temple of his body" (*John 2:19-21*). The Urantia Book does not soften the resurrection; it calls the apostles' eyewitness testimony false while borrowing their Lord's name. And the Bible prices that move exactly:

First Corinthians 15:17 · And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

A dissolved body saves no one. The book that dissolves it dissolves you with it.

10. Who gains when the blood is called an affront to God?

The Urantia Book's deepest cut is aimed at the cross. In its own words: "It is an affront to God to believe, hold, or teach that innocent blood must be shed in order to win his favor" (4:5.4); "Jesus did not die... to atone for the racial guilt of mortal man" (188:4.1); "The whole idea of ransom and atonement is incompatible with the concept of God as it was taught and exemplified by Jesus of Nazareth" (188:4.8). Read that last sentence twice, because it is refuted by Jesus of Nazareth, on the record, in his own voice:

Mark 10:45 · For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 26:28 · For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

A ransom. My blood, shed for the remission of sins. The Urantia Book claims the ransom idea is incompatible with Jesus' teaching — while the ransom idea *is* Jesus' teaching, in his two most solemn self-declarations, at the announcement of his death and at the table of the last supper. To sustain its claim the book must forge a different Jesus — and

it does, openly: its "Jesus" tells Nathaniel "the Scriptures are faulty and altogether human in origin" (159:4.3) and muses that Jonah may never have lived (159:4.4). The real Jesus said "the scripture cannot be broken" (*John 10:35*), staked the letters themselves (*Matthew 5:18*), and staked his own resurrection on Jonah's (*Matthew 12:40*). And the demotion beneath it all: the book makes him "the 611,121st universal concept of divinity," one Creator Son among "more than seven hundred thousand" (33:1.1; 21:1.4), ruler of a provincial universe — against the Book where "by him were all things created... and by him all things consist" (*Colossians 1:16-17*). A numbered son cannot say "before Abraham was, I am." The only begotten did.

The question behind the ten

Step back and see the shape, because you have seen it before. A revelation after the Son, delivered by claimed angels, that honors Jesus with pages of praise while removing the four load-bearing stones: his uniqueness, his blood, his body, his Book. Scripture anticipated the entire pattern in single sentences: *though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:8)*; *Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light (Second Corinthians 11:14)*; and most precisely of all —

First Timothy 4:1 · Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

A book that names spirits as its authors and denies the blood, the body, and the Book has filed itself under that verse by its own description. The Bible's final page hangs a curse over every hand that adds to or takes from the word (*Revelation 22:18-19*) — and the Urantia Book does both, two thousand pages of addition wrapped around one great subtraction: the cross.

To the reader who loves this book

One more word, and hear it as from family, because I am not an outsider throwing stones over a wall. **I was one of you.** For more than ten years I was an avid reader of the Urantia Book — I attended a study group on it in Norway, I knew the papers, I loved the vastness, and I defended it the way you may be defending it right now, a page into this tract and reaching for objections. So I know exactly why you stayed. Somewhere in those two thousand pages you met a Father vaster and kinder than the angry bookkeeper some church showed you as a child — a God of unhurried love, a universe with a place for you in it, and a Jesus you could finally adore without flinching. That hunger was not your

error. It was the truest thing about you. But I must also tell you, from the inside, what those years actually brought me — and this is the part I would spare you if I could. It was not nothing. In the years I was caught up in that book, spirits revealed themselves to me in the night — and I am not guessing at what they were; I know it for a fact: **false spirits, unclean spirits, nothing less.** The book spoke endlessly of loving celestial beings, and what actually came near in the dark was something no page had prepared me for and no soul should welcome. I lay there and understood that something was deeply wrong at the root of it all. Scripture had named the mechanism all along — *seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils* (*First Timothy 4:1*) — and an angel of light (*Second Corinthians 11:14*) is still an angel of darkness wearing borrowed clothes, exactly as the book itself is borrowed clothes. So take what this tract has shown you and follow it one step further: the pages that fed your hunger were the *borrowed* ones. The "Faith of Jesus" paper that moved you is, nearly line for line, a Christian scholar writing about the Jesus of the Gospels. The tender Father is lifted from the parables. The book's beauty is stolen light — and everything it added from itself failed in the laboratory, in the library, and in the courtroom, while everything it took away — the blood, the body, the Book — is the part that saves. What you loved is real, and it has an address. The Father you glimpsed does not wait at the top of an eons-long ladder of mansion worlds; he is the Father who saw his son "yet a great way off" and *ran*:

Luke 15:20 · And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

No climb. No circles of attainment. A gift: *by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works* (*Ephesians 2:8-9*). And salvation is no ladder because someone already came down it — took the curse (*Galatians 3:13*), paid the ransom, and rose in a body you could touch. I am not asking you to trade a big universe for a small one; I am telling you the real one is bigger, because its King is not the 611,121st of anything. And here is my witness, set against my ten Urantia years: everything the papers promised and never delivered happened *after* I came to the Bible. After — not before. I met the King himself — not a concept in a paper, the living Lord — and that meeting divided my life into before and after. He began to speak, in visions and in the quiet wrestle of surrender. I believed, and I was baptized. Ten years of the 611,121st son gave me a library; one encounter with the only begotten gave me life. What I can teach of that road, I have put into two small books: my testimony of salvation and what the new birth is, in *Born Again*; and the risen King's own first command to the believer, in *Believe and Be Baptized*. Put the Urantia Book down for thirty days, read the Gospel of John slowly as if for the first time, and ask its Jesus — the one with wounds — to show himself. He does that. Peter's question is now yours:

John 6:68 · Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Not the 611,121st son. The only begotten. Come to the original.

Isaiah 40:8 · The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

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