

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On May 18, 2014, we received the following comment and inquiry:

“A while ago I asked if the two pictures on your home page had anything to do with the Urantia Book. You have not responded to my question. Since then I Googled "Urantia Book pictures." I was taken to a Urantia Book page which included the above pictures. Will you eventually be explaining the background of this Book and its influence on you, if any.”

To the author, thank you for your email. As always, it's good to hear from you. We are sorry, but we did not receive any email from you inquiring about the pictures on our site. The last email from you was received on February 23, 2013. You can resend it if you like, but perhaps the response we provided to the other visitor, **Question and Response 5/7/14**, might address your concerns. Since you are a reader of the book yourself, you should know, without a doubt, that the Urantia Book contains no pictures or images. However, because it is in the public domain, there may be others who have created their own version or commentaries of the book with some pictures in it, just as the Watchtower Society has created their own version of the Bible and added their own pictures and commentaries. There is also a possibility that when you Goggled “Urantia Book pictures,” you were taken to pages containing pictures created by readers of the Urantia Book based on their understanding of what they read. But as you should know firsthand, The Urantia Book itself contains no pictures.

As for the pictures on our site, we think they are beautiful works of art that stir the imagination of what is possible from a God for whom nothing is impossible.

Looking straight at them, Jesus said: “With men it is impossible but not so with God, **for all things are possible with God.**” –
Mark 10:27

We personally are quite fascinated with pictures of the universe, including those published on NASA's website www.Nasa.gov [who are knowingly or unknowingly conducting a study of the Kingdom of the Heavens], or other cosmically conscious websites that include actual photographs of the universe as well as pictures that originate in the imaginations of others. Man's fascination with the heavens goes back thousands and thousands of years as is now being discovered through archeological digs around the world.

Gary Tonge, the creator of the two pictures on our site, is an extremely talented artist. You might want to visit his website: www.avisionafar.com to see his beautiful works. A few of his pictures we believe were inspired by the Urantia Book, but most of them obviously were not. And think of the beautiful scenery in recent science fiction movies like Avatar, and some of the Star Wars movies. We would not be surprised if the creators of those movies might have also been inspired by the Urantia Book. But as we said, the most fascinating part of the book is Part IV concerning the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. That would be a great movie!

You also asked: [Will you eventually be explaining the background of this Book and its influence on you, if any.](#) Our answer is no, we will not be explaining the background of the book. We have no first hand knowledge of its background, and besides, that would be too far off purpose. This ministry is concerned with the background and teachings found in the Bible. And

as we often write, we want our audience to pay more attention to the message rather than the messengers. We are not hypocritical in that view. And so with The Urantia Book, we are more interested in its content, rather than the writers of the content. We believe, across the board, that a better comprehension of the motive and intent of any writer is obtained by an examination of the contents of their writings rather than by their names, titles or places of origin.

As for its influence on us, we can tell you that the Urantia Book has enhanced our understanding and appreciation for the Bible. As we wrote you previously, we believe that before one can gain a real understanding of The Urantia Book, they have to first understand the nature and purpose of Bible. Gaining an appreciation of Jesus and the true personality of our Heavenly Father is paramount and preliminary to gaining any real benefit from The Urantia Book, and any other writing about divine spirit matters. In fact, in our opinion, it is this failure to truly understand Jesus and the Heavenly Father that causes even Bible readers to miss the beauty and understanding of true good news as taught by Jesus and recorded in the Christian Bible scriptures. And, in our opinion, it is also the reason so many people are so easily led astray by the convoluted machinations of man and his assumptions and interpretations as to what is true.

Since you are a reader of the Urantia Book yourself, you can form your own opinion. Our opinion is of little import. If you have accepted your sonship with God, then you can trust the Spirit of Truth to guide you into all truth. (**John 16:13**) If you have not, then your quest for truth will be significantly hindered and delayed because the spirit only leads the sons of God. (**Romans 8:14**)

We wish you the best in whatever path you choose, but we pray that you begin your journey as a son of God with the power of the Spirit of Truth as the wind beneath your wings.

“Elaia Luchnia”
