

URANTIA & OAH SPE: A BRIEF COMPARISON

by LesLee Alexander, Aug. 1996 (1998 address: P.O. Box 891, Mesita, NM 88046-0891) . The *Urantia* and *Oahspe* books are often compared by investigators of channeled works. While I am not a scholar of either title, I've known *Oahspe* for over 20 years, and currently sell remaining facsimile copies of the now out-of-print 1882 (first) edition. Upon learning that the Urantia Conference was to be held in Flagstaff, where I happened to live at the time, I wanted to attend with the purpose of learning all I could. Moreover, it was suggested that I share some general observations between the two books. Thus I commenced reading *Urantia* several months ago, completing only the first 600 pages. I have further scanned throughout using the *Concordex*. Please bear these facts in mind as you read my comments. While I have sought to keep my observations as neutral as possible~what any average reader of both books is likely to notice~yet it remains only one individual's view. I believe adherents of one book owe it to themselves to thoroughly read the other; indeed, I welcome reasoned communications from persons who have read both books. To me, it seems wise to critique even *spirit* authors just as we would mortal authors. How do they think? How do they view us? What do *they* value and want *us* to value? What is the overall emphasis~the real *spirit* behind all the words? By reading both, volumes, what do we learn about the nature of spirit communications overall? Let's keep investigating. Let's share thoughts.

URANTIA	OAH SPE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A lengthy spiritual revelation of 2000+ pages, no illustrations; written in modern English 2. Titled, <i>The Urantia Book</i>; but also referred to as the "Fifth Epochal Revelation" (Urantia is earth's name) 3. Written over an 18 year period, between 1924 and 1942 (M. Kulieke); published 1955 4. Produced by superhumans thru' human contact (not to be confused with mediumship). Papers handwritten. Produced in Chicago 5. Birthed in a 7th Day Adventist milieu (Gardner) 6. Urantia Foundation founded in Chicago. The <i>Urantia Book</i> remains better-known than <i>Oahspe</i> 7. God~the Universal Father~is the personality of the First Source and Center. The Universal Father is part of the Trinity godhead, with whom the Eternal Son and Infinite Spirit are co-equal. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A lengthy spiritual revelation of 1000-H pages; numerous illustrations as well as ancient scripts; book written in classic English 2. <i>Oahspe: A New Bible In The Words of Jehovih & His Angel Embassadors</i> (O-ah-spee means sky-earth-spirit) 3. Written Jan.-Dec. 1881, (or possibly begun spring, 1880); published next year, 1882 4. Produced by spirit control ("automatic writing") thru' mediumship/channeling of Dr. John Ballou Newbrough, using a typewriter, New York City 5. Birthed in the milieu of Modern American Spiritualism 6. Dr. Newbrough founded a spiritual, multi-ethnic orphanage community in Las Cruces, NM area; mixed success. <u>Oahspe remains far less known than Urantia</u> 7. "ALL was. ALL is. ALL ever shall be. The ALL spake and Motion was, and is, and ever shall be; and, being positive. was called He and
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<p>8. Trinity godhead as well as trinitized beings</p> <p>9. Can eventually see Universal Father/Trinity who dwells in Paradise</p> <p>10. Much said about gravity</p> <p>11. The word "God" is variously used for superhumans as well as the Universal Father</p> <p>12. Ultimate destination: essentially Paradise (?)</p> <p>13. <i>Multiple</i> universes</p> <p>14. No quotations from Universal Father/Trinity (?)</p> <p>15. Refutes reincarnation. Afterlife is progression.</p> <p>16. Not all beings conceived as mortals, but many created differently</p> <p>17. Little mention (?) about ESP</p> <p>18. The dead <u>do not</u> communicate with mortals (1230d; 1646b; 1680d)</p> <p>19. Some earth mortals are incapable of eternal life; <u>can</u> go to extinction (532c)</p> <p>20. Some beings remain in same work eternally (547a)</p> <p>21. <i>Urantia's</i> history differs markedly from <i>Oahspe</i></p> <p>22. Spirit transport by self or transport seraphim</p> <p>23. <u>Very strong</u> emphasis on Jesus Christ</p> <p>24. Evangelism & preaching (ref. to <i>Concordex</i>)</p> <p>25. ...to be completed upon my finishing <i>Urantia</i>.</p>	<p>Him...Nor is there aught in all the universe but what is part of Him." Named for the sounds of the wind. E-O-Hi! Now pronounced Jehovih. Also called Great Spirit, Elohirn, Bonn, Ormazd, Most High, Creator, Father, Mother-All Highest Conceivable and everywhere present, always.</p> <p><u>OAH SPE</u></p> <p>8. No trinity-All One.</p> <p>9. No one will ever see the Creator (all the universe is "his" body)</p> <p>10. Refutes gravity as a pull; rather, a vortexian "push"</p> <p>11. Gods & goddesses are all one-time mortals with finite shape & form-only the Creator is all infinite</p> <p>12. Ultimate destination: none, "worlds without end"</p> <p>13. Essentially only one universe, "worlds without end"</p> <p>14. Many quotations from Creator, Jehovih (can attain to hear The Voice, but not see extent of Creator)</p> <p>15. Same, but afterlife progression plan differs</p> <p>16. Apparently, <u>all</u> beings are first conceived in the corporeal (mortal) dimension of a world</p> <p>17. Much about ESP (called su'is & sar'gis)</p> <p>18. The dead—spirits—in the afterlife (atmosphera) <u>can</u> sometimes communicate & materialize to mortals</p> <p>19. All earth mortals are now capable of eternal life (<u>cannot</u> go to extinction)</p> <p>20. All beings eventually change their work</p> <p>21. Examples: First humans; the Flood (sinking of Pacific continent called "Pan"); building of Great Pyramid; Hebrew Exodus; Constantine, first Christian Roman emperor; spirit rebellions</p> <p>22. Spirit transport by "starships" (over 500 references); even if entirely fiction, <i>Oahspe</i> may be first book to introduce "starship" travel on this scale</p> <p>23. Of prophets, <u>least</u> is said about Joshu, the Essenc (<i>Oahspe's</i> emphasis is on the Creator, the Great Spirit, Jehovih)</p> <p>24. In this era, no more preaching; no <i>Oahspe</i> evangelism</p> <p>25. In Kosmon Era (New Age), liberty, racial integration, vegetarianism, intentional</p>
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