

Increasing Urantia Book Plausibility

Assertions and Associations

Part 1

Scientific Assertions

of *The Urantia Book*

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Abstract

To increase the scientific plausibility of *The Urantia Book*, Part 1 of this paper revisits and updates a specific set of 31 scientific **assertions** made in The Urantia Book in 1934, to assess changes in their plausibility considering scientific knowledge at the time of its writing and comparing the results to evaluations done in 1987, 2017 and 2025. *The Urantia Book*, which was introduced to the author by Dr. Irwin Ginsburgh, a respected physicist, presented cosmology and science to the author, which although unorthodox, seemed plausible. Part one of this study aims to entice similarly skeptical scientists to take a serious look at *The Urantia Book* considering the convergences of its scientific claims, with current scientific thinking.

Introduction

During a mid-life crisis, the author dismissed mainstream Christianity and the Bible as unscientific and self-contradictory. However, The Urantia Book, rekindled the author's Anglican childhood faith and reestablished the author's life purpose. The book's cosmology and science appeared plausible, and its internal consistency was unmistakable. By 1987, the author coauthored a paper with Dr. Ginsburgh examining 31 scientific predictions or assertions in *The Urantia Book*. Part 1 of this paper revisits and updates those predictions to assess further convergence and Part 2 of this paper proposes additional physiological convergences that might further relate science and spirit.

Part 1 Hypothesis

While *The Urantia Book* is purported to be primarily a spiritual text, and although it appears to be internally logically consistent, we propose that it can also be seen as anticipatory of scientific discoveries not known at the time of its writing. We propose that these assertions might make a skeptical scientist more likely to read the book seriously and discover that this logical consistency is also maintained with relation to spiritual assertions.

Methodology

To test the hypothesis, Part one of this study examined 31 scientific assertions made in The Urantia Book which were made prior to 1934 and compared them with contemporary scientific knowledge. The predictions cover various scientific disciplines, including biology, physics, astronomy, and geology. The author assesses the

plausibility of each assertion based on current scientific understanding and provides updates from previous studies where applicable.

“The fact of religion consists wholly in the religious experience of rational and average human beings. And this is the only sense in which religion can ever be regarded as scientific or even psychological. The proof that revelation is revelation is this same fact of human experience: the fact that **revelation does synthesize the apparently divergent sciences of nature and the theology of religion into a consistent and logical universe philosophy**, a coordinated and unbroken explanation of both science and religion, thus creating a harmony of mind and satisfaction of spirit which answers in human experience those questionings of the mortal mind which craves to know how the Infinite works out his will and plans in matter, with minds, and on spirit.” **101:2.1**

Results

The following assertions were investigated:

1. **Healing Chemicals for Wounds:** The Urantia Book describes natural processes by which injured cells heal themselves, suggesting future discoveries of healing chemicals. Advances in connective and soft tissue diseases, vascularization, and collagen-enhancing drugs support this prediction.
2. **Plate Tectonics or Continental Drift:** The Urantia Book's teaching of continental drift was proven after its publication. The book's prediction of continental drift starting 700 million years ago differs from the current estimate of 200 million years ago.
3. **Source of the Sun's Energy:** The Urantia Book accurately describes nuclear fusion as the sun's energy source, using carbon as a catalyst.
4. **Temperature at the Center of the Sun:** The Urantia Book's estimate of 35 million degrees Fahrenheit is close to the current measurement of 28 million degrees Fahrenheit.
5. **Major Energy of Space:** The Urantia Book's reference to energy pervading space may correspond to the strong nuclear force.
6. **Creation of the Sun:** The Urantia Book's description of the sun's origin from the Andromeda nebula aligns with current scientific understanding, except for the timing of nebular evolution.
7. **Location of Seven Superuniverses in the Grand Universe:** The Urantia Book's description of seven superuniverses circling around Havona and counter rotating outer space levels is plausible, given recent discoveries of large voids and clustering of galaxies although major inconsistencies remain.
8. **Creation of the Earth and Moon:** The Urantia Book's account of the earth and moon coalescing as twin planets differs from current scientific theories but remains plausible.
9. **Chemical Element with Atomic Number 101:** The Urantia Book's prediction of the instability of element 101 was confirmed with the discovery of Mendelevium.
10. **Neutrino Particle:** The Urantia Book's reference to a small, chargeless particle aligns with the discovery of neutrinos.
11. **Mass of the Meson Particle:** The Urantia Book's description of the mesotron (meson) is close to current scientific understanding, though some discrepancies remain.

12. **Creation of Matter and Energy:** The Urantia Book's concept of space potency and continuous creation of matter and energy differs from the Big Bang theory but remains plausible.
13. **Creation of Our Solar System:** The Urantia Book's account of the solar system's creation by the Angona nebula aligns with current scientific theories, except for the age of the solar system.
14. **Life Implanted on Earth 550 million Years Ago:** The Urantia Book's claim of life implantation aligns with the Cambrian explosion and the rise of complex animal life.
15. **End of the Cretaceous Age:** The Urantia Book's timeline for the end of the Cretaceous age differs from current scientific understanding but remains plausible.
16. **Breakup of the Fifth Planet from the Sun:** The Urantia Book's theory of the asteroid belt's origin remains plausible, though current scientific theories differ.
17. **Dark Islands in the Universe:** The Urantia Book's reference to dark islands of space aligns with the discovery of black holes.
18. **Organization of Matter in a Superuniverse:** The Urantia Book's description of seven superuniverses remains plausible, though current astronomic mapping does not support it.
19. **Use of DNA to Evolve the Human Species:** The Urantia Book's prediction of conscious evolution through genetic knowledge aligns with advances in genetics and epigenetics.
20. **Reduced Gravity Effect on Calcium Ion:** The Urantia Book's description of calcium ions riding light beams aligns with current scientific understanding of calcium isotopes.
21. **Reduced Gravity Effect on Unattached, Uncharged Electronic-Energy Particles:** The Urantia Book's reference to gluons aligns with current scientific understanding.
22. **Origin of the Sunspot Cycle:** The Urantia Book's explanation of the sunspot cycle's origin remains plausible, though not confirmed by current science.
23. **Twelve Planets in Our Solar System:** The Urantia Book's count of twelve planets aligns with the inclusion of dwarf planets in the solar system.
24. **Cause of the Wave Action of Light:** The Urantia Book's description of light's wave-particle nature remains plausible, given recent scientific discoveries.
25. **Speeds Greater than the Speed of Light:** The Urantia Book's reference to superluminal communication aligns with recent scientific discoveries of faster-than-light phenomena.
26. **Two Kinds of Gravity:** The Urantia Book's description of linear and Paradise gravity remains plausible, given current scientific understanding of gravity.
27. **Antigravity:** The Urantia Book's reference to antigravity aligns with current scientific theories of dark energy and electrogravitics.
28. **Unknown Form of Energy:** The Urantia Book's reference to an unknown form of energy aligns with the discovery of nuclear fission and/or the quantum vacuum energy.
29. **The Ultimaton Particle:** The Urantia Book's description of the ultimaton particle remains plausible, given current scientific understanding of gluons and the possibility of preons.

30. **Neanderthal to Cro-Magnon Transition:** The Urantia Book's account of the transition remains unsupported by current science although it agrees with the age of the extinction of the neanderthals.

31. **Life Span of an Ordinary Star:** The Urantia Book's description of star life aligns with current scientific understanding.

For the complete research, as supported by *The Urantia Book*:

<https://ubgeoff.com/Images/Increasing%20Urantia%20Book%20Plausibility.pdf>

Discussion

It was the plausibility of the scientific assertions that intrigued the author to read the entire Urantia Book, and having followed the science controversies for 40 years, the author now realizes that the book cannot be proven or disproven by its science content. The real value is in the book's spiritual and philosophic guidance and not whether science currently agrees. However, because the scientific assertions of *The Urantia Book* were aligning, this led to more philosophic questions about the complementary nature of science and spirit. The UB delineates an exquisite balance in everything materially, mindally and spiritually, from bosons to beatitudes.

“The universe is not like the laws, mechanisms, and the uniformities which the scientist discovers, and which he comes to regard as science, but rather like the curious, thinking, choosing, creative, combining, and discriminating scientist who thus observes universe phenomena and classifies the mathematical facts inherent in the mechanistic phases of the material side of creation.” (195.7:22)

“The scientist, not science, perceives the reality of an evolving and advancing universe of energy and matter.” (195.7:23)

Conclusion

Part 1 finds that 14 of the 31 predictions or assertions in The Urantia Book agree with current scientific knowledge, 12 are scientifically plausible, and 5 remain unsupported. The increasing alignment of The Urantia Book's scientific claims with contemporary science suggests a growing plausibility of its cosmology and science. However, the true value of The Urantia Book lies in its spiritual and philosophical guidance, rather than its scientific assertions.

Increasing plausible/possible assertions since 1946:

1987 - 19/31 = 61.3 percent

2017 - 26/31 = 83.8 percent

2025 - 28/31 = 90.3 percent

Now we look at plausible associations between human physiology and spiritual influences. We need to look, at the scientist not, the science.