URANTIA BOOK : ATTACK ON THE BLOOD ATONEMENT OF CHRIST : PT 1

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Motivation Behind This Series, Christ's Sacrifice: Foundation Of Our Faith, Extra-Biblical Research, Maintain Humility In Our Understanding, Folly Of Doctrinal Debates, I Extensively Quote From Entire Bible, Power Of God's Word, Misguided Ideas Regarding Archangel Michael And Jesus, Complicated Language Of Urantia Book vs Jesus' Simple Parables, Proudly Puffed Up With Knowledge, Jehovah's Witnesses Believe Michael And Jesus Are Same Person, JW's Believe No One Is Saved Outside Of JW's, One False Statement Built Upon Another, Scriptures Are Only Point Of Reference, Spiritual Princes In The Bible, Functions Of Angels, Servants In God's Royal Household, Jesus Took The Form Of A Servant, Michael Is An Archangel And Prince, We Are God's Children Through Spiritual Adoption, Wresting God's Word

Due to an online debate which arose in 1997 as a result of my article entitled "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!", it became necessary for me to write a second article which expounded more fully upon the reasons why I reject the Urantia Book as being an inspired work of God.

The following series is the result of a particular person sending me a three-part email message at that time in which he made some serious claims which attack the credibility of the most important message which is contained in the Bible; that is, Christ's atoning Blood Sacrifice on the Cross at Calvary. As all true Bible-believing Christians will already know, this belief in Christ's vicarious atonement for our sins is the very foundation and pillar of our faith. While this individual ridicules the Bible and questions whether it is truly the inspired Word of God, at the same time, in his delusion, he praises the Urantia Book as a "new revelation" which further expands upon themes that are contained in the Bible.

Those of you who have read some of my previous work will be aware of the fact that while the King James Version of the Bible is the primary source of information and inspiration for my articles, I also explore other sources for additional information which may expand upon or further clarify the contents of the Bible. For example, I have read and possess the Book of Enoch, as well as a variety of other Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphical writings. As I write my articles, I also constantly refer to Hebrew and Greek lexicons, in order to understand the origin of certain words in the Bible, and the different meanings which they may have.

In addition to the aforementioned tools, I have also read the Book of Mormon in its entirety, as well as the study helps of the Jehovah's Witnesses. I have likewise engaged in lengthy conversations with the Jehovah's Witnesses in my area, and I have read a number of their magazines. Likewise, I have read parts of the Qur'an, and I possess a limited knowledge of Judaism as well.

In the New Age arena, in times past, I have read more than one thousand five hundred files which relate to the alien and UFO phenomenon. Furthermore, in previous years, I was quite active in certain Internet and FidoNet message forums. I also receive a constant flow of email on a daily basis. Currently, I am very heavily involved with Facebook, and I syndicate to Twitter. I also run my own blog.

While I have never claimed to know everything -- please refer to my article called "Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word" -- I do feel that I have gained enough knowledge in my sixty years of life to be able to speak intelligently about certain topics; particularly those things which pertain to the Bible. I consider myself to be fairly educated in this respect -- but not overly so -- and I spend many hours each week researching the Bible for new answers and information for the articles that I write.

As I explain in the article entitled "Should Christians Engage in Doctrinal Debates?", my normal policy is not to become involved in debates surrounding my articles. This is for several reasons. First, I have serious time limitations. Second, my experience has been that in most cases, people who engage in doctrinal debates have usually already made up their minds. It is my belief that these types of debates are not motivated so much by the desire to learn something new from the other party, but rather to try to enforce one person's beliefs or opinions upon the other. In short, I view such debates as a fruitless waste of one's time, and I know that other people will attest to this fact. While I do adopt some strong positions in a number of my articles, I still leave it up to my readers to use their own freedom of personal choice to make a decision regarding what they wish to believe, based upon the evidence that I provide in each particular article.

Despite my firm no-debate policy, due to the gravity of this person's remarks against the Bible, and the fact that he was sharing them with many other people on his mailing lists, I deemed it necessary to offer him a response. In so doing, I decided to only respond to the first of the three messages which he sent to me. I opted to not respond to messages two and three for several reasons:

1) It would have consumed too much of my time.

2) Besides being rather repetitious of the claims which he made in his first message, the latter two parts consisted primarily of inflammatory remarks which carried no real substance. As such, I did not deem them worthy of taking up more of my precious time.

3) This person was not showing any real signs of having a sincere interest in the inspired Word of God; that is, the Bible. His sole intent was to prove me wrong, to criticize the Bible, and to elevate the Urantia Book as a "superior work".

Having said that, I have dedicated a considerable amount of

time to writing the following series; and it is my hope that the person to whom it is primarily addressed will have the decency to sit down calmly, clear his mind, put aside his personal defenses, and try to read this with an open heart and mind. Based on the information that he has sent me thus far, I have no doubt that it will be a difficult task for him.

Please note that being as this is an updated version of my original 1997 article, while I have quoted my detractor's comments verbatim as he made them fifteen years ago, for the sake of my current readers, I have taken the liberty to also expand upon some of my original responses to him, such as by including additional verses which help to support and clarify a particular point, and by adding some additional comments.

One remark which this individual made in the second or third part of his message, which I do feel I should comment on, is his bogus claim that I never quote Jesus Christ in any of my articles. As anyone who has read even a small number of my articles will know, this accusation is absolutely false. To date, since I first began my writing ministry eighteen years ago, I have written and published hundreds of articles, many of which contain verses from one end of the Bible to the other, including many Scriptures from the four Gospels which contain Jesus' own words. As I have often said, there is a tremendous amount of Spirit and Power in the Word of God; much more so than in my own human words. I recognize this fact and do the best I can to back up what I say by quoting from the Bible. One verse which immediately comes to mind is the following:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12, KJV

While I am quite firm with the individual who wrote to me in the following series, as you will clearly see, I have done my best to provide him with a preponderance of Scriptures which reveal that the shedding of Jesus' Blood on the Cross was not only prophesied, but was in fact absolutely essential for the remission of our sins. However, before we delve into the meat of the matter -- that is, his staunch rejection of the Lord's Sacrifice -- this person first takes me through his beliefs regarding Michael the Archangel; or according to his beliefs, Michael the "non-archangel". He writes as follows:

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I noticed that on your web page you have text which reads in part-

"If you are one who becomes easily offended by opposing views, you may not wish to proceed any further as some of the positions adopted here may upset you or not meet your approval."

So, are you ready?

----- End Quote -----

Oh dear! With that kind of an opening and attitude, this is beginning to look bad already! I normally do not take the time to engage in these kinds of tit-for-tat discussions. My time is too valuable to me. There are many souls who I must reach, and people who have a sincere interest in the Word of God. I hope that I am not making a mistake by responding to you.

This Urantia Book follower then quotes from my article "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!", where I quote from misguided New Age adherent Dr. Byron Weeks, in order to explain to me who he believes Michael really is:

----- Begin Quote -----

"According to the Urantia Book, The Archangel was the "Archangel OF Michael" for Michael is the Heavenly title or name of Jesus, who is the Creator of this "Local Universe." Melchizedek is one of His Sons, and Not Jesus Christ. "Michael" has a whole hierarchy of Sons which include Lucifer, and his subordinate, Satan . . ."

----- End Quote -----

This individual then adds his own remarks to my above quoted material from Dr. Weeks by stating the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

I haven't seen all of Week's comments in context, none of them in fact, and have not been a party to the thread . . .

----- End Quote -----

If you haven't even been directly involved in the message thread, then how can you legitimately respond to the remarks in my article, or defend the message thread? I have read the Bible numerous times and continue to devote many hours to it each week. You can't very well defend the message thread, or Byron Weeks' comments, if you haven't even read them. To do so is pure speculation on your part regarding what it might have said. However, I assure you that the above quote is taken word-for-word from the message thread.

----- Begin Quote -----

. . . but it looks above as if someone is taking his statement about an archangel who works for Michael and mixing it up with the idea that Michael is an archangel.

----- End Quote -----

The Bible clearly refers to Michael as an Archangel. Are you suggesting that he isn't? Are you saying that the Bible is lying regarding this issue, or that God is a liar? Or am I misunderstanding you here? In either event, which do you think I am more inclined to believe, you or God's Word?

----- Begin Quote -----

This is probably the quote from the Urantia Book (UB) to which Weeks is referring:

"The roll call of a dispensation termination is promulgated by an attendant archangel. This is the archangel of the resurrection, sometimes referred to as the 'archangel of Michael.'"

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----- End Quote -----

Probably? You mean you are not certain? For a person who seeks to defend the false doctrines that are promoted by the Urantia Book, this doesn't seem like very good investigative work in my view.

Here we go with the first bit of New Age psychobabble. If you compare the above quote from the Urantia Book with the way Jesus spoke in the Gospels, you will find a very marked difference. Who is trying to impress who here? Jesus' goal was to reach all men -- including the common man -- with the Gospel of Salvation. For this reason, Jesus used many simple Parables -- which people could easily relate to -- in order to explain things to them, such as the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Ten Talents, the Parable of the House Built upon the Rock, etc. The Parables were rather simple illustrations which even young children could understand. Going by the above excerpt, it seems that the writers of the Urantia Book were not aiming to share their message with the common man, being as they have not chosen to speak in the common man's language.

Instead of using terms like "dispensation termination" which sounds big and confusing, why don't they just say what they mean, which I am assuming is "the end of an age"? I am sure that more people would more easily understand that phrase than the one they have chosen to use. The fact that they use such language suggests to me that the writers of the Urantia Book are on a big pride trip, and simply want to impress people with their knowledge. This is in direct contradiction to the Scriptures which tell us that knowledge puffs people up -- that is, it lifts people up in their pride -- while it is charity -- or love -- which edifies the human spirit, as we see by these verses:

"Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." 1 Corinthians 8:1, KJV

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing . . . Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

1 Corinthians 13:2, 8, KJV

All I can say is, if our Salvation depended on the message that is promoted by the Urantia Book, whatever that message

happens to be, I suppose that many people would be doomed to hell; because given the elevated terminology that is used in the Urantia Book, most people would not begin to understand it.

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I know there is confusion in the Christian world about whether or not Michael is an archangel. The "regular" Christians think he isn't and the Jehovah's and perhaps the Adventists think he is.

----- End Quote -----

I don't know what your sources are for making such a claim, but personally, I have never met a Bible-believing Christian yet who doubts that Michael is one of the two Archangels who is mentioned in the King James Version of the Bible. It is spelled out as clear as day. In fact, the Catholics believe that there are seven Archangels. In addition to Michael and Gabriel, they believe in Raphael -- who is mentioned in the Apocryphal book of Tobit -- as well as four others, whose names I don't recall at the moment.

At any rate, those people who reject the idea of Michael being an Archangel apparently don't understand the Bible, or else they have purposely chosen not to believe it. It also sounds like you are attributing things to the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Adventists which you are not absolutely sure of. If this is the case, then perhaps you should not attribute things to them at all. For the record, I have had many conversations with the Jehovah's Witnesses. In one such conversation, and in their Bible study helps as well, they do clearly say that they believe that the Archangel Michael and Jesus Christ are one and the same person. One of their representatives who has been with them for a number of years told me this face-to-face. I have also read this in their study helps as well. It is for this reason that I wondered if Dr. Weeks may be a former disgruntled Jehovah's Witness.

For the record, while the Jehovah's Witnesses teach some things which are true, they likewise promote certain ideas and teachings which I personally view as being false. For example, I have directly confronted them regarding the issue of whether or not they consider a person to be saved if they are not a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Their response to me was a clear "No, they are not saved". In other words, believing in Jesus -- or Jehovah -- is not enough to obtain Salvation, according to the Jehovah's Witnesses. One must be a part of God's "real" organization and Kingdom; which, of course, in their view, really means the Jehovah Witnesses. Based on this belief, it is difficult for me to view them as true Bible-believing Christians.

Similar to many other smooth talkers -- assuming that your readers have swallowed your first piece of disinformation regarding some Christians not believing that Michael is an Archangel -- you then proceed below to share verses which most Christians are aware of; at least those who are serious students of the Bible. What you are basically doing here is trying to build on your previous false statement by quoting from the Scriptures. It is an attempt to validate your first statement regarding Michael. I have seen this tactic used many times before. Once that first lie slips by unnoticed, people who promote such false doctrines -- like yourself -just keep adding more to it, until it appears as if they have built a strong case for their position. However, it is all built on false statements. You write:

----- Begin Quote -----

It's odd too because the problem and the answer both lie in the Bible. In Jude it says- "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Jude 1:9 (KJV)

----- End Quote -----

You see; there you go again with more disinformation as if to say "Oh, it's odd! Why, they should know better! After all, it is right there in their Bible!" That is the spirit of what you are saying in order to further support your false argument. To reiterate, I have never met a Christian yet who does not know that Gabriel and Michael are called Archangels in the King James Version of the Bible.

----- Begin Quote -----

That's ONE verse talking about "Michael the archangel". Here are THREE Bible verses with the truth about Michael THE PRINCE.

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia." Daniel 10:13, KJV

"But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and [there is] none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince." Daniel 10:21, KJV

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Daniel 12:1, KJV

----- End Quote -----

I am glad to see that you are quoting some Scriptures. That is the only valid point of reference in my view, or anything that fully agrees with it. It is sad that most New Age advocates do not; and the reason why they don't, is because it contradicts and exposes the falsity in their own doctrines. Now let's see what you do with these verses.

----- Begin Quote -----

A PRINCE is a member of a royal family, the son of a KING.

----- End Quote -----

Agreed; but you must realize -- as I believe that you do -that these references to princes and kings in the previous verses are referring to spiritual entities whose job it is to guard over and to protect God's people, and to fight the spiritual battles of the Lord, as per the verses that are found in such Books as Jude, Daniel and Revelation. They also serve other functions as well, such as bearing divine messages to human beings. As you may know, derived from the Hebrew word "mal'ak" and the Greek word "aggelos", that is in fact the essence of the word "angel". He is a messenger who is sent from God.

----- Begin Quote -----

An archangel is a servant in the royal household. Michael is NOT an archangel, but is in fact according to the Bible, a PRINCE, the son of the King, who is of course, God the Father.

----- End Quote -----

I can accept that an Archangel is a servant in the Royal Household. After all, we are all really servants in the Royal Household of God. In fact, the Scriptures inform us that even though Jesus is the Prince of Peace and the Son of the King, He likewise was willing to take upon Himself the form of a servant, as we see by these verses:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:5-8, KJV

But just to keep things clear, allow me to point out that there is no specific verse in the Bible which makes a direct association between the words "archangel" and "servant". I just conducted a search in my Bible program and it does not exist. However, I am willing to give you some leeway, and I won't be so dogmatic regarding this point, being as you are basically right in your assumption. Allow me to make a small suggestion. If you expect to make any real progress with me, or with any other Christian who knows the Word of God, you are going to have to quote a lot more Scriptures. Here are the verses which I would have used to support your point:

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:10, KJV

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" Ephesians 2:19, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy

nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9, KJV

Sadly, right after making the previous comments, you turn around and contradict yourself by putting Daniel and Jude in opposition to each other. Jude specifically refers to Michael as an Archangel. You quoted the verse yourself. How then can you now claim that he isn't an Archangel when it is there in black and white for all to read? Daniel refers to him as a prince. The answer to your seeming dilemma seems so clear to me, and I am surprised that you are unable to see it. Or is it that you simply reject it because it doesn't agree with what you have chosen to believe?

Why can't Michael be both? Why can't he be the son of the King -- just as we become the adopted sons and daughters of the King when we accept Jesus -- and an Archangel at the same time? Regarding our own spiritual adoption through our faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, allow me to these verses with you as well:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

John 1:12, KJV

"And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." Luke 20:34-36, KJV

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:15-17, KJV

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26, KJV

"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," Ephesians 1:5, KJV

It seems to me that you are making things more complicated for yourself than they need to be. As I said, if we accept all of the previous verses at their face value, then we can conclude that Michael is both a Prince in God's Kingdom, as well as an Archangel. It is as simple as that, if you are willing to see it. I advise you to be very careful regarding wresting -- or twist the meaning of -- the Scriptures to your own destruction. Consider these verses:

"Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil." Psalms 56:5, KJV

"As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." 2 Peter 3:16, KJV

In other words, don't try to force the Scriptures to say what you want them to say, so that they agree with what you want to believe. Rather, accept them for what they actually do say, even if they expose weaknesses in your own belief system. If our current beliefs in some way conflict with the Word of God, then we are obligated to change our beliefs so that they conform with what the Bible actually teaches, and not the other way around.

Please go to part two for the continuation of this series.

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Urantia Book's False Claim That Jesus Is Archangel Michael, Test The Spirits, Search The Scriptures, Questions Regarding Origin Of Urantia Book, Blasphemy Against The Holy Ghost Is Calling God A Liar, Spirit Of Antichrist, Byron Weeks Denies Necessity Of Jesus' Blood Atonement, Blind Leading The Blind, Encyclopedia Of Biblical Errancy, False Claim That Urantia Book Is Superior To The Bible, Satan's Dares, Destruction Of The Wicked, No Need To Read Urantia Book's Lies, Replacing Light With Spiritual Darkness, Enemies' Use Of Shock Value, Sennacherib Warns King Hezekiah To Surrender, Corrupt NIV

Continuing our 1997 email discussion from part one, this misguided individual then made the following statements regarding the false teachings that are contained in the Urantia Book:

----- Begin Quote -----

The UB teaches that Jesus, when he is not on earth, is Michael, a Prince, and Son of God, not an archangel. Jesus is Michael, but Michael is not an archangel. ----- End Quote -----

With what authority does the Urantia Book teach these false ideas? Certainly not with the Authority of God, or by the inspiration of His Spirit. Let me remind you of these two verses:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1, KJV

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11, KJV

Personally, I am convinced that what you have written is not so. I am quite confident that God would not instruct anyone to write something which clearly contradicts His own Word, as it was delivered to all of His holy Scribes and Prophets of bygone ages. So exactly how did this deceptive work come into existence? Who wrote the Urantia Book? What are their names? Was this so-called "channeled" information that is supposed to have come from certain "spiritual entities", as I mention in "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!? If this is the case, then why should it be trusted? Please provide me with some verses from the KJV Bible which substantiate your claims. Show me specifically where God's Word clearly states that Jesus is called Michael in Heaven, and that Michael is not an Archangel.

The fact of the matter is that due to your own stubbornness and spiritual blindness, you are elevating the teachings of the Urantia Book above God's holy Word, the Bible. To accept the teachings of the Urantia Book when they contradict the Bible is basically to accuse God, and His holy Prophets and Scribes, of being liars. This amounts to blasphemy against the Holy Ghost.

It may interest you to know that in the Gospels, Jesus said that the only sin which is unforgivable both in this life, as well as in the next, is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. As I explain in a number of other articles, it is my belief that the reason why this sin is viewed as being so grievous, is because it is basically calling God a liar, and His Word a lie. This is because Jesus teaches us that the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth, which I believe is an extension of God the Father Himself. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who was born in human flesh, and who then sacrificed Himself on the Cross for the sins of the world. To deny these basic truths is to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit -- or Spirit of Truth -and thus call God a liar. It is in fact the very spirit of antichrist. Consider the following verses:

"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall

not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matthew 12:31-32, KJV "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.' 1 John 2:22, KJV "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:3, KJV"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." 2 John 1:7, KJV At this point in our discussion, this misguided Urantia Book supporter then quotes the following from my previous article entitled "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!": ----- Begin Quote -----"In quite a few of my other articles, I have sounded the alarm for the many lies and inaccuracies which are being espoused and propagated in this current "Age Of Deception" by the New Age thought advocates and other self-styled false prophets.' ----- End Quote -----He then responds with the following remarks: ----- Begin Quote -----I would be very happy to address any "lies and inaccuracies" that you may think you find in the UB. I think what you really mean are differences from what you believe, rather than "lies and inaccuracies". I hope that's what you really mean. Are you open to discussion? ----- Begin Quote -----No, that is not what I mean. There you go trying to twist my words again. It is not an issue of lies and inaccuracies Ithink I may find, but rather lies and inaccuracies which I know I have found based on God's written Word. As I said previously, if what you believe contradicts the Scriptures, then it is you who are in error here, and not I. In reality, no, I wasn't open to discussion regarding this issue; yet look how much time I have already devoted to it

in the hope of clearing things up for you. This is precisely why I endeavor to avoid these kinds of discussions. This past day would have been better spent writing a new article for those people who have a sincere interest in learning about God's Word, and not wasting time on those people who reject His Word, and replace it with a deceptive work such as the Urantia Book. However, God knows what He is doing by having me write this series. Perhaps it will alert some people to the true nature of the deceptive lies which are contained in the Urantia Book.

At this point in our email exchange, this misguided New Age advocate who erroneously promotes the Urantia Book as being God-given truth again quotes the following from the aforementioned article:

----- Begin Quote -----

"The above quote is clearly another example of the strong delusion which is overcoming those people who have rejected God's holy Word, the Bible."

----- End Quote -----

He then responds with the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

I believe you misinterpreted Dr. Weeks' statement, and hopefully I have shed some light on that situation.

----- End Quote -----

I didn't misinterpret anything. I have the whole letter in my possession exactly as he stated it. Dr. Weeks denies the Redemptive Power of Jesus' Blood that was shed on the Cross. He in fact describes it as being a barbaric act. There is absolutely no way to misunderstand what he is saying. What Weeks is promoting is an antichrist false doctrine of Satan. Tell me; how are you going to shed light when you yourself are walking in utter darkness? That is totally contrary to Jesus' teachings when He said the following in the Gospels:

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:19-20, KJV

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." Matthew 13:10-16, KJV "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:14, KJV

"Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! . . . Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." Matthew 23:16, 24, KJV

"And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other." Mark 3:5, KJV

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:39, KJV

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." John 9:39-41, KJV

Following are a few additional verses that are found in the Epistles of the Apostle Paul where he discusses this very same subject of spiritual blindness:

"(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day . . . For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Romans 11:8, 25, KJV

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:" Ephesians 4:17-18, KJV

This Urantia Book advocate then continues his message to me with the following -- what he obviously considers to be -challenging statement:

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Regarding what you describe as "God's holy unerring Word, the Bible", I have a wonderful book here called "The

Encyclopedia of Biblical Errancy". You can order one from Prometheus Press if you are unafraid.

----- End Quote -----

"Wonderful"? I fail to see what is so wonderful about it. Why would I want to waste my money reading Satan's lies? If you are foolish enough to do such things, well, it is your money, so it is really your choice. However, I do find it a bit silly that a person is willing to spend money in order to gain their own ignorance. You have really exposed your true feelings towards the Bible with your previous remarks.

As my readers can see, this person demonstrates his true attitude towards the Bible -- as well as his true intentions concerning it -- by revealing that he reads and uses "The Encyclopedia of Biblical Errancy", which he foolishly refers to as "a wonderful book". In other words, very similar to the Mormons who elevate the Book of Mormon above the Bible, and claim that it is true scripture, this is precisely what this follower of the Urantia Book is trying to do as well. He is endeavoring to convince people that the Urantia Book is a superior book, by attempting to find fault with the Bible, and thus discredit it. There is no difference. Thus, as the Apostles warned us long ago, this man is in fact preaching "another Jesus" and "another gospel". I then continued by telling him the following:

Just look at that last remark you made. You stated "if you are unafraid". That sounds just like Satan himself. You know, Satan also dared Jesus a number of times while He wandered in the wilderness during His forty-day fast. He also dared Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He likewise dares many people to follow him today. According to the Bible, someday they will follow him directly to their own fiery destruction. Consider the following verses and be warned:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:37-39, KJV

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:11-12, KJV

". . . The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn . . . He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Matthew 13:24b-30, 37b-43, KJV

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28, KJV

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:3, KJV

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:20-21, KJV

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:10, 15, KJV

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and

murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8, KJV

At this point in our email discussion, this misguided New Age advocate again quotes from my article "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!" with the following:

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I have never read the "Urantia Book" in its entirety. To be quite honest, based on what I have read, I have absolutely no desire to waste my time doing so either.

----- End Quote -----

This Urantia Book advocate then reveals his longtime history -- four decades in fact -- with this deceptive book in the following response:

----- Begin Quote -----

How much have you actually read? And how much information about the UB have you gotten from other sources? I have read it several times through since 1959 and to tell you the truth, it's simply wonderful.

---- End Quote -----

I responded to him by telling him the following:

I read exactly as much as I needed to in order to determine that it is a lie of Satan. The minute Byron Weeks denied Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross, I realized that there was really no need to read any further; at least not for a God-fearing Bible-believing Christian such as myself. I have more important things to do with my time than read Satan's crap. You have read the Urantia Book several times since 1959? No wonder you are so deceived and think it is so wonderful. Tsk, Tsk! Please tell me how many times you have read the Bible in full during that same time frame.

At this point in our discussion, this misguided and blind follower of the Urantia Book again quotes the following from my aforementioned article:

----- Begin Quote -----

Taking into consideration the previously quoted material, plus another letter that was written by Dr. Weeks last year -- which I will quote below momentarily -- I have no doubt whatsoever that the "Urantia Papers" are just another product of New Age psychobabble. Please note that "Urantia" is their name for Earth.

----- End Quote -----

This Urantia Book advocate then responded to my previous comments with the following wayward remarks:

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The "above quoted material" regarding Michael as archangel has already been explained and neutralized, unless you have some other comments on it. I'm not saying the UB agrees with all things "Christian", but there's no need to misrepresent the Urantia Book. In fact, the UB is not "new age" at all, and is certainly not "psychobabble". But then you say you have never read it, so what do you know?

----- End Quote -----

I then offered the following response to him:

"Neutralized"? Perhaps in your twisted way of thinking. If you still think that after what I have just written, then you are in even worse spiritual shape than I had imagined. The more I read your comments, the more I realize how deeply involved you are in the forces of darkness. That which you foolishly claim to be light is in fact spiritual darkness. Consider the following verses:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

At this point, this misguided Urantia Book follower decides to change tactics. Apparently, he seems to think that he can shock me into accepting his point of view. As I explain in the series "My God is a Shocker", there are certain colorful passages in the Bible which the enemies of God's Word have long tried to use for shock value purposes. Thus he writes the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

I know some things about "God's holy unerring Word, the Bible". Here's an inspiring quote, don't you think? "But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? [hath he] not [sent me] to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?" 2 Kings 18:27

[All Bible quotes from the King James.]

----- End Quote -----

I responded to him with this:

What is this; your vain attempt to create some kind of shock effect? Are you trying to convince me that the Bible is a dirty, nasty little book? You must have worked really hard to find that one. I suggest that you read the whole chapter in order to understand the verse in its proper context. This chapter concerns how Sennacherib, the King of Assyria, sent his emissaries to warn King Hezekiah to surrender, and to not resist Sennacherib's invasion. In the above verses, the emissaries are saying how bad it will be if the King of Judah doesn't surrender, plain and simple.

It may interest my readers to know that this person quoted this same verse on at least two other occasions in other parts of his three-part message to me. He seems to have a morbid fascination for dung and piss. Either that, or he possesses a very childish mentality. He then continues with the following remarks:

----- Begin Quote -----

By the way, did you know that the NIV Bible has dropped over 65,000 words from the Bible, whole verses even? Amazing, isn't it? Just between you and me, I think the NIV version is sort of a perversion for having done that. I can send you the information if you like.

----- End Quote -----

In response to his attempt to use a red herring, I told him the following:

To be honest, that doesn't concern me in the least, being as I have never used the corrupt NIV. The King James Version of the Bible has long met my needs. As I have said many times before, I don't trust those modern, watered-down versions of the truth. They are lifeless and spiritless in my view.

At this point, the Urantia Book advocate then offers the following quote. I couldn't find it in "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!", so I am assuming that he is quoting from an email message that I sent to him, and have since lost. Please remember that this discussion occurred fifteen years ago:

----- Begin Quote -----

I don't know where they originated from at this time, but it is absolutely clear to me that the motivation behind writing them was to strike another blow at the credibility of, and the Truth found within, the pages of the Holy Bible.

----- End Quote -----

The Urantia Book advocate then offers this rebuttal to the above quoted material:

----- Begin Quote -----

And how is this, "absolutely clear" to you? I can well imagine the Jewish traditionalists of Jesus' time saying the same about him, that he was there to strike a blow against the scriptures and the established Jewish religion.

----- End Quote -----

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New Testament Or Covenant Is Signed With Jesus' Own Blood, Remission Of Sins By Being Washed In Blood Of Jesus Christ, Byron Weeks' Damnable Heresy, Forgiving Each Other Is Not Enough To Obtain Salvation, Taking Verses Out Of Context, Urantia Book Advocate Denies That Jesus Ever Said That He Came To Die For Our Sins, False Claim That The Apostle Paul Invented Christianity, Paul Learned Directly From Jesus And Closely Mirrored Gospels, Jesus Became The Sacrificial Lamb Of God, Jesus Fulfilled Prophecies Concerning Him In Books Of Moses The Prophets And The Psalms, Christ Died Once For Sin, Bought With A Price, Jesus Is High Priest And Mediator

In response to the Urantia Book advocate's previous remarks, I then told him the following:

If you haven't understood by this time, then I suppose that you never will; at least not from listening to me. It seems to me that your mind is so spiritually darkened, that you would not see the truth if it smacked you in the face. Jesus is the Savior of humanity. His Blood on the Cross washes us clean of all unrighteousness. This truth is made so clear by so many verses in the Bible, such as the following. There is nothing ambiguous about these verses. Unless we accept Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, there is no remission of our sins:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Isaiah 1:18, KJV

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:26-28, KJV

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many." Mark 14:22-24, KJV

"And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:14-20, KJV

"After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." 1 Corinthians 11:25, KJV

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13, KJV

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" Romans 3:25, KJV

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrews 9:22, KJV

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;" Hebrews 10:19-20, KJV

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate . . . Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:12, 20-21, KJV

Following are some additional verses which discuss how faith in Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross is the only means by which we can be resolved -- or propitiated -- of our sins, and thus regain favor with our Heavenly Father:

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied . . . Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you," 1 Peter 1:2, 18-20, KJV

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7, KJV

"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2, KJV

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10, KJV

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," Revelation 1:5, KJV

"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:14, KJV

In contrast to the truth which is clearly revealed in the previous verses, Dr. Weeks totally denies this in his 1996 letter. What Weeks teaches is nothing short of an antichrist doctrine. It is what the Apostle Peter refers to in one of his Epistles as a "damnable heresy", as we see here:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." 2 Peter 2:1, KJV

At this point the Urantia Book advocate again quotes from my article "The Urantia Book : A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!" with the following:

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As will be seen by Mr. Week's letter below, the "Urantia Papers" strike at the very heart of Christianity; that is, at the Cornerstone of our faith, which is the redemptive Blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on the Cross at Calvary.

----- End Quote -----

His misguided response to my above comments is to then deny the necessity of the atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, just as Dr. Weeks has done, as we see here: ----- Begin Quote -----

Yes, it is true that the Urantia Book does say that Jesus did not come here to "die for our sins". Really, why should the Father require his Son to be murdered horribly so that the Father could forgive our sins? Think about that. Here's what the Bible says God requires of us in order to have our sins forgiven:

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:" Matthew 6:14, KJV

----- End Quote -----

My response to him was the following:

There are certain things in the Bible which we have to take by faith, even if we cannot fully understand them with our minds at this current time. How can you possibly expect to understand God's whole plan of Salvation in the Bible just by taking a single verse out of context? The truth is that you can't. This is exactly what you have done so far in this message. Instead of quoting just one verse which at first "appears" to support your argument, I urge you to read the whole chapter, or even the entire book. If you really want to do yourself a favor, trash the Urantia Book and start studying the whole Bible instead.

Matthew 6:14 -- which you quote above -- means exactly what it says. As with a number of other verses that are found in the four Gospels, Jesus was teaching us about the reciprocal nature of God's Kingdom. In other words, the basic message of this particular teaching is this: How can we expect God to forgive us for our sins and mistakes, if we are not even willing to do the same with others? Through your darkened understanding, you are endeavoring to use that one verse to try to negate Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, while at the same time you choose to ignore many other key verses which address this same topic. It just doesn't work that way.

At this point in our email discussion, this misguided New Age advocate really reveals how little he has actually read the Scriptures, which would explain why he apparently does not understand the necessity of Christ's Sacrifice. Either that, or he purposely denies what he already knows to be the truth in his heart. Referring to Matthew 6:14, he writes as follows:

----- Begin Quote -----

Don't you believe that, from the Bible? You know, the Master was here for over 30 years and spoke to many large crowds, and NOT ONCE did he ever tell them, "Yo, people, I have come to earth to die for your sins". The most important cornerstone of Christianity, and Jesus NEVER said it. Sadly, Christianity is not really a religion OF the teachings of Jesus, but is a religion from PAUL about Jesus.

----- End Quote -----

Needless to say, my jaw dropped when he made the previous, obviously misguided comments. In addition to erroneously

claiming that Jesus never spoke of His coming Death which would atone for the sins of the world, this deceived man resorts to another strategy which is commonly used by Bible haters: He claims that Christianity is the invention of the Apostle Paul. Thus, I responded to him with the following:

As Jesus said to the Sadducees -- who likewise lacked a clear understanding of the Scriptures -- in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." Matthew 22:29, KJV

While you may not realize it, by your very statements, you reveal what little knowledge you have of the Scriptures. The truth of the matter is that the Apostle Paul only repeated what many of the Old Testament Prophets had said through the Spirit of Prophecy hundreds and thousands of years earlier. It was these very same prophecies which Jesus' own Disciples finally came to understand following the Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Furthermore, the more I delve into the things that Paul wrote, I realize how much of it is a paraphrased version of Jesus' very same teachings. After all, as Paul informs us in his Epistle to the Galatians:

"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Galatians 1:11-12, KJV

It is for this reason that Paul's Epistles so closely mirror what Jesus Himself said and taught in the four Gospels. I don't think you can begin to understand the wonderful plan which our Heavenly Father put into motion thousands of years ago, unless you truly become a serious student of the Bible. However, for your personal edification, allow me to briefly share the following with you. As I explain in such series as "Is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?", Jesus Christ is the sacrificial Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world. This becomes quite evident in verses such as the following:

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isaiah 53:7, KJV

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"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world . . . And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God . . . And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!" John 1:29, 34, 36, KJV

"The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:" Acts 8:32, KJV "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you," 1 Peter 1:18-20, KJV

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth . . . And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints . . . Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." Revelation 5:6, 8, 12-13, KJV

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see . . . And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:" Revelation 6:1, 16, KJV

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb . . . And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb . . . For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:9-10, 13-14, 17, KJV

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12:11, KJV

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8, KJV

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads . . . These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb . . . The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:" Revelation 14:1, 4, 10, KJV

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints." Revelation 15:3, KJV

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Revelation 17:14, KJV

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready . . . And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." Revelation 19:7, 9, KJV

"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife . . . And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof . . . And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Revelation 21:9, 14, 22-23, 27, KJV

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:" Revelation 22:1-3, KJV

As I amply explain in the aforementioned series, the Bible reveals that as a continuation of the Old Testament practice of animal sacrifice, Jesus offered up Himself as the final Blood Sacrifice for the sins of the entire world. The fact that actual lambs and goats were slain upon the altar of the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem, and later upon the altar of the Second Temple as well, was symbolic, and a foreshadow, of what Jesus would eventually come to do. If you take the time to study God's Word in its entirety, you will hopefully come to understand that the ancient sacrificial rites of the Levitical priests are full of heavy symbolism; all of which reflect the truths which Jesus came to fulfill on the Cross of Calvary. It is for this reason that following the Lord's miraculous Resurrection from the Dead, Jesus made these comments to His two companions on the road to Emmaus:

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:25-27, KJV

Is it possible that you are also "slow of heart" as were the two men who met up with the Resurrected Christ on the road to Emmaus? Later, that same evening, or possibly the very next morning, we also find Jesus saying the following to His Apostles:

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

As I noted a moment ago, whereas the high priest of the Old Testament period had to make an annual sacrifice for sin, we are told in the Scriptures that Christ died once, and only once, for the sins of all men. Consider the following group of verses which confirm this truth:

"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin ONCE: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God." Romans 6:9-10, KJV

"But this man, [Jesus] because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did ONCE, when he offered up himself."

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in ONCE into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Hebrews 9:11-12, KJV

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now ONCE in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself . . . So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE for all." Hebrews 10:10, KJV

"For Christ also hath ONCE suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" 1 Peter 3:18, KJV

Thus we can clearly see that Jesus Christ offered up Himself once, and only once, as the ransom price for our sins. It is for this reason that the Scriptures inform us that we are in fact bought with a price; that price being the very Blood of Jesus Christ. Again, consider the following Scriptures which confirm this Biblical truth:

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, KJV

"Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." 1 Corinthians 7:23, KJV

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28, KJV

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6, KJV

While you erroneously claim that Jesus never said that He came to die for the sins of the world, please carefully note what we read in Matthew 20:28 above. What did Jesus come to do? The answer is "to give his life a ransom for many". In other words, He purchased us with His own Blood. The truth cannot be any clearer than that. Let me again refer you to the previous verses where we are clearly informed that our sins are washed clean by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus so willingly gave His own life on the Cross for our sakes, the Scriptures inform us that He has in fact become the Author of the New Covenant -- or New Testament -- our only Mediator, our High Priest, and our holy Intercessor who represents us before the Throne of His Father. Following are additional verses which fully confirm these various points:

"But now hath he [Jesus] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Hebrews 8:6-13, KJV

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." Hebrews 9:15. KJV

"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Hebrews 12:24, KJV

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Jesus Is High Priest Mediator And Intercessor, Old Testament Foreshadows Of Christ's Sacrifice: Abraham And Isaac, Egypt, Jonah, Destroy This Temple, Doctrine Of Atonement Was Taught Long Before Paul Became An Apostle, Paul's Conversion And Enlightenment, Salvation Cannot Be Obtained By Means Of Our Own Self-Righteous Works, All Have Sinned, Jesus Christ Is The Foundation And Cornerstone Of Our Faith, Hard-Hearted Spiritual Blindness And Willing Ignorance By One's Choice, Young Christians And Danger Of The New Age False Prophets, Avoid All False Prophets False Brethren And False Teachers

Following are some additional verses which demonstrate that because Jesus so willingly gave His own life on the Cross for our sins, He has become the Author of the New Covenant, our one and only Mediator, our High Priest, and our unique Intercessor and Defense Attorney who represents us before the Throne of His, and our, Heavenly Father:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings . . . Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil . . . For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Hebrews 2:9-10, 14, 16-17, KJV

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;" Hebrews 3:1, KJV

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:14-15, KJV

"Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 6:20, KJV

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;" Hebrews 8:1, KJV

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;" Hebrews 9:11, KJV

"Wherefore he [Jesus] is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25, KJV "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Romans 8:34, KJV

As Jesus informed His Disciples following His Resurrection from the Dead, this truth regarding the importance of His Final Sacrifice is made so plain throughout the Scriptures. Even Abraham's test of faith in offering to sacrifice his son Isaac was a foreshadow of things to come. Consider also how during the final plagues in Egypt, the Israelites were required to smear the blood of an unblemished lamb on their lintels and door posts so that the Angel of Death would pass over them and not harm them. This was an act of faith, and also a sign of their obedience, just as we must likewise obey God's Will and demonstrate an act of faith by believing in the redemptive Blood of Jesus which was shed on the Cross. In this way, we too can escape the Wrath of God, as well as Eternal Death.

In addition to the previous two examples, the Old Testament is literally full of hundreds of prophecies describing the Birth, Life and Sacrificial Death of Jesus on the Cross, and His miraculous Resurrection from the Dead as well. However, unless your mind, heart and spirit are truly receptive to these Old Testament prophecies, you will never understand them, or even recognize them for that matter. The truth is, if you were to spend as much of your time reading the Bible as you have done with the Urantia Book, perhaps you would begin to understand these matters, and would not now be enveloped in so much ignorance and spiritual darkness.

Another good example which the Lord Himself referred to concerns the Prophet Jonah, and how Jonah's experience was symbolic of how He would spend three days in the tomb, just as Jonah likewise had spent three days in the belly of the great fish. Consider these verses:

"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:40, KJV

"For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation." Luke 11:30, KJV

Thus we see Jesus prophesying concerning His approaching Death, and His subsequent Resurrection from the Dead. As I have already explained, Jesus knew that He had to go through this in order to reconcile humanity with God the Father. He used a similar example when dealing with the Jewish elders, as we see by the following verses:

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said." John 2:19-22, KJV

"We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands." Mark 14:58, KJV

Jesus realized that until He had shed His innocent Blood on the Cross, there could be no reconciliation for any of us with the Father. There could be no remission of sins. The Final Sacrifice for sin had to be made, and He was it. It is clear then that for you to state that Jesus did not speak of His Death on the Cross -- and the purpose for His Death -- is totally inaccurate. Whether this error is due to your lack of knowledge of the Scriptures, or your stubborn resistance to the same, I honestly do not know. I have only given you a few examples which clearly demonstrate that He did in fact speak of these matters.

In light of these Scriptural truths, to suggest that the belief in Salvation through faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ is a religion that was created by the Apostle Paul is an absolute fallacy. As I have already pointed out, Paul taught what he himself had been taught by the Lord Himself. Furthermore, please note that Paul became an Apostle after Jesus' Death on the Cross, and after His Ascension. Jesus and His Apostles were teaching the doctrine of Salvation long before Saul of Tarsus was ever converted, and became the Apostle Paul. In fact, Paul referred to himself as the least of the Apostles, as you can see by the following verse:

"For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." 1 Corinthians 15:9, KJV

As I explain in such articles as "Biblical Cafeteria, or the Whole Course?", because Paul was such a proud and stubborn learned Pharisee who possessed such a legalistic view of the Scriptures prior to his conversion, it became necessary for the Lord to knock him off of his horse and blind him for a few days, before Paul's eyes were spiritually opened. You will find these life-changing events discussed in the ninth chapter of the Book of Acts.

However, once Paul's spiritual eyes were opened, he was blessed with a great understanding of the full meaning of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. As with the other Apostles, he came to understand that without Jesus' Blood that was shed on the Cross, there can be no remission of sins. He came to understand that God's forgiveness is conditional, and that it requires our faith in -- and our acceptance of -- Jesus' Sacrifice as the only means of atonement for our sins.

Following are a few additional verses which clearly explain how Salvation is unattainable through our own "goodness", or supposed righteousness, even if we do forgive each other as you erroneously claim:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9, KJV

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" Titus 3:5, KJV

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6, KJV

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:10, 23, KJV

Given the preponderance of Scriptures which I have now shared with you, it should be evident to you that the theme of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, and the fact that He is the prophesied final Lamb of God, is central throughout the Bible, in both the Old and the New Testaments. It is for this reason that it has been said that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, while the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

To reiterate a point that I made earlier, the misguided belief that Christianity and the Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ was the invention of the Apostle Paul is utterly false. Our Christian faith is founded upon none other than the Blood of Jesus Christ. It is not just a new religious doctrine that was cooked up by the Apostle Paul as you so foolishly and ignorantly claim. Jesus, the other Apostles, and Paul all make it very clear that Jesus Christ alone is the Foundation and Cornerstone of our faith; and that this He willingly became through His Sacrifice on the Cross. This truth is made so evident by verses such as the following:

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock [Jesus referring to Himself and not to Peter] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18, KJV

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? . . . And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them." Matthew 21:42, 44-45, KJV

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner." Acts 4:11, KJV

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11, KJV

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank

of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;" Ephesians 2:19-20, KJV

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesús Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." 1 Peter 2:4-8, KJV

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces . . . And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:34, 44, KJV

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decreé: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Psalms 2:6-9, KJV

If you are not yet convinced of the truths which I have shared with you in this series, then I can only conclude that it is because you do not want to be. It would seem that as a result of your own pride and stubbornness, you have purposely chosen self-imposed delusion over the truth. You have chosen a book of lies -- the Urantia Book -- over the solid truth of God's Word. While you may not realize it, the Scriptures amply speak of people who are so hard-hearted and so stiff-necked, that they willingly choose such ignorance and spiritual blindness over the truth of God's Word. Allow me to share some verses with you regarding this particular subject. Please note that in the following verses, the two phrases "being past feeling" and "their conscience seared with a hot iron" refers to willfully becoming numb to the conviction of God's Spirit:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Ephesians 4:17-19, KJV

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" 1 Timothy 4:1-2, KJV

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" 2 Timothy 4:3, KJV

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:" 2 Peter 3:5, KJV

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." Acts 7:51, KJV

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear."

Matthew 13:10-16, KJV

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:14, KJV

"Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! . . . Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." Matthew 23:16, 24, KJV "And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other." Mark 3:5, KJV

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." John 9:39-41, KJV

The previous verses perfectly describe what people such as yourself have done. Rather than accept the Truth of God's Word, you have hardened your heart, and embraced such false teachers as Dr. Byron Weeks, and all of the other New Age false prophets who have distorted and twisted the meaning of God's Word to their own convenience. What alarms me the most is the fact that there are many Christians who are young in their faith who probably don't yet possess a solid foundation in God's Word. As a result, they may easily become deceived by the dangerous false doctrines and belief systems that are espoused and promoted by these satanic New Age emissaries.

Whether they realize it or not, these New Age false prophets are in fact manipulated by Satan and his demons, who speak their deceptive lies into their minds; and so much of it is absolute nonsense and rubbish. I am reminded of what the Apostle Paul wrote concerning the Jewish false prophets of his own day:

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him . . . For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15, KJV

Following are some additional verses that are found in the New Testament where we are strongly warned to watch out for false brethren and false prophets who promote their false doctrines and damnable heresies. As you will see, we are clearly instructed to have absolutely nothing to do with such deceived people, or their wayward beliefs and ideas:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:15-20, KJV "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way." Matthew 13:24-25, KJV "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many . . . For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:11, 24, KJV "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." Mark 13:22, KJV "Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves." Luke 10:3, KJV "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Acts 20:28-30, KJV "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Romans 16:17, KJV "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:6-9, KJV "And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: Galatians 2:4, KJV

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" Ephesians 4:14, KJV "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision." Philippians 3:2, KJV

"As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do." 1 Timothy 1:3-4, KJV

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." 1 Timothy 6:3-5, KJV

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." Titus 3:9-11, KJV

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein." Hebrews 13:9, KJV

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." 2 Peter 2:1-2, KJV

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." 1 John 2:18-19, KJV

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1, KJV

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of

Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John 1:9-11, KJV

In the previous verses, please note that the Apostle Peter writes "denying the Lord that bought them". By rejecting the necessity of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice as the only means of Atonement for our sins, and suggesting that forgiving each other is all that is needed, that is exactly what you have been doing. You have been denying the Lord who bought you with His own Blood on the Cross. You are saying that it was an unnecessary Divine Agreement between the Father and the Son that He should do this for us. You are saying that your own works of goodness and kindness -- through forgiveness -is sufficient to save you. While you claim to accept Jesus, and believe in Jesus out of one corner of your mouth, you are in fact denying what He did for you out of the other.

Please go to part five for the conclusion of this series.

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At this point in our email exchange, this misguided follower of the Urantia Book quoted the following from my article entitled "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!":

----- Begin Quote -----

I do not recommend that any Christian, particularly young Christians who are new in the faith, read this demonic work of darkness. If you do, you may seriously doubt your faith!

----- End Quote -----

Actually, upon re-examining that article, I realized that this person misquoted me. What I actually said in my article is the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

I do not recommend that any Christian, particularly young Christians who are new in the Faith and not yet grounded in the True Word of God, read this demonic work of darkness. If you do, you may find yourself seriously doubting your Christian heritage!

----- End Quote -----

He then offered the following twisted response in which he compares me to using practices that were used by the Roman Catholic Church when I was a young boy:

----- Begin Quote -----

I'm afraid the cat is out of the bag, and the more you badmouth the UB, the more courageous truth seekers out there will simply have to read the book for themselves and make their own decisions. You are in the position that the Catholic Church used to take, telling folks not to see certain movies, thus guaranteeing a large audience.

----- End Quote -----

While you may be right in that more people may possibly be drawn to the Urantia Book, at the same time, by way of this current series, it is my hope that I will be able to counter at least some of the negative effect that misguided people such as yourself may be having on God's true sheep with that deceptive book. As Jesus said in the Gospel of John:

"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers . . . My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" John 10:4-5, 27, KJV

Tragically, this person has become so deceived by the lies that are found in the Urantia Book, that he has convinced himself that it may actually serve to enhance a person's Christian faith. Thus he writes the following:

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Your faith may well be CHANGED, changed even into a greater faith, but that's the nature of growth and the search for truth. When Jesus had finished his mission, many in Palestine had had their faith shaken. The Urantia Book will only ENHANCE your faith in God and in his Son. ----- End Quote -----

How can the Urantia Book possibly give people greater faith in our Heavenly Father and Jesus, when it outright denies the very reason for the which Jesus came to the Earth in the first place? You have clearly told me that you do not think that the Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ is necessary for our Salvation. Byron Weeks has referred to it as a barbaric act. You both attack the very foundation of our faith. That being the case, how are these absolute lies, in which you deny the Lord who bought you, going to enhance a person's Christian faith? It is ludicrous for you to even suggest it.

Not content with claiming that the Urantia Book will somehow enhance one's Christian faith, this deceived individual then takes another jab at the Apostle Paul. In his foolish pride, he also compares some of our Christian beliefs to belief in Santa Claus, and claims that such "erroneous beliefs" will eventually have to be done away with:

----- Begin Quote -----

However, it's possible that some of your erroneous beliefs, especially some promulgated by Paul, will have to go by the wayside, just as little children have to eventually stop believing in Santa Claus.

----- End Quote -----

Again you reveal your total ignorance of the Scriptures, and your lack of understanding of God's plan of Salvation through Jesus Christ, with your silly lies. Comparing the redemptive Blood Sacrifice of Jesus to belief in Santa Claus is nothing short of blasphemous. God help you! To reiterate a point that I made earlier, the Apostle Paul did not teach anything that was not first taught by Jesus Himself, and also by the first Apostles. As such, to claim that Paul invented the necessity of the Sacrifice of Christ, exposes the depth of your own ignorance. You know not whereof you speak. I encourage you to read my article entitled "Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word".

This Urantia Book follower then quotes again from my article with the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

As far as I can tell, the voice or entity which inspired this book comes from the very depths of hell itself!

----- End Quote -----

However, guess what? Fifteen years later, I just discovered that for the second time, he has purposely misquoted me. What I actually say in the article is the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

As far as I can tell, the voice or entity which inspired this book is definitely not of God.

----- End Quote -----

Not only does he not know what the Bible really teaches, but he cannot even quote me properly either. I must assume that this is intentional on his part, in order to try to make me look bad to his Urantia Book-believing friends. Why else would he purposely do this?

Surprisingly, out of his own mouth, in his response to my previous remarks, this man openly admits that the Urantia Book contains information which is "not Biblical or Pauline". In other words, he knows that what the Urantia Book teaches cannot be supported by the Scriptures, and yet, he still defends, supports and promotes that deceptive book:

----- Begin Quote -----

Again, I must ask you, how can you "tell" that? The fact is that all you can "tell" is that some things in the UB are not Biblical or Pauline, are not according to what you "believe".

----- End Quote -----

I then responded to his remarks with the following:

How can I tell? If all of the Bible verses that I have shared with you in this series don't show you how I can tell, then I really don't know what else to tell you, other than the fact that you obviously are in need of a strong shake-up from the Lord. You should be advised that He has been known to ruffle up a few people in order to get their attention. What alarms me the most is the fact that you recognize that some parts of the Urantia Book are not Scripture-based, and yet it doesn't bother you in the least. In fact, you continue to promote this deceptive garbage! In a word, you have willingly chosen to be deceived. I am reminded of the following verses:

"I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not." Isaiah 66:4, KJV

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:" 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, KJV

At this point in our 1997 email conversation, this deceived person again quotes from my article "The Urantia Book : A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!" with the following:

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For some people, my words may seem rather harsh. However, after reading the following excerpts, I am sure you will understand why my reaction to this material is so strong; particularly if you happen to be a Bible-believing Christian like myself.

----- End Quote Quote -----

To this remark, this misguided Urantia Book follower retorts with the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

Well, how about if I take a look at the excerpts below and your comments and see if I can shed light on the situation? OK?

----- End Quote -----

I then wrote to him the following response:

Quite frankly, shedding light on the situation is going to be rather difficult for you to do; the simple reason being that before a person can share the Light with others, they must be walking in the Light themselves; and you sir, most definitely are not. Quite to the contrary, as I shared with you earlier, if anything, you appear to be guilty of this:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

You sir, are in fact a false angel of light, and a minister of unrighteousness, exactly as the Apostle Paul warned. Why? Because you foolishly and erroneously make the claim that we can achieve our own righteousness through our own supposed good works, simply by forgiving each other. Thus, through your misguided belief in the doctrines of the Urantia Book, you annul the necessity of the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. By so doing, you make yourself antichrist.

At this point in our email dialog, this person shared some excerpts from Dr. Byron Weeks' article. However, being as I already include those excerpts in my previous article "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!", I saw no need to publish the Devil's lies a second time in this current series. Please refer to that article if you have an interest in reading what the Urantia Book has to say regarding the doctrine of the Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ. In response to the excerpts that this person included in his message, I simply said "What blatant lies!"; to which he retorted "What lies do you refer to?". I then told him the following:

----- Begin Quote -----

Please refer to all of my previous comments and Bible verses. I have spent half my day dealing with this issue, and I don't feel that there is much more that I can say to you concerning it. At this point, all I can do is commit you into the Lord's hands. It seems that only a work of His Spirit is going to remove the scales from your eyes, remove your hardened heart, and give you a heart of flesh, as we see in this verse:

"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:" Ezekiel 11:19, KJV

What heresies are being committed in the holy name of Truth!

----- End Quote -----

To my last comment, this Urantia Book follower shot back with yet another sarcastic remark, revealing yet again his combative spirit and unyielded heart:

----- Begin Quote -----

What heresies do you refer to? If I'm not mistaken, a "heresy" is simply someone else's religious belief that you don't agree with, isn't that so?

----- End Quote -----

As you can see, this individual has basically fallen for the modern, popular lie which claims that everyone has their own truth and their own reality. Based on this modern deception, he claims that a heresy consists of anything which does not agree with someone's personal religious beliefs. However, in a Scriptural sense, this is not what the word means at all. A heresy is anything which denies or contradicts the truth of the Scriptures. I responded to this deceived person with the following remarks:

----- Begin Quote -----

That is your definition, and not God's definition. Allow me to share a few verses with you which will explain it better to you:

"But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:" Acts 24:14, KJV

What the Apostle Paul is saying here, is that he believed all of the things which were written concerning the Life, Ministry, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Law of Moses -- or Torah -- and in the Books of the Prophets. As a result of their twisted perspective and rejection of Jesus Christ, the unbelieving Jewish Elders viewed such beliefs as being heretical. In reality, however, it was they who were in fact committing the heresy by denying the truth regarding Jesus that was revealed in their very own Scriptures, which many Jews continue to do to this very day.

Similar to the Jewish leaders of old, you are committing the very same error when you deny the necessity of Jesus' Blood Atonement. You are in fact indulging in a heresy. You may even be guilty of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Another reason why denying the doctrine of Jesus Christ is heresy, is because the doctrine which Jesus taught to His followers regarding His coming Crucifixion and Resurrection, was not His doctrine alone; it was in fact His Father's doctrine, as we see by this verse:

"Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." John 7:16, KJV

In the Bible we are informed that all Scripture is inspired by God, and that the Prophets of old wrote as they were each moved by the Holy Ghost. This means that the things which they wrote concerning the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, were likewise inspired by God. Consider these verses:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" 2 Timothy 3:16, KJV

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts . . . For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:19, 21, KJV

The Urantia Book is not true Scripture. Given the lies which it promotes, there is absolutely no reason to believe that it was inspired by the one true God of Heaven. If that tome of darkness is scripture, who declared it so? The channelers who invented it decades ago? I do believe that the Urantia Book was inspired, but it was most certainly not inspired by the God in whom I believe. Rather, it was inspired by the following false god of this world, who has deceived humanity for millennia now:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" Ephesians 2:2, KJV

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:12-14, KJV

"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18, KJV "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth . . . And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

With these verses I will bring my exchange with you to its conclusion. If by now you cannot begin to understand the importance of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, then I really don't know what else to tell you. I could share additional verses with you, but given your obviously hostile attitude towards the Bible, which you don't seem to embrace as the inspired Word of God, what good would it do? I am reminded of something that Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." Matthew 7:6, KJV

In other words, Jesus' advice is that we do not waste our time sharing the Word with those people who have absolutely no desire or intention of believing it. Despite your obvious animosity towards the Bible, nevertheless, you have received this lengthy message from me. I have responded to you in the hope that I will be able to get through to you, but it is really your choice. Given the general tone of all of your remarks regarding the Bible, and your misguided, blind faith in the Urantia Book, I realize that I am fighting an uphill battle. However, God may still work a miracle in your life at some point.

Please be advised that this will be my final response to you regarding the matter of the Urantia Book. I feel that I have more than delivered my soul to you, as we are commanded to do in the following verses:

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:17-19, KJV

----- End Quote -----

As I mentioned at the beginning of this series, this email exchange with this misguided Urantia Book follower occurred fifteen years ago in 1997. I have not heard from him since, and I have no idea what happened to him. Perhaps the Lord delivered him from the dark deception of the Urantia Book; perhaps not.

What actually motivated me to update this series is the fact that a few days ago I received an email message from an individual who operates a website which is dedicated to the promulgation of the Urantia Book. This person has a section on his website which contains links to other websites which offer criticisms of the Urantia Book. A link to this series was included there, but the link was outdated; so the person wrote to me and inquired what the new URL is. I felt that before sending him the new URL, it would be a good idea to first review this series, and update it accordingly, as I have now done over the past several weeks.

With these words I will now bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. Please, whatever you do, do not allow yourself to become deceived by the poisonous, blasphemous lies of the Urantia Book. Do all that you can to keep yourself grounded in the true Word of God. As the Apostle John advises us to do, test the spirits and the prophets in order to determine if they are truly of God. If you determine that they are not, then please do your best to avoid them at all cost, lest you become deceived.

If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which are related to this series, and which are likewise located on the Endtime Prophecy Net web server:

All Are Given a Chance, But . . . Age of Deception, Age of Delusion Biblical Cafeteria, or the Whole Course? Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word Is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God? Is Salvation Meant for All Men? Message to the World My God is a Shocker Not Everyone is a Child of God Salvation is Free! Should Christians Engage in Doctrinal Debates? The Blood Atonement: In Jesus' Own Words The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!

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