

## Is there a Universal Plan for All of Us?

The Urantia Book says “Yes!” If so, what is it? Is there More?

In this regard, what are the major themes or key points of that plan that are important?

The plan of “freewill progression toward perfection” is only one such theme in *The Urantia Book*. Some others that I think are important are stated below.

The assignment asks us to address:

- A. How do these themes appear in different parts of the book?
- B. Do the revelators talk about these themes in a way that gives them special weight?
- C. Do these themes have the potential to have a lasting impact on humanity?

My criteria for identifying themes with the most lasting impact on humanity are their potential for immediate influence on the belief systems of the world’s populations. If the belief systems can be modified to reflect these themes, the rest should be, by comparison, easy.

1. The fact that death is not an option this early on. I.e., that life is a continuously evolving experience through now and eternity.

A good part of the book deals with this primary principle; otherwise, why discuss progression at all? We would need no mansion worlds or anything above them.

See 103:5.7: *“The pursuit of the ideal—the striving to be Godlike—is a continuous effort before death and after. The life after death is no different in the essentials than the mortal existence. Everything we do in this life which is good contributes directly to the enhancement of the future life.”*

Paper 1 cites: 1:2.2, 1:3.7, 1:5.12.

Paper 2 cites: 5:6.5, Paper 12 cites: 12:8.16, 12:9.6, and so on for many, many papers.

2. There are certain laws of the universe that are worth knowing now:

- ✱ We must ask before any answer will come;
- ✱ We must seek before we will find what we seek;
- ✱ we must knock, for without knocking, we would never cross the threshold.

We understand that the Revelatory Commission insisted upon questions from the Forum members; No questions, no answers. This is a crucial law of the universe that few of us consider. But when we think of Socrates, the way to the truth is through asking questions.

Asking. So simple, yet so often skirted over or forgotten. I have heard someone quote, “Jesus ... said, ‘Your Father knows what you have need of even before you ask him.’” Yet, ask, you must.

And the asking is not just for us to undertake; keep in mind that Jesus “... conveyed his teaching by the questions he would ask.” (UB125:5.8)

How do we ask? Recall that on the way to Rome, Jesus came upon a young man who was afraid. Without telling Jesus anything, Jesus knew what was going on so he asked the young man that, “‘... since you have asked me for help, I will not disappoint you.’”

*The youth was almost overcome, but he managed to stammer out, 'But—I did not ask you for anything—' And Jesus, laying a gentle hand on his shoulder, said: 'No, son, not with words but with longing looks did you appeal to my heart.'"* (UB130:6.2)

To me, seeking is a searching. It is a searching for truth, clarity, honesty, and integrity in my daily life.

Regarding knocking, the UB1:4.2: "... *though they* [will creatures of the inhabited worlds] *"stand at the door" of consciousness "and knock" and delight to come in to all who will "open the doors of their hearts...."*

*In UB144:2.3, Jesus says, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you."* A caveat on this is that "When in spirit and soul you have turned your backs upon the Father's kingdom, it is useless in mind and body to stand before this door and knock, saying, 'Lord, open to us; we would also be great in the kingdom.'" Beware.

3. Jesus' new and greatest commandment, which surpasses the older Dalamatia, Edenic, and Hebrew Old Testament Ten Commandments, was this: to *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'* *The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* *There is no commandment greater than these."* (Mark 12:30-31) Later, Jesus amended the second part: *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."* (John 13:34-35) From the UB, Jesus said: *"You well know the commandment which directs that you love one another; that you love your neighbor even as yourself. ... I would have you perform still greater acts of love in the kingdom of the believing brotherhood. And so I give you this new commandment: That you love one another even as I have loved you."* (UB180:1.1)
4. The so-called law of attraction is very much alive and always working at all three of our realities: material, mindal, and spiritual.

Several times, the UB reinforces this idea. Unity summarizes it as "thoughts held in mind produce after their kind." This is known as the Law of Mind Action.

5. We each have, within us, a fragment of our Father (in Paradise) that is with us and is striving to assist us in our daily lives.

The book highlights the most unfortunate consequence of this simple idea, even mentioned in the Bible, that most people struggle to accept within their belief system, worse yet, will deny it as being possible.

6. The life and teachings of Jesus offer the best insights into how to live our lives.  
There are several places in the earlier parts of the UB that call attention to Jesus being our Creative Father and the role he played in our history, extending to the history of his universe, Nebadon.
7. We are not alone, but are surrounded by trillions of other inhabited planets full of life and free will progressors of perfection.

It seems about time that we give up the notion that we are the only planet out of tens of billions that has life, much less intelligent life.

8. Have we ever been visited by entities from outer space, extraterrestrials?

We are seeing increasing activity of ETs and UAPs in our earthly experiences. These sightings can no longer be kept hidden from us. There is a reason as to why now. It may be concurrent with the enlarging spread of the ideas set forth in the UB. Our planet's first ETs were Caligastia's 100, and Caligastia himself. The fact that celestials authored the UB makes it important to get the word out that we are not alone.

9. God is a person. Period.