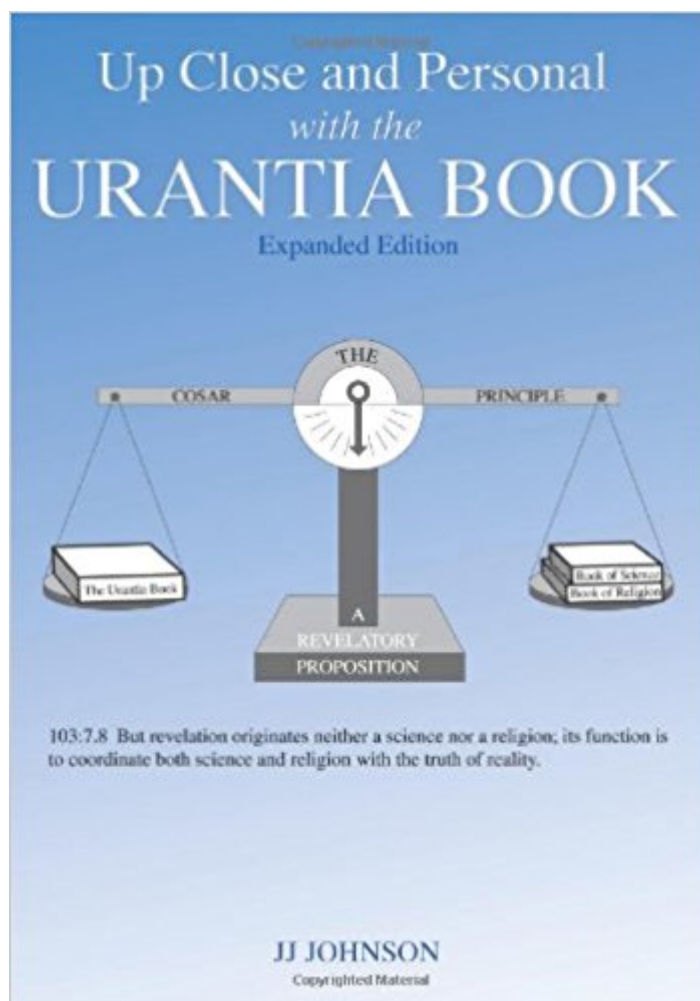


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Up Close And Personal With The Urantia Book - Expanded Edition



Synopsis

This Expanded Edition of Up Close completes my philosophical description of The Urantia Book's holistic character by adding the new chapter relating science with religion - The COSAR Principle - A Revelatory Proposition. The Coordination of Science and Religion (COSAR) as revealed in The Urantia Book breaks down the barriers between religion and science. This new chapter with the accompanying spiritual message prepares the ground for a higher order of spiritual and social living.

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JJ Johnson is a dedicated and devoted Urantia student whose zeal in supporting the Fifth Epochal Revelation's messages has been apostolic in nature. As Founding Member and Past President of the Grand Canyon Society for Readers of The Urantia Book, he served for many years in a number of capacities including Chairman of the Education Committee. Johnson's ombudsman service to the Urantia movement is truly international in scope. He visited and placed Urantia Books in both national and university libraries in more than 20 countries, as well as catalyzing new readers and attending study groups all over the world and throughout the 50 states. From 2001 to 2005, Johnson facilitated study groups from Islamabad, Pakistan, to Rangoon, Burma, introducing spiritually hungry fellow agondonters to concepts that provided a way to the truth they were searching for. After meeting a blind reader at an Urantia conference, Johnson's dogged insistence and resolute persistence achieved the publication of the very first Urantia Book translated into Braille.

COSAR! How simple and inspiring is such a concept about how true religion is so very compatible with the pursuit of science. Philosophy can be the coordination of such a gorgeous unity of the source and center of our huge creation. And to realize that each of us, personally, bring together this unity in our own personal experience. What a grand and glorious search for the Father and Mother of Infinity! JJ has made this coordination real in this must read book, Urantia Book believer or not.

Some reviewers have dinged this book as being "just another collection of someone's favorite passages." The truth is that the Urantia Book is over 2000 pages, with pearls of truth and wisdom scattered continuously throughout. Yes, it is organized efficiently, but its length and complexity does present a formidable challenge to always getting a complete treatment of a given topic. IMHO, the author's grouping of quotes by topic/subject is the book's major strength and the reason that it is so valuable to me. Highly recommended for any reader of the Urantia Book.

'Up Close and Personal with the Urantia Book' is a jewel in the expanding, and very helpful, practical pool of Urantia Book follow-up literature. As I opened the book I thought 'wow, this is dynamite, an in your face synthesis of science, philosophy and religion so badly needed in this compartmentalized, fractured world'. Spelled out in everyday language the book speaks to one who is not necessarily thoroughly trained in any of these disciplines. This is a magnificent work book I am quick to recommend. I found this book to be an eye-opening road map to lead the mind to new layers of insight and understanding into greater reality appreciation with many delightful 'aha moments'.

Excellent history, must read for Urantia book lovers. Contains extensively researched history and facts, and would satisfy and bring goose bumps to Urantia lovers.

I knew this book was valuable in a study group setting but as I read the introductory chapters I realized what a gem for even those who've never heard of the Urantia Book. A striking challenge to old readers and a wonderful glimpse into the majesty of this latest Revelation to mankind.

There is no other book on this planet that can hold a candle to The Urantia Book. Other books have been published to talk about this revelation, and many other publications are in print which claim to know the answer. But The Urantia Book is going to be the Holy Bible of the future. But more than

that; it will replace the Koran, I Ching, Lao Tzu, Krishna, etc, etc, as the Fifth Epochal Revelation on our little planet, Earth. This Book will rule.

Wow, this book is incredible. JJ Johnson has distilled years of research with Urantia Study Groups into a personal and comprehensive source book that will stimulate the imaginations of even the most seasoned readers and inspire new readers to read even more deeply. The book starts off a short section that reviews the most important scientific predictions confirmed by modern science. The organization is tight, logical, and clear. Great place to start with that skeptical "geek" at work who is looking for some spiritual meat to go with their scientific mayonnaise. From there, Johnson serves us another appetizer of wonderful selections honoring the Spirit of Truth and the Kingdom of Heaven. Short but sweet. Just the kind of reading that every study group could use to set the mood at the beginning of a meeting. Johnson also unabashedly gets evangelistic in the 2nd section with a wonderful sample of selections that encourage the devoted reader to "spread the word." And last but certainly not the least, is a personally collected sample of study aids that range in topics from my favorite, Always Remember and Never Forget, to Pre-Morontia Math 101. At first glance, the selections appear to be computer generated but Johnson claims that each section of the Study Aids was the product of years of study group experience. The way he highlights each section with the topic addressed makes the use of the Study Aids easy, powerful, and relevant.

The achievement of "the coordination of science and religion with the truth of reality" describes the 21st century challenge to philosophy and metaphysics--and to each of us as well. In this latest edition of "Up Close and Personal," JJ Johnson has underscored the importance of this quest and directed the reader to "The Urantia Book," which makes this perspective its primary philosophic thrust. JJ calls it the "COSAR" principle--the necessity of integrating science, philosophy, and religion in order to arrive at a viewpoint which reveals the truth of reality. He asserts that only by this integration--and never by a focus on only one element--may reality be approached. The religionist in the exclusive pursuit of God-consciousness makes the same mistake as the secular scientist and neither one are able to approach the level of consciousness which is achieved through application of the COSAR principle-- true cosmic consciousness."Up Close and Personal With The Urantia Book" is an important contribution to efforts at understanding the actual cosmic context within which we live our lives. It is only through a deeper understanding of this context that we can approach problem solving with a degree of wisdom sorely lacking in today's troubled world. Highly recommended for anyone serious about refining their inner life and enriching their potentials for

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