

The Book of Mormon and The Urantia Book

Because there is a passage in Mormonism's Book of Mormon regarding a "greater record to come" that will contain the "mysteries of the Universe", the "greater teachings of Jesus," the "more full story of Adam/Eve and the Garden of Eden," etc. (see below quote), many Urantia Book students are of the opinion the LDS Mormons may be among the first of the Christian religions to amalgamate the Urantia Papers as another revelation from God. This, because there are so many similarities between the two beliefs, such as the following:

1. LDS - teaches there will be a greater record to come that would contain "a hundred times more" than what is contained in the "lesser portion" (Book of Mormon).

UB - does contain all the expected tenets once promised in the Book of Mormon, even a hundred times more than Mormonism. Curiously, the UB is silent regarding Mormonism.

2. LDS – teaches the “three degrees of Glory” (Telestial, Terrestrial and Celestial), the life after our mortal abode. The Celestial of the Father, the Terrestrial of the Son and the Telestial of the Spirit.

UB – reveals the Paradise is composed of those who are Father-fused; Son-fused; and the Spirit-fused.

3. LDS – teaches that God has created myriads of other inhabited worlds...

UB—reveals the eventual completion of the “Grand Universe” wherein there are 7 trillion inhabited worlds.

4. LDS—some earlier authorities and some present scholars teach that God created through evolution.

UB—some worlds are of “architectural design” but most are evolved by Creative design. Such is the core teaching regarding the inception, nurturing and ascension of mankind.

5. LDS—teach that Jesus was the Creator of “heaven and earth.”

UB—the whole UB teaching is centered upon this divine Creator Father/Brother – Jesus, who created our vast universe of Nebadon; This very Jesus (Joshua ben Joseph) became one of us, and one ‘with’ us.

6. LDS –teach (in the initial days) that one Michael was the Creator of heaven and earth (later teachings ascribe “Michael” as being Adam....hence Brigham Young’s Adam/God Theory).

UB—Michael is one of many Creator-Sons of Paradise, all being the “order of Michaels.” One such, Michael, became our Universe Creator Father/Brother and was born as one of us, 2000 years ago.

7. LDS—teach Adam and Eve had much to do with the Creation of Earth and ‘life’ on earth.

UB—Adam and Eve are an order of “Material Sons and Daughters” and hail from Jerusem—the material headquarters world of our 'Local System.' Before coming to Earth, they participated in much of the design of life that was implanted here on earth (Urantia). This is why he “knew them each by name” when he arrived here. The Garden of Eden, was named after the far-distant home world of Adam and Eve called "Edentia."

8. LDS—has much to say about the mysterious matchless Melchizedek. The word Melchizedek is only used TWICE in the Bible. It is used in Mormon scripture 38 times.

UB—The word Melchizedek is mentioned 649 times in the Urantia Papers, second only to Michael/Jesus. 4000 years ago it was Melchizedek who took on an earthly form in an assignment to set our world in motion to receive the One God who had chosen Earth as his mortal birth-place among all other worlds. Melchizedek was without beginning of days or end of years. He taught Abraham well, and left as mysteriously as he came.

9. LDS--Mormons believe in the law of “tithing” – 10% of one’s income yielded to God’s material purposes.

UB—advocates Tithing (“10% of annual income or increase” UB p55) is a standard of the civilized universe.

10. LDS--The Book of Mormon teachings much regarding the “tree of life.”

UB—teaches in detail of the “tree of life” and its significance on all mortal evolutionary worlds.

11. LDS--Mormons have a teaching that we have a “Mother in heaven.”

UB—teaches of our Universe Mother from which mortals derive the many gifts of the spirit. The domain of Michael (Jesus) is named Neadon in honor of his co-creative partner, our Universe Mother.

12. LDS--The LDS church has been organized from its 1830’s inception with “twelve Apostles” and a “quorum of the Seventies” totally unlike other Christian churches and patterned after Jesus’ structuring.

UB—The 700 plus pages of the Urantia Papers display in detail the purpose and function of the twelve apostles and the “Seventy” of Jesus’ mortal career.

13. LDS--The Mormons have a “First Presidency” which are the chief apostles of the church.

UB—has very much recorded of Jesus’ selection of Peter, James and John as his 3 lead apostles.

14. LDS--Mormons teach of the “spirit world” and somewhat regarding the “mansion worlds.”

UB—there are nearly 50 detailed pages in the Urantia Papers attributed to the “mansion worlds” and the ensuing “spirit worlds” of time and space where mortals ascenders go after death.

15. LDS--Joseph Smith taught of the someday 'return of Adam and Eve' to a place in Spring Hill Missouri which he named Adam-ondi-Ahman ... the place where "Adam and the Ancients of Days shall come."

UB—Teaches very literally that Adam and Eve shall both return. And, that it was the decision of the "Ancients of Days" that absolved both from their earlier default in the Garden.

16. LDS--The Mormon church hails one of the most organized and effective woman's 'service' corps in the world—the Relief Society.

UB—One of the most contrasting points of Jesus' life as disposed in the *Urantia Papers* versus the Christian biblical account, is his inclusion of the Women's Corps as a service group to the needy and the sick. It is almost identical to the LDS Relief Society.

17. LDS--Mormons have always taught that all mortals of this world once lived in a pre-existence with God...and that man's physical abode gives him experience of meaning and value that is only available through the experience of a mortal body.

UB—all mortals of 'this earth life' (who are capable of choosing right from wrong) are gifted with a Fragment of God, which comes forth 'from Paradise' to indwell the mortal ascender. It is 'perfection' experiencing 'meanings and values' from imperfection.

18. LDS—Mormons, almost from day one starting in Kirtland, Ohio (1830's), taught the value of 'holy temples' and have built dozens of them in the ensuing years. These are different buildings from regular 'meeting houses' or 'church houses.'

UB—The *Urantia Papers* teach that one of the tenants of the Garden of Eden was "the Father's temple." The Father's Temple is discussed in the *Urantia Papers* as a main construct of all enlightened worlds of time and space.

19. LDS--A most curious part of the Christian teachings per se, as well as Mormon teaching, is regarding the "New Jerusalem" that will "come down out of heaven in the last days." The topic "New Jerusalem" is used in 22 different passages of scripture in Mormonism.

UB—In the approaching days of "Light and Life" on this world, the New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven and the Father's Temple in the midst thereof. There is a weekly program podcast on CBS affiliated, Sirius Radio, called "project Urantia" wherein is discussed this literal architectural New Jerusalem that is preparing to merge with Earth.

20. LDS--Continuous revelation is a basic principle of the LDS belief, rather than typical Christian mantra—"God has given us his Bible and does not literally talk to us anymore." The Bible verse in James, "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally..." is a core teaching of Mormonism.

UB—It is incumbent on every mortal to draw close to Father personally, and to be individually led by him.

21. LDS--‘Ministering of Angels’ is a common teaching of Mormonism. ‘God will interface with his children through the ministering of angels,’ says Moroni, who is one such angel.

UB—the Angels of time and space are the closest entities to mankind in the whole universe. They receive their perfection through their interaction with man. Man receives his perfection in time through the loving ministry of these affectionate ministering angels. They should be a recognizable and integral part of man’s spiritual awareness.

22. LDS--Last but not least ... the LDS have a sacred practice of wearing a “holy undergarment,” unlike all other Christian peoples, which undergarment comes to the knees.

UB—It is recounted in the Urantia Book revelation a most curious account regarding Jesus’ under-garment as the guards prepared to crucify him...

*“187:2.8 As Jesus saw his mother, with John and his brother and sister, he smiled but said nothing. Meanwhile the four soldiers assigned to the Master’s crucifixion, as was the custom, had divided his clothes among them, one taking the sandals, one the turban, one the girdle, and the fourth the cloak. This left the tunic, or **seamless vestment reaching down to near the knees**, to be cut up into four pieces, but **when the soldiers saw what an unusual garment it was**, they decided to cast lots for it. Jesus looked down on them while they divided his garments, and the thoughtless crowd jeered at him.*

A question of questions ... will the LDS leadership of today acknowledge that “perhaps the Urantia Papers are that “greater revelation” to come ... the “sealed portion” or the ‘greater things” spoken of in 3rdNephi?

The LDS Church has the opportunity of bringing it forward and turning the whole world upside down. The Jews had their chance but missed heralding the Messiah.

Mormon himself, in approx. 400 A.D. wrote the following to the future generation that would embrace his writings (Book of Mormon):

3rd Nephi 26 (Book of Mormon)

*8 And these things have I written, which are a **lesser part** of the things which he taught the people; and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.*

*9 And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things then shall the **greater things** be made manifest unto them.*

*10 And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the **greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation.***

11 Behold, I was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it, saying: I will try the faith of my people.

12 Therefore I, Mormon, do write the things which have been commanded me of the Lord. And now I, Mormon, make an end of my sayings, and proceed to write the things which have been commanded me.

It is not paramount that the Urantia Book is a translation of the 2/3rds "golden plates" ... but does it contain those truths, mysteries and secrets of the universe that were "sealed," is the question!

A simple statement from the First Presidency such as: “the members of this church are free to embrace the teachings in the Urantia Papers without any repercussion from church leadership” would open the hearts for millions.

"The truth never suffers from honest examination" (UB-1711)

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Suggested by the author:

- All is well in Zion--maybe not
- Is the Urantia Book that "greater things to come" (from Book of Mormon)?
- Mormonism, Christianity and the Urantia Book
- Evolution or Creation: LDS/Mormon, Christian and Urantia Book's version
- The Mormon Jesus versus the Urantia Book's Jesus