

*This essay: **Göbekli Tepe - A GPS for Understanding Uncanny Discoveries**, explores the significant implications of the Göbekli Tepe archaeological site on human history through the lens of *The URANTIA Book (TUB)*. I provide a detailed account of the site's discovery, describing its unique architectural features, such as massive T-shaped pillars and intricate carvings, which challenge conventional theories about the development of early civilizations. I argue that Göbekli Tepe, dating back to roughly 12,000 years ago, disrupts established scientific and religious narratives about human origins and urges a reassessment of these conventional wisdoms.*

*The essay delves into the historical context of human evolution, outlining key milestones from the advent of the first humans to the arrival of Adam and Eve on Urantia. I integrate various alternative theories about ancient civilizations, including those proposed by authors like Robert Charroux and Zecharia Sitchin, who suggest advanced technologies and extraterrestrial were influences in ancient times. By critiquing mainstream scientific skepticism towards these theories, I emphasize the need for a broader perspective that includes revelational insights from *TUB* to understand Göbekli Tepe's mysteries fully.*

*As an overall conclusion, I advocate for the integration of spiritual and cosmic revelations with scientific discoveries to unravel the enigmas posed by Göbekli Tepe. The essay suggests that the revelations in *TUB* offer a coherent explanation for the advanced yet declining civilization that once existed at Göbekli Tepe, providing a more comprehensive understanding of humanity's ancient past. Through this integration, I believe that through the Fifth Epochal Revelation's cosmic scaffolding we can gain deeper insights into our origins and potentially guide future discoveries towards a more enlightened comprehension of human history.*

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In an earlier essay we covered the broad sweep of Adam and Eve's (A&E) mission, intervention, Divine plan default, and subsequent legacy on Urantia. Their time on this planet spanned between 37,848 years ago (from 1934) to Adam's death 530 years later (37,318 BCE). (Solonia, the seraphic "voice in the Garden reveals Eve expired 19 years earlier). In this essay I discuss a recent archeological find in Turkey of an extraordinary dig that many are considering is reshaping human history.¹ It goes by the name of Göbekli Tepe. It contains carved and polished circles of stone, with terrazzo flooring and double benches. All the circles feature massive T-shaped pillars that evoke the monoliths of Easter Island. It raises more questions than answers because it upends most if not all of conventional wisdom of human origins. But not necessarily for Urantia Revelation students. The revelation provides a backdrop and foundation to understand much of its apparent paradoxes.

A full understanding of the A&E revelational legacy on this planet requires, as much as it informs Göbekli Tepe, knowing some perspectives of what transpired beginning nearly 460,000 years prior to their intervention assignment arrival here on Urantia. We explained with some due diligence in the previous article, the fact that A&E were decidedly NOT the first two humans, but their historical significance plays an equally salient role in humanity's progression to today's 21st century doings, even though they were here for a very short five centuries.

In this section we present an overview and summary of the status of the planet just prior to milestone #4 below – essentially what was facing Adam and Eve (A&E) when they were repersonalized after the long journey from Jerusem, the headquarters of Urantia's local system of Satania. The following four milestones are significant to this narrative:

1. 1 million years prior to 1934 (the advent of the first two humans)
2. 500,000 years prior to 1934 (the arrival of the Planetary Prince)
3. 200,000 years prior to 1934 (the instantiation of the Lucifer rebellion)
4. 38,000 years prior to 1934 (the arrival of A&E)

The long period of human evolution that elapsed (~950,000 years) up to A&E's arrival since the first two humans *suddenly* emerged from the primate tree² necessitates an understanding that a religious legend would consider the pair as our first parents. It is difficult

¹ Symmes. (2010, February 18). Turkey: Archeological Dig Reshaping Human History. Newsweek.

² Urantia Book. Cf. Paper 62: *The Dawn Races of Early Man*. ((62:0.1 (703.1) - 62:7.7 (710.6)).

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for us humans to wrap our minds around a few millennia of history let alone tens of thousands. This essay penetrates the ground a little deeper beyond the previous one respecting the thirty millennia from A&E to the Sumerians. Göbekli Tepe sits ominously nearly seven millennia before the Sumerians show up. It is a cannon shot that has gone across the bow of humanity's conventional wisdom – both scientific and religious. It has opened a knowledge portal that may provide more anomalies than Alice experienced traversing the white rabbit's sanctuary. There are specific and insightful revelations that point to the truth about Urantia's illusive past regarding humanity's origins and history. Fleshing this out will help in formulating plans for a more sanguine destiny.

The summary account in the next section in this essay chronicles those 950 millennia as the stage that is set for the Edenic pair to help remediate. In every way it has the prospect of sounding even more unbelievable for the those unaccustomed or skeptical of truth that appears in strange raiment.³

Mainstream science and established religions agree upon few things, but what they do correlate is the idea that thinking out of the box regarding human origins is anathema to conventional wisdom. Amazingly, both domains of human progress have the material to help solve the apparent riddles of human origins and history. And that material is surfacing faster than can be intellectually and emotionally accommodated – unless one has a revelation to make sense of the incongruities.

Many over the last few centuries have ventured out and hypothesized about the various anomalies found by archeology, paleontology, and various ad-hoc artifacts such as the Dead Sea Scrolls. For example, Robert Charroux (1909-1978) was a French author who wrote extensively on the topics of ancient civilizations, prehistoric cultures, and ancient astronaut theories. He was not the first to publish and develop theories about anomalies in archaeology and paleontology, but he was one of the pioneers in popularizing these ideas.⁴ Many of these hypotheses include speculations regarding: lost civilizations and advanced technology; ancient alien astronaut interventions; communications and connections between ancient cultures throughout the globe; extraterrestrial beings genetically engineered humans or may have crossbred with humans to

³ Catholic Biblical Association of America. (1971). Matthew 3:4. In The new American Bible.

⁴ Charroux, R. (1970). One hundred thousand years of man's unknown history, by Robert Charroux. Translated from the French by Lowell Bair.

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create new species; ancient myths and legends were actually records of encounters with extraterrestrial beings and these beings provided ancient humans with advanced technology and knowledge that allowed them to create impressive structures and artworks, such as the Pyramids of Egypt and the Nazca Lines in Peru.⁵

There were earlier hypothesizers of lost civilizations and advanced ancient cultures before Charroux, however. The idea of a lost civilization or a "Golden Age" has been present in various cultures and religions throughout history. One of the most famous early hypothesizers of lost civilizations was Ignatius Donnelly (1831-1901), an American politician and writer who published the book "Atlantis: The Antediluvian World" in 1882. In this book, Donnelly argued that the story of Atlantis, as described by the ancient Greek philosopher Plato, was based on a real, advanced civilization that existed in the distant past. Donnelly suggested that the Atlanteans had access to advanced technology and knowledge, and that a cataclysmic event destroyed their civilization.⁶

With respect to an in-situ-induced cataclysmic event, Zecharia Sitchin postulated that an atomic war occurred in ancient history. He suggested that the ancient Indian texts, the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, contained descriptions of a devastating conflict that involved the use of advanced weapons, including nuclear weapons.⁷ According to Sitchin, the ancient Indian texts describe a war between two groups of extraterrestrial beings who were visiting Earth. These beings fought a war using advanced technology, including flying machines and nuclear weapons. Sitchin suggested that this war was responsible for the destruction of the ancient cities of Mohenjo-daro and Harappa in the Indus Valley, which are known for their advanced engineering and urban planning. We will come back to Sitchin later in this essay.

It is important to note that mainstream scientists and archaeologists/paleontologists do not support many of the aforementioned theories. Overall, science criticizes these theories for lacking evidence and relying on speculative interpretations of ancient texts and artifacts. (Should we call them hypotheses and look for data?). Despite this, many of these ideas remain influential in the realm of alternative archaeology and ancient astronaut theory. These areas of inquiry maintain a wide range and formidable population of curious individuals. What this tells us is

⁵ Däniken, E. V. (1980). Chariots of the gods?: Unsolved mysteries of the past. Penguin.

⁶ Ignatius L. Donnelly. (2023, March 29). In *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_L._Donnelly

⁷ Sitchin, Z. (1985). The wars of gods and men: Book III of the earth chronicles. HarperCollins.

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there is a yearning in many cultures and societies for the truth of it all. What sets the Urantia Revelation apart is the precociousness of the wide range of topics the revelators deliver that wind up being proven true.⁸ It is instructive to repeat what I referenced in Chapter One from Dr. Mark McMenamin related to this thought:

Assuming for the moment that space voyagers are not responsible for life's origin and history on this planet, one wonders how the Urantia Book authors arrived at the concept of a Proterozoic supercontinent, and the link between breakup of this supercontinent and the emergence of complex life in the ensuing rift oceans, 30 years before most geologists accepted continental drift and nearly four decades before scientists had any inkling that Rodinia existed. The anonymous authors responsible for the critical part of section 3 evidently possessed a high level of geological training, and while writing in the 1930s must have known of Wegener's ideas on continental drift. Perhaps he or she was, or had contact with, an expatriate from Nazi Germany. Whatever the identity of the author, this person proceeded to speculate about the relationship between evolutionary change and the breakup of a Proterozoic supercontinent in an exceptionally fruitful way. Perhaps this was because the thought and the writing of this person were not fettered by the normal constraints of the (too often highly politicized) scientific review process.⁹

This book was unknown to me until it was brought to my attention by J. J. Johnson in October 1995. I obtained a copy of the book from the Smith College library and noted the 1955 (eighth edition 1984) publication date. What could possibly explain such precocious insight from such an unexpected corner? Perhaps it has to do with a lively, unconstrained, but nevertheless informed imagination. John K. Wright has noted how outrageous hypotheses “arouse interest, invite attack, and thus serve useful fermentative purposes in the advancement of geology. But what about outrageous religions?”¹⁰

There have been some surveys conducted to gauge public interest in ancient astronaut theory and/or extraterrestrial being intervention hypotheses. One such survey, conducted in the United States in 2012, found that 36% of Americans believe that extraterrestrial beings had

⁸ See table xx in Appendix YY for a combined list of these prescient and precocious statements.

⁹ McMenamin, M. A. (1998). *The Garden of Ediacara: Discovering the first complex life*. Columbia University Press. Pgs. 175-176

¹⁰ McMenamin references J. K. Wright, “Foreword,” in C. H. Hapgood, *Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings*, pp. ix–x (Philadelphia: Chilton Books, 1966).

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visited Earth at some point in the past, and 17% believed that ancient astronauts had helped to build the pyramids of Egypt.¹¹ While there is no precise data on the size of the population of interested individuals worldwide who have been exposed to ancient astronaut theory or extraterrestrial being intervention hypotheses, it is safe to say that these ideas have gained a significant amount of attention in popular culture in recent years.

Setting the Scene (Revelational)

The revelation informs us that humans began as a species nearly a million years ago (993,419 counting from 1934) as dignity will creatures mutating suddenly from an evolutionary ascent. The narration of the first two humans demonstrates just how important humans are to God's purposes and plans; it paints a picture of how celestial agents¹² are finite and fallible too. The bifurcation of a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees,¹³ now extinct,¹⁴ shows just how a mere one percent deviation in the genome can produce such startling changes in anatomical structure and brain capacity. One can easily see how much humans are substantively beyond the animals while having similar characteristics. At some common point in the evolution of primitive humans, not always the same time among inhabited planets, the local universe celestial government dispatches, and repersonalizes a Planetary Prince. Revelation designates this event as the first "epochal revelation."

Urantia's former prince goes by the name of Caligastia. His arrival and investiture on Urantia occurred "About five hundred thousand years ago."¹⁵ This factoid informs us humans slugged existence out with some pretty wild animals and environmental changes for 500,000 years on this planet without any resident spiritual or celestial on-site assistance. It also tells us

¹¹ The survey I mentioned in my previous response was conducted by National Geographic Channel in collaboration with Kelton Research, a market research firm. The survey was conducted online with a sample of 1,114 American adults aged 18 and over, and the results were published in National Geographic Channel's press release on April 5, 2012.

¹² By celestial support, I mean either spiritual personalities or semi-spiritual beings who are resident on the planet either temporarily or permanent. They have specific duties to perform, many of which are unseen and unknown by humans, but influence and guide evolutionary aspects of human progressing for their support to make free will decisions according to the Father's Will. In many aspects they can only "function as ideational clearinghouses, mind focalizers, and project promoters. While unable to inject new and higher conceptions into human minds, they often act to intensify some higher ideal which has already appeared within a human intellect." Cf. Urantia Book. (114:6.19 (1256.9)).

¹³ Yuxin Fan. et., al. (2002). Genomic structure and evolution of the ancestral chromosome fusion site in 2q13–2q14.1 and Paralogous regions on other human chromosomes.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC187548/>

¹⁴ Urantia Book. (62:4.6 (707.5)).

¹⁵ Ibid. (66:0.2 (741.2)).

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that as an “experimental planet”¹⁶ the Urantia life modification undertaking produced many unanticipated evolutionary results far from the norm expected for most inhabited planets. For example, with respect to the arrival of Caligastia, a Life Carrier writes that these 500,000 years constituted a late arrival of the normal touchdown of a Planetary Prince. As a rule, a prince appears on a planet about the time of will development¹⁷ which in the case of Urantia would have been during the lifetimes of Andon and Fonta. Again, when evolutionary mortal creatures evolve to that of will-dignity, a System Sovereign designates a planetary ruler from the Lanonandek order of sonship.

A Life Carrier resident on Urantia explains it this way:

65:4.9 (735.8) On an ordinary inhabited world a Planetary Prince would have been granted on the request of the Life Carriers at, or sometime after, the appearance of Andon and Fonta. But Urantia having been designated a life-modification planet, it was by preagreement that the Melchizedek observers, twelve in number, were sent as advisers to the Life Carriers and as overseers of the planet until the subsequent arrival of the Planetary Prince. These Melchizedeks came at the time Andon and Fonta made the decisions which enabled Thought Adjusters to indwell their mortal minds.

A forthcoming essay provides more extensive detail about this consequential time period on Urantia; I provide in this introduction an overview of specific salient aspects in order to provide context in our discussion of Gobekli Tepe. On Urantia Dalamatia is the name of the home base of the Planetary Prince.

The Costs of Spiritual Celestial Rebellion (Philosophical & Scientific)

After nearly 300,000 years into his mission, Caligastia subsequently conspired along with Lucifer’s “deliberate rebellion against the government of God.”¹⁸ To say it upset the planet’s metaphorical apple cart would be an understatement of immense proportions. Rebellion by a Planetary Prince instantly isolates his planet; the local universe administrators immediately sever spiritual circuits.¹⁹ While humans have no consciousness of the spiritual government, there are semi-material assistants that do interact with the primitive humans to gently and unobtrusively inch forward all facets of material, social, and spiritual evolution along in natural and acceptable

¹⁶ Ibid. (49:5.11 (565.12)).

¹⁷ Ibid. (65:4.8 (735.7)).

¹⁸ Ibid (2:3.2 (36.7))

¹⁹ Ibid. (35:9.9 (394.1))

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ways. These interactions went into disarray and constitute the reason the spiritual rebellion affected humans negatively. It was like fostering a global PTSD on all inhabitants.

To understand the conundrum of recent evidence pointing some to hypothesize “ancient aliens,” understanding the usual Divine plans for inhabited planets, along with the many differences Urantia as an experimental planet requires, is necessary to make any sense of why our planet has such a history of constant warfare and antagonisms.

Caligastia arrived on Urantia with an administrative staff of one hundred previous humans, not from Urantia, and who apparently did not fuse with their Thought Adjuster, their fragment of God, while in morontia form. This inaugurates the first epochal revelation; it progresses similar on all inhabited planets. These volunteer individuals repersonalized and rematerialized on Urantia by an unknown technique of the Life Carriers and a commission from another local universe whereby surgeons transfer a portion of “the life plasm of Andon descendants” into the constructed bodies of the Jerusem volunteers.²⁰ The Life Carriers transferred the life plasm, or DNA as we now know it, from equally one hundred of the “best strains of that unique race” selectively chosen from among the half-billion inhabitants then populating the planet.²¹ The one hundred modified human donors became the personal attendants of the staff. Both staff and attendants have the potential of material immortality.

The Melchizedek who narrates this particular enigmatic event, surmises that from the student of the revelation’s standpoint, the “most interesting group of all were the corporeal members of the prince’s staff—sometimes referred to as the Caligastia one hundred.” This makes complete sense as it has specific impact on the ensuing 20,000 years or so after A&E from which Gobekli Tepe (and potentially the other Tepe’s too) opens up an historical window into what Graham Hancock theorizes as an advanced lost civilization.²²

²⁰ Ibid. (66:2.7 (742.7)).

²¹ I make special note of this number we are provided as a specific one in the revelation. It should give one pause to consider how difficult remaining alive must have been for over 500,000 years. Human population growth does not progress geometrically until 1850! In half a million years the population only grew 0.00001% per year. According to the United Nations, the estimated global population in 1850 was around 1.2 billion people. As of 2022, the estimated global population is around 7.9 billion people. Therefore, the global human population has grown at an average annual rate of approximately 1.5% per year since 1850. That’s 150,000 faster! Does that imply anything about celestial support?

²² Graham Hancock is a contemporary author and researcher who has written extensively on ancient civilizations and lost civilizations. In his book "Magicians of the Gods," he discusses Gobekli Tepe, a site in Turkey that is believed to be the world's oldest temple complex. Some of the speculations that Hancock makes regarding Gobekli Tepe include that Gobekli Tepe was built by a lost civilization. Hancock suggests that Gobekli Tepe was

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Remarkably, the revelation informs us that planetary civilization progressed in a fairly normal manner for those initial 300,000 years.²³ While it is challenging for 21st century humans who have a time frame of civilized history that encompasses no more than 7500-8000 years to accept such extensive timescales of human development, I once again ask you to suspend disbelief and allow the context to develop logically. Since 1955, the Urantia revelation provides the context to flesh out those questions and speculations offered by the History Channel series “Ancient Aliens” as well as theories advanced by unconventional researchers such as Hancock, Charroux, Von Daniken and others. In a general sense, all ask GPS path questions and develop compasses that are closing in on true north. Trust your inner voice will guide you and ring your truth bells when you choose the path less-taken, but correct.²⁴

A forthcoming essay discusses in greater detail the ensuing 170,000 years between the rebellion and the arrival of A&E. This catastrophic miscarriage regressed every human as well as compounding the resulting social derangement by the later failure of Adam and Eve to fulfill their planetary mission.²⁵ Practically all the material, social, and spiritual gains of the prince’s administration eroded; again, the races of the world slugged it out as before against what would classify today as insurmountable odds. The planetary situation post-rebellion produced significant celestial disruption along with serious human psychological trauma.²⁶

Racial and Cultural Settings During Göbekli Tepe (Revelational & Scientific)

There are three so-called races necessary to discuss in relation to this interregnum after the rebellion and before the advent of Adam and Eve: Amadonites, Nodites, and Sangiks.²⁷ However, going forward from A&E (35,000 BCE) to Gobekli Tepe (10,000 BCE) the Adamites, Adamsonites, and Andites are the most salient to discuss and portray. Without having the advantage of knowing, at a minimum, at least broad human migrations including DNA

built by an advanced civilization that existed before the last Ice Age, around 12,000 years ago. He believes that this civilization was wiped out by a global cataclysm, possibly a comet impact or a solar flare.

²³ The Dalamatian teachings and the Law of Dalamatia. Cf. (66:7).

²⁴ The road not taken. (2023, February 27). In *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Road_Not_Taken

²⁵ Urantia Book. Cf. (67:5 (758.6 – 759.3))

²⁶ I refer the reader to Chapter Two: Brain Power - Superconscious Master Patterns Pg. 13. The stark statement by Solonia, the seraphic “voice in the Garden” describes the condition of the planet when A&E arrived as nothing short of what the 1896 science fiction story “The Island of Doctor Moreau” portrays.

²⁷ While Sangiks are six different “races,” for simplicity I will consider the Sangiks as one race as they are a different set of human stocks from the other two.

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modifications from the first two epochal revelations, assessing Gobekli Tepe amounts to an exercise in gross speculation and is likely to lead down a path ending into a cul-de-sac.

Before we look at Gobekli Tepe in relation to the revelation, I summarize some dominant intellectual and cultural overtones that existed by the time A&E arrived. Again, 170,000 years transpired with virtually zero celestial support. The rebels also burdened the entire spiritual, midway, and ultimately human populations with manufactured disruption. By celestial support, I mean either spiritual personalities or semi-spiritual beings who are resident on the planet either temporarily or permanent. They have specific duties to perform related to planetary progression, most of which are unseen and unknown by humans, but influence and guide evolutionary aspects of human progressing for their support to make free will decisions according to the Father's Will. Human free will is sacrosanct in God's universe of universes; without human consent, they are unable to inject new and higher conceptions into human minds, they often act to intensify some higher ideal which has already appeared within a human intellect. During this long dark time, across the entire planet, there is one member of the Caligastia 100 that is essentially the sole celestial support – Van.

Briefly, prior to the rebellion, Van directed the supreme court of tribal co-ordination and racial co-operation. He was essentially a jurist and presumably had this role in his prior human life. A Melchizedek narrates that Van “branded the proposed course of Caligastia as an act bordering on planetary rebellion and appealed to his conferees to abstain from all participation until an appeal could be taken to Lucifer, the System Sovereign of Satania; and he won the support of the entire staff.”²⁸ The revelation speaks exceptionally of Van's spiritual insight and moral steadfastness in a manner that is not afforded any other personality throughout the revelation, save his human assistant Amadon. The Melchizedek says in no uncertain terms that Van's faithfulness to God's plans enabled him to maintain such an unshakable attitude of loyalty to the universe government and maintain an unquestioning dedication of his personality to the doing of the Will of the Father in Paradise.

The revelation also relates the dedication of the outstanding human hero of the Lucifer rebellion and THE key human player in the lifeline of the planet from rebellion – Amadon. Amadon was a male descendant of the first two humans; the voice in the garden, Solonia, depicts

²⁸ Urantia Book. (67:2.2 (755.4))

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Amadon racially as an “Andonite.” As a modified human he was able to live a very long time. With that genetic upgrade, we assume he rose above the genetics of an Andonite and as we will see below, even though he enjoyed physical superiority, remains an Andonite. He lived on the planet until A&E arrived. His name refers to a culturally designated race of people called “Amadonites.” The Melchizedek extols Amadon with these words: “Amadon, with a minimum of intelligence and utterly devoid of universe experience, remained steadfast in the service of the universe and in loyalty to his associate.”²⁹

I provide a short summary of the three salient races that were instrumental in “holding the fort” until A&E arrived as the hope for humanity.

1. *The Amadonites* were the descendants of the progeny of the first two humans Andon and Fonta, called Andonites, who chose to remain loyal with those who didn’t reject God, or in other words go along with Lucifer and Caligastia. “Amadonites” is more of a cultural and religious designation than a racial term; racially considered the Amadonites were essentially Andonites.³⁰
2. *The Nodites* were the descendants of the rebel members of the prince’s staff, their name deriving from their first leader, Nod, onetime chairman of the Dalamatia commission on industry and trade. “Nodite” is both a cultural and racial term, for the Nodites themselves constituted the eighth race of Urantia.³¹ The pure-line Nodites are a “magnificent race” primarily because they spring from the Caligastia 100 (and are technically superhuman).³²
3. *The Sangiks* are the most intelligent and desirable of all the then living descendants of Andon and Fonta. They arise out of a tribe called Badonan centered in the northwestern highlands of India. A man and woman living in the northeastern part of the region begin suddenly to produce an unusual family. This is the Sangik family, the ancestors and origin of all of the six colored races. The Sangik children, nineteen in number, are not only intelligent above their fellows, but their skins manifested a unique tendency to turn various colors upon exposure to sunlight. Among these nineteen children are five red, two orange, four yellow, two green, four blue, and two indigo. These colors became more

²⁹ Ibid. (67:3.8 (757.1))

³⁰ Ibid. (73:1.3 (821.6)).

³¹ Ibid. (73:1.3 (821.6)).

³² Ibid. (73:1.2; (77:2.9)).

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pronounced as the children grow older, and when these youths later mated with their fellow tribesmen, all of their offspring tended toward the skin color of the Sangik parent. The Sangiks contained the capability for developing civilization whereas their ancestor Andonites did not.

Prior to the arrival of Adam and Eve two racial groups—Nodites and Amadonites—constitute the most advanced and cultured races on earth. Only among the Nodites and the Amadonites was there persistence of the traditions of Dalamatia and the culture of the Planetary Prince that was progressively benevolent prior to the rebellion. By the time of A&E, the Nodites were indeed superhuman but, at the same time, after the rebellion, degraded to material and mortal. But, primarily due to the lack of celestial support and guidance, they gradually mingle with the evolutionary peoples of earth, and not before long, great racial deterioration occurs.

The Nodites are known as the Nephilim in religious and archeological texts. They lose ground to the point where their average length of life is little more than that of the evolutionary races.³³ The presence of these extraordinary supermen and superwomen, stranded by rebellion and mating with the sons and daughters of earth, easily gave origin to those traditional stories of the gods coming down to mate with mortals. And thus originated the thousand and one legends of a mythical nature, but founded on the facts of the post-rebellion days, which later found a place in the folk tales and traditions of the various peoples whose ancestors had participated in these contacts with the Nodites and their descendants.³⁴

It should be patently obvious that the “typical” humans of that time thirty-seven thousand years ago had absolutely no clue of anything near the cosmic depth just explained in the previous few pages. Even today, the breadth and depth of the events that transpired in that faraway time ensure that one must almost have the faith of Van and Amadon strongly developed in their personalities to heat seek the truth. We hold no animus toward that of course since it is all a level of personality development that will occur, if not on Urantia, assuredly on the long ascent through the morontia training and experiential schools. The first step is to learn about and then to understand the meanings of these apparently strange events.

The runup to potentially understanding the implications and impacts Göbekli Tepe has for anyone is fraught with a dearth of information about not only the cosmic knowledge

³³ Ibid. (73:1.2; (77:2.9)).

³⁴ Ibid. (67:4.3 (758.1)).

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surrounding the Planetary Prince's progressively positive time, but the dark days of regression following his sedition. The ramifications of the rebellion degraded most, if not all, of that which both humans and celestials achieved. And consider that we're looking at well-nigh 960,000 years!

The events that subsequently transpired resulting from A&E's biologic miscalculations, and then later remediated somewhat by their inventive corrective action,³⁵ produced three additional races identified below that did accomplish a large amount of rehabilitating of the unforgiving situation they found themselves mired in. Needless to say, their corrective action did not bear fruit during their stay on the planet.

1. *The Adamites* are evidence of the great divisions of celestial human support constituting the various orders of divine Sons, high spirits, superangels, angels, and midway creatures. They are a separate classification in each local universe even prior to their intervention on a planet of human habitation. When they arrive on an inhabited planet to execute their mission, their reconstructed bodies glow with the brilliance of radiant light of a violet hue. Thus, designated as the "Violet race." These Material Sons and Daughters are the highest type of sex-reproducing beings found on the training spheres of the evolving universes. And they are really material; even the Planetary Adams and Eves are plainly visible to the mortal races of the inhabited worlds. These Material Sons are the last and physical link in the chain of personalities extending from divinity and perfection above down to humanity and material existence below. These celestial agents, sometimes referred to as "Son," provide the inhabited worlds with a mutually contactable intermediary between the invisible Planetary Prince and the material creatures of the realms.³⁶ The revelation continues to assign this classification during their mission on an inhabited sphere.
2. *The Adamsonites* are the pure descendants of Adamson and Ratta. Adamson, the first-born of the violet race of Urantia, remained on Urantia after A&E's default. He left the second garden for essentially an odyssey for discovery when he was 120 years old. He came across a wonderful and beautiful woman, twenty years old, who claimed to be the

³⁵ Cf. Chapter Two, pages 15 – 18 (Backcrossing).

³⁶ Urantia Book. (45:5.3 (515.2)).

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last pure-line descendant of the Prince's staff.³⁷ (Talk about robbing the cradle! Relationships were very much different as I noted they would be because of the "superhumanness" of many of the protagonists in this incredible story of Urantia's situation in the Cosmos). Her name was Ratta. Both Adamson and Ratta were superhuman. But above all, they produced sixty-seven children with sixteen (every fourth child) children invisible! They were the source of the secondary midwayers.

3. *The Andites* are a mixed race of Nodites, Sangiks, and Adamites.³⁸ The Andite races were the primary blends of the pure-line violet race and the Nodites plus the evolutionary peoples. In general, Andites should be thought of as having a far greater percentage of Adamic DNA than the modern races. In the main, the term Andite is used to designate those peoples whose racial inheritance was from one-eighth to one-sixth violet. Modern Urantians, even the northern white races, contain much less than this percentage of the blood of Adam.³⁹

Göbekli Tepe (Science & Religion)

In 1994, nearly forty years after The URANTIA Book's 1955 publication, German archaeologist Professor Klaus Schmidt literally stumbled upon a site in Turkey that reveals a plethora of engraved stone monoliths, many of them he found dated back to 12,000 years ago. To get a grasp of the timeframe, think of the pyramids. The pyramids are unimaginably ancient. They are four and a half thousand years old. But Göbekli Tepe is older. Seven thousand years older. It dates as far back as around 9,600 BCE or 12,000 years ago. This overrides any notion of which archeology currently defines the term "ancient".⁴⁰ Göbekli Tepe not only predates the pyramids by 7,000 years and Stonehenge by 6,000 years but also Göbekli Tepe dates a time thousands of years before the domestication of the first crops, roughly 8,000 BCE. To say it poses an anomaly for science is an understatement.

³⁷ Ibid. (77:5.5 (861.5))

³⁸ Ibid. (78:0.1 (868.1)).

³⁹ Ibid. (78:4.1 (871.7)).

⁴⁰ Symmes. (2010, February 18). Turkey: Archeological Dig Reshaping Human History. Newsweek.

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Göbekli Tepe,⁴¹ Turkish for Potbelly Hill,⁴² is a hilltop complex – apparently a temple – sprawling over twenty acres. The sands hide many stone circles, each with many layers of history. On its oldest level, there are *temenes*⁴³ - circular compounds - ranging from thirty to ninety feet in diameter. Their most notable features are monolithic T-shaped stones, some of which weigh up to fifty tons. The ability to quarry, transport, and erect such massive stones indicates advanced engineering and organizational skills, which were unexpected for a society of that era. But that's not all. The builders of Göbekli Tepe decorated their monoliths with intricate sculptures of animals a Renaissance master would be proud of. So far, archeologists have found no evidence for habitation. Some of the more significant aspects identified by archeology of Göbekli Tepe are:

1. *Age*: Dated to the Pre-Pottery Neolithic period (around 9600-7000 BCE), Gobekli Tepe is one of the oldest known human-made religious structures in the world. Its age has pushed back the timeline of the development of human civilization and challenged traditional theories about the rise of complex societies.
2. *Monumental architecture*: The site features large T-shaped stone pillars arranged in circular enclosures, some of which weigh up to 20 tons. The ability to quarry, transport, and erect such massive stones indicates advanced engineering and organizational skills, which were unexpected for a society of that era.
3. *Art and symbolism*: Gobekli Tepe showcases intricate carvings and reliefs of animals, humans, and abstract symbols on the stone pillars. These artistic representations suggest that the people who built the site had a rich symbolic and spiritual life, which offers a glimpse into their belief system and culture.
4. *Social organization*: The construction of Gobekli Tepe required a significant amount of manpower and resources, suggesting a more complex social organization than previously assumed for societies at that time. It implies that these early communities were capable of

⁴¹ Göbekli Tepe. (2023, March 21). In *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6bekli_Tepe

⁴² In southeast Turkey, a long history of bloodshed and worship. (2014, October 24). In *NPR*.
<https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2014/10/24/358577089/in-southeast-turkey-a-long-history-of-bloodshed-and-worship>

⁴³ Temenos. (2022, December 24). In *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temenos>

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coordinating large-scale projects, which sheds new light on the emergence of human civilization.

5. *Art and engineering progressively degrade*: Instead of improving with time, the quality deteriorates. By all accounts, it appears there was a higher level of craftsmanship earlier in its history than later. An enigma about Göbekli Tepe is that the decline seems to have been not just in ambition but also in craftsmanship.
6. *A 'temple-first' hypothesis*: Before the discovery of Gobekli Tepe, conventional archeology theorized that agriculture led to the development of settled communities; the construction of temples and religious centers followed. However, Göbekli Tepe appears to predate the widespread adoption of agriculture in the region, suggesting that the need for communal religious practices may have preceded and even stimulated the development of agriculture and complex societies. This particular theory presents a conundrum for science that opens up a “chicken-egg” issue.

The Urantia revelation supports all of these and presciently provides revelation for numbers 4, 5 and 6 above. I discuss these below. Halbert Katzen has written about the same phenomena. He reports that “The Urantia Book answered these questions forty years before we discovered this mysterious site existed. The history of humanity provided by the authors of The Urantia Book recounts that a genetically superior and well-developed herder-farmer civilization existed in this area over 30,000 years ago. They also explain why this particular civilization experienced a prolonged genetic degradation and, therefore, cultural decline. Additionally, The Urantia Book says that, due to population pressures, inferior and more barbaric tribes drove out this more peaceful and advanced civilization.”⁴⁴

Deciphering Ancient Texts – Science and Art (Science, Revelational & Religious)

Though the excavations are still ongoing as of 2023, Göbekli Tepe (as well as the other twenty Tepe’s or so) has already teased many hypotheses from archeologists and paleontologists alike. Some of these have opened up important related research that if, developed in concert with the revelation, may someday get a little closer to explaining humanity’s hard-won achievements not only on this planet but for the future of the universe too. I don’t say that statement about the universe flippantly. I have asserted more than once that the revelation is cosmic in nature.

⁴⁴ Katzen, H. (n.d.). *UBtheNEWS: Gobekli Tepe report*. Urantia Book Study Aids – Urantia Book study aid: Jesus, science, and more. <https://ubannotated.com/main-menu/animated/topical-studies/gobekli-tepe/>

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Urantia's revelation describes the time following A&E's transgression up until Göbekli Tepe with mostly meta-level events but with enough overall historical scaffolding regarding race developments and subsequent geographical racial dispersions to provide an efficacious GPS path toward how civilization eventually emerged out of such harsh conditions. In many ways Göbekli Tepe is a knowledge lighthouse for non-revelation fact seekers and a truth validator for students of Ol' Blue.⁴⁵

The revelation in Part III of the book delivers a significant number of precocious statements and concepts regarding humanity's origin and history for that which science I am certain will eventually prove; it also supports the manifest legends of the various religions throughout the planet that contain metaphorized truth. (It is noted that orthodox religionists consider some legends dogmatic truth). It is when both religion and science match up, that the world should take notice.

For example, Dr. Stephen Langdon's 1915 publication *Sumerian Epic of Paradise, The Flood and Fall of Man*,⁴⁶ discusses in detail a "remarkable text which obviously contains a Sumerian version of the Flood and the Fall of Man, antedating by at least a thousand years the version in Hebrew." The text contains an epic⁴⁷ on a triangular fragment of a tablet from the Nippur collection of the Sumerian tablets archived at the University of Pennsylvania. This fragment, numbered 4561 in the collection, locates Paradise in a "city" called Dilmun. Langdon records an apparent inconsistency between the Persian Gulf and "the mountain Dilmun" as the location of Dilmun in Mesopotamia. Clearly, the Sumerians were so far removed from that time more than 100,000 years before them, that they confused Dalamatia, Dilmun, the Nodite centers, and maybe the second garden also.

The revelation knew about this confusion of the Sumerians and informs the student unequivocally:

77:4.8 (860.3) The elaborate records left by the Sumerians describe the site of a remarkable settlement which was located on the Persian Gulf near the earlier city of Dilmun. The

⁴⁵ The original printing of The URANTIA Book in 1955 had a dark blue hard cover that future generations may only consider as an ancient artifact, or a collector's artifact. The reference to "Ol' Blue" is merely an endearing look back at being one in the original generation that was privileged to have had one.

⁴⁶ Langdon, J. (1915). *Sumerian Epic of Paradise, The Flood and the Fall of Man*. (10th ed.). University Museum. (As Vol 10, No. 1 in University of Pennsylvania The University Publications of The Babylonian Section.

⁴⁷ An epic is a long book, poem, or movie whose story extends over a long period of time or tells of great events.

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Egyptians called this city of ancient glory Dilmun, while the later Adamized Sumerians confused both the first and second Nodite cities with Dalamatia and called all three Dilmun. And already have archaeologists found these ancient Sumerian clay tablets which tell of this earthly paradise “where the Gods first blessed mankind with the example of civilized and cultured life.” And these tablets, descriptive of Dilmun, the paradise of men and God, are now silently resting on the dusty shelves of many museums.

Now fast forward to 1969. Noted Danish archeologist and author Geoffrey Bibby writes of the newly uncovered overwhelming evidence of an extensively high civilization even older and more widespread than Sumer.⁴⁸ It existed in the maritime highway between Mesopotamia and India – the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. Until Bibby’s evidence archeologists considered Sumer the first high civilization of the world. But the Danish Archaeological Expedition, of which Professor Bibby directed for fifteen years, uncovered the existence of a civilization equal to or more advanced than the Sumerians! In 1960, this was archaeologically virgin territory along the Persian Gulf. Bibby reports “This civilization is beyond reasonable doubt the kingdom known to the Sumerians and the Babylonians as Dilmun, the legendary land of immortality referred to in Assyrian records and the Gilgamesh Epic.”

Archeological progress can be slow but incremental nonetheless. Langdon, while of course not aware of Bibby’s evidence, not only provided the translations and rational pointers for Bibby’s team to look for Dilmun nearly sixty years later, but provide the written evidence that the Sumerians and Babylonians considered Dilmun a “paradise.” (Maybe the Sumerians wanted to make Mesopotamia great again – MMGA?). A Melchizedek of Nebadon reveals that the headquarters of the Planetary Prince was a “beautiful but straightforward city,” enclosed by walls 40 feet high. The world center of culture named Dalamatia in honor of Daligastia, the associate-assistant of the Planetary Prince.⁴⁹ The Sumerian Legends of the lingering traditions of ancient advanced civilizations, of paradises on earth, lends credence to the belief (and maybe a desire of nostalgia) of a onetime "golden age" of the dawn of humanity, helping solidify the belief that mankind had origin in a special creation.

⁴⁸ Bibby, J. (1969). *Looking for Dilmun*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

⁴⁹ Urantia Book. (66:3.3 (743.4); (66:2.5 (742.5)).

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[The truth is even more complex than that as the fact is humanity actually *evolved* 1,000,000 years ago followed by a distinct DNA modification that took place 500,000 years after that – by celestial agents implementing a Divine plan.]

The revelation is forthcoming revealing the salient cultural and racial dispersions of two groups of historically important peoples: the Nodites and the Vanites. This extended time goes back 192,000 years before the Sumerians fully established civilization shows up. I didn't mention the Vanites in the list of three above of those races that were instrumental in "holding the fort" until A&E arrived as the hope for humanity. The reason revolves around the revelation that the Vanites were actually Nodites and Amadonites and were descendants of those who had forsaken the leadership of Nod and his successors for that of Van and Amadon. Mount Ararat was the sacred mountain of northern Mesopotamia, and since much of the tradition of these ancient times was acquired in connection with the Babylonian story of the flood, it is not surprising that Mount Ararat and its region were woven into the later Jewish story of Noah and the universal flood.⁵⁰

After the rebellion, the revelation teaches that Nod and the disloyal staff migrated to the north and east. Their descendants are called the Nodites, and the place they settled in was well-known down through the ages as "The Land of Nod."⁵¹ Van and his followers had fled early to the highland west of India, where they were exempted from attacks by the confused races of the lowland. From this place, Van and his associates planned the rehabilitation of humanity. This places Van's original encampment just west of the Indus Valley and the disloyal Nodites in the Göbekli Tepe area.

Except for the subsequent work of Van, the spiritual influence of the Dalamatian revelation became lost to the whole world outside of the Nodites and the Amadonites. Only among the Nodites and the Amadonites was there some persistence of the traditions of Dalamatia due to the slowly evolved culture the Planetary Prince's administration established taking a staggering 300,000 years to germinate and flower to some fidelity. This spiritual persistence served humanity well until about 2000 BCE, when the concept of monotheism became almost totally lost, even among the descendants of the Nodites. Initially the Nodites and their progeny

⁵⁰ Ibid. (77:4.12 (860.7))

⁵¹ Bible gateway passage: Genesis 4:16 - King James Version. (n.d.). Bible Gateway. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%204%3A16&version=KJV>

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were superhuman, but with each succeeding generation they became more and more physically akin to the evolutionary peoples. A Melchizedek of Nebadon explains it this way in discussing the rebellion:

67:4.3 (758.1) The presence of these extraordinary supermen and superwomen, stranded by rebellion and presently mating with the sons and daughters of earth, easily gave origin to those traditional stories of the gods coming down to mate with mortals. And thus originated the thousand and one legends of a mythical nature, but founded on the facts of the postrebellion days, which later found a place in the folk tales and traditions of the various peoples whose ancestors had participated in these contacts with the Nodites and their descendants.

Commencing in northern Mesopotamia, the Nodites freely mated with the Sangik races and left behind an able progeny throughout the fertile crescent. In addition, some of the descendants of the rebellious Dalamatians subsequently joined Van and his loyal followers in the lands north of Mesopotamia. In the vicinity of Lake Van and the southern Caspian Sea region, the Nodites mingled and mixed with the Amadonites, and they were numbered among the “mighty men of old.” It is this persistence, but dwindling, of universe knowledge that confounds even the best of “ancient alien” theorists that there just might have been an advanced civilization that shows evidence of amazing feats of engineering in the development of civilization. It is this revelation of the time before A&E that Göbekli Tepe begins to shine a light upon.

Besides the Sumerian tablets which describe various noteworthy events before ~5500 BCE there is also archeological evidence dug up from the earth itself, i.e., stone pages that provides evidence of the time before the Sumerians. That is in the form of human constructs including evidence of the earth’s climatic and geological changes. Unfortunately, for now, there is scant evidence of the timing or the existence of Urantia’s Planetary Prince.

However, there are individuals who have “outrageous theories” that do match the timing of Caligastia. As previously mentioned, Zecharia Sitchin studied the Indian texts, the Mahabharata and the Ramayana related to societies in the Indus Valley. In other publications he deciphers the Sumerian texts to point to the idea that “extraterrestrials” arrived 450,000 years ago from a planet that is in our solar system.⁵² His translations are not those that conventional philologists and epigraphers agree with. Should the Sumerian tablets prove that 450,000 years is

⁵² Sitchin, M. A. (1980). *The Stairway to Heaven*. Bear & Company; Sitchin, Z. (1985). *The wars of gods and men: Book III of the earth chronicles*. HarperCollins.

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a statement the Sumerians made, then once again, the revelation will provide a substantial GPS that should stand the test of time.

In Sitchin's defense, science considers deciphering ancient written artifacts, such as the Sumerian tablets, both an art and a science.⁵³ On the one hand, it requires a deep understanding of the physical and material aspects of the tablets themselves, such as the shape and size of the tablet, the type of script used, and the historical context in which the particular culture produced the text. These are skills that are typically associated with the humanities and the arts. On the other hand, deciphering and interpreting the content of the tablets requires a scientific approach, involving rigorous analysis of the linguistic and grammatical features of the language, as well as an understanding of the historical and cultural context of the texts. This involves both the application of scientific methodologies and the use of specialized tools and techniques, such as infrared photography and digital imaging.

I raise this particular controversial subject not to necessarily agree with Mr. Sitchin, but to point out once again that as Dr. McMenamin has realized the precociousness of the Urantia revelation related to the pre-Pangea supercontinent, when one studies Part III of the revelation, it becomes obvious that there is a thread of truth in what Sitchin posits about humanity's origins. Most theorists in this area either point to evidence that doesn't fit into current theories, or reject alternative hypotheses as pseudoscience. Mark's words that "... whatever the identity of the author, this person [i.e., a Life Carrier] proceeded to speculate about the relationship between evolutionary change and the breakup of a Proterozoic supercontinent in an exceptionally fruitful way." Mark contends that "outrageous hypotheses" arouse interest, invite attack, and thus serve useful fermentative purposes in the advancement of geology. He also asks the integrative question that inquires: what about outrageous religions?

While there is much, very much that even dedicated Urantia revelation students do not know about the deeper details transpiring from the roughly 30,000 years from A&E's first days on the planet until the Sumerians appear as a full-blown civilization, the revelation reveals a surprising wellspring of observations by our celestial assistants for the interested student to gain a true GPS that should satisfy the soul. For those who dedicate their need for the truth and have the desire to dig into the emerging new knowledge that future excavations will unearth, I say stay

⁵³ Bodel, J. (2012). *Epigraphic evidence: Ancient history from inscriptions*. Routledge. Pg 2.

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tuned. I promise the experience of true north will appear like a clear morning sun over the horizon. We will take a look at some of the more remarkable ones currently unearthed related to Göbekli Tepe.

Civilization as THE Goal (Revelational & Speculative)

Most of this essay and the previous two (The Precambrian Supercontinent / Adam & Eve Eight Feet Tall) focused on the practical material aspects of Urantia's origin and the evolution of humanity on board our sphere of universe nativity. In this penultimate section I take a different tack and philosophize about end goals or outcomes. In our final section we'll look at how Göbekli Tepe, even at this early stage of the excavation, indicates evidence that show the precocious statements the revelation makes provides a GPS for understanding our collective origins and history. At the end of the day, understanding true origins and history for considering wise and moral decisions for Urantia civilization's destiny to progress positively and safely.

If I make the statement that the *primary* goal of a Planetary Prince and that of the Adam and Eves who join his team later is to develop and foster civilization, would that seem outrageous and preposterous or realistic and credible? Let's take a look at three very different perspectives and assess where one might stand before a revelation can reinforce the truth in all three to set the record straight.

According to Zecharia Sitchin the Annunaki came from a planet that needed resources from Urantia to survive. According to Sitchin in Sumerian mythology, the term "Anunnaki" refers to a group of deities⁵⁴ who played a central role in the creation and maintenance of the universe. As noted above, Sitchin cites a number of sources to support his theories, including Sumerian creation myths and king lists, as well as other ancient texts and artifacts that he interprets as evidence of the Anunnaki's influence on human civilization. Sitchin theorizes and defines civilization as resulting from the intervention of the Annunaki; humans would *not* have been able to civilize on their own. It was from that twelfth member of the Solar System, he posits the Sumerians said, that astronauts had come to Earth—the "Gods of Heaven and Earth." It was from such Sumerian beliefs, that all the other ancient peoples acquired their religions and gods. These gods, the Sumerians said, created Mankind and eventually gave it civilization—all knowledge, all sciences, including an incredible level of a sophisticated astronomy.

⁵⁴ Sitchin's term "deity" refers to a divine or supernatural being that is worshiped or revered as a god or goddess in a religion or mythology.

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In "The Evolving Self,"⁵⁵ Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi argues that civilization is a necessary and natural evolution of human society. He posits that civilization is the result of humans coming together to create structures, institutions, and social norms that allow for greater cooperation and mutual benefit. Csikszentmihalyi's definition of civilization posits that it is the result of humans coming together to create structures, institutions, and social norms that allow for greater cooperation and mutual benefit. Professor Csikszentmihalyi explains civilization consists of attempts at rationalizing life, so that actions can be predictable and reasonable. But, he says, civilization is a fragile construction that needs constant protection and care.⁵⁶

Albert Schweitzer on the other hand, defines civilization as consisting in dedicating ourselves, as human beings, to the effort for attaining the perfecting of the human race and the actualization of progress of every sort in the circumstances of humanity and of the objective world. Schweitzer posits that an individual's mental attitude, however, involves a double predisposition: firstly, we must be prepared to act affirmatively toward the world and life; secondly, we must become ethical.⁵⁷

The Fifth Epochal Revelation accentuates the truth in all three positions; it synthesizes these three (and other) somewhat divergent positions together into a consistent and logical universe philosophy - a coordinated and unbroken explanation integrating both science and religion, thus creating a harmony of mind and satisfaction of spirit. The revelation, beginning with the cosmic picture of what defines a human, down through the intervention of a Planetary Prince answers those questionings of the mortal mind which craves to know how the Infinite works out His will through a Divine Plan in matter, with minds, and on spirit. The Urantia Revelation takes a more cosmic view of course as it describes civilization as a significant part of the Divine Plan. A Divine Counselor informs us that a "Planetary Prince arrives [on a planet with the Sangik races who have reached will dignity] to inaugurate human civilization."⁵⁸ And a Life Carrier still resident on the planet, divulges that the prime purpose of the Adamic program is to "influence evolving man to complete the transit from the hunter and herder stage of civilization

⁵⁵ Csikszentmihalyi, M. (1993). *The Evolving Self*. Harper Collins, NY, NY.

⁵⁶ Ibid, Pg. 41.

⁵⁷ Schweitzer, A. (1950). *The philosophy of civilization*. The Macmillan Company. pg. xiii

⁵⁸ Urantia Book. (49:5.23 (567.3)).

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to that of the agriculturist and horticulturist, to be later supplemented by the appearance of the urban and industrial adjuncts to civilization.”⁵⁹

Why Civilization? (Scientific, Religious, Philosophical, Revelational)

For reasons not completely known to us yet, the initial physical evolution of humans on all inhabited planets evolves groupings and societies, but humans alone are incapable of transitioning into civilization; they need assistance. There is little dispute that a civilization contains significant differences from a group, tribe or society. Here are four salient ones; there are others:

1. Scale and complexity: A civilization is typically larger and more complex than a society, encompassing a broader geographic area and a more extensive set of institutions, technologies, and cultural practices. Civilizations often involve the creation of urban centers, the development of sophisticated forms of governance, and the accumulation of specialized knowledge and skills.
2. Cultural achievement: While societies may have distinctive cultural traditions and practices, civilizations are often associated with significant cultural achievements, such as the development of written language, the creation of monumental architecture, and the production of art, literature, and music.
3. Technological innovation: Civilizations are often associated with significant advances in technology, including the development of new tools and techniques for agriculture, transportation, communication, and warfare.
4. Historical significance: Civilizations are often seen as having greater historical significance than societies, in that they represent significant milestones in human cultural, social, and political evolution. Civilizations are often studied as discrete periods of history, with distinctive cultural and historical characteristics.

The first groupings of humans emerge when the differing races appear. Our resident Life Carrier reveals the phenomena as the “Sangiks.”⁶⁰ They take upon six distinct skin colorings; on Urantia they arose out of the original Andonic race. These distinctions remain obvious, even though “There are no pure races in the world today.”⁶¹

⁵⁹ Ibid. (52:3.3 (593.2)).

⁶⁰ *Etymology of coined terminology*. (n.d.). Urantia Book Study Aids – Urantia Book study aid: Jesus, science, and more. <https://ubannotated.com/main-menu/animated/topical-studies/etymology-of-coined-terminology/>

⁶¹ Urantia Book. (82:6.1 (919.7)).

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One more interesting set of revelational facts before we speculate some on the cosmic significance, and ultimate requirement for, the development of civilization. It took 500,000 years of Urantian HUMAN stock⁶² to finally produce Sangiks, i.e., racial diversity via Sangiks that were born human. On non-experimental worlds, the Sangiks evolve as PREHUMAN.⁶³ On these worlds the first two humans arise out of Sangik primates serially (multi-generational). On Urantia the pattern curiously reverses; the Sangiks evolved from human stock – the Andonites and all at once (in one generation).⁶⁴ This implies that the Urantian Andonites were unable to produce civilization, but the Sangiks had the requisite intelligence to do so. We conjecture that this is one of the reasons why the Planetary Prince waited 500,000 years before showing up to guide the development of civilizations.

The forerunner of civilization is animal fear coupled with ignorant awe and tribal superstition. Family life doesn't occur naturally with primitive man. It requires a Planetary Prince's mission to effect that. Early fear-religion (particularly ghost fear) mollifies warlike tendencies naturally. Nevertheless, this superstitious fear remains static. It is the springboard for the Planetary Prince to begin the arduous task of revealing religion for presenting higher truth and universe organization that is so necessary for civilization to flower. In the last section we will discuss the "temple first" hypothesis of Göbekli Tepe's initial uncovering of its structures and art work.

But the Planetary Prince does not transition evolving man to complete the transit from the hunter and herder stage of civilization to that of the agriculturist and horticulturist; that is the task of the A&E's. And this is what can be gleaned out of Göbekli Tepe. By 10,000 BCE Urantia's A&E were able to put in place not only increased "brain power," but memetic patterns for the urban and industrial adjuncts to civilization. The result of the gift of the Adamic life plasm to the mortal races is an immediate upstepping of intellectual capacity and an acceleration of spiritual progress.⁶⁵ It is spiritual progress that provides the impetus and progress for those creative problem-solving capabilities that civilization requires.

⁶² The universe qualification for a human is beyond the scope of this essay. A reading of the adjutant mind-spirits is recommended if the reader is inclined. Cf. Urantia Book Paper 36:5-6.

⁶³ Urantia Book. (65:4.11 (736.2)). "Ordinarily, will does not emerge until the colored races have long been in existence."

⁶⁴ Ibid. Cf. (65:4.7-11 (735.6-736.2))

⁶⁵ Urantia Book. (52:3.6 (593.5)).

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In God's universe of universes, while Sangiks are intellectually capable of developing civilization, it is not something that evolves "naturally." The Melchizedek teaches that "Civilization is a racial acquirement; ... the superior qualities of civilization—scientific, philosophic, and religious—are not transmitted from one generation to another by direct [genetic] inheritance. These cultural achievements are preserved only by the enlightened conservation of social inheritance."⁶⁶ With this passage, the Melchizedek presages the idea of "memetics."⁶⁷ The concept of memetics suggests that ideas, behaviors, and cultural phenomena mimic how biology studies genetics to understand physical inheritance. According to the theory of memetics, memes are cultural replicators that transfer from one individual to another through social interaction and communication. Memes can include ideas, beliefs, values, behaviors, and other cultural artifacts that transition between generations through various means, such as language, writing, art, music, and technology. Thus, civilization is a cultural development. It is dependent on knowledge, symbols, and the contributions of the cosmic constitutive endowments of humans—science, morality, and religion.

In order to get a cosmic or universe-breadth perspective of why developing and perfecting civilization is such an important goal for humanity's celestial helpers, we turn our attention to another part of the revelation – the Part and the Whole.⁶⁸ In the paper on *The Universe of Universes*, a Perfector of Wisdom provides a complete section on this apparent bifurcated concept. He couches the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man as a paradox of the part and the whole, but on the "level of personality." A paradox is a statement or situation that appears to be contradictory or self-contradictory, but upon closer examination, reveals a deeper truth or complexity. With respect to strategy, a paradox presents a problem-solver with a both-and situation: one factor is true and an antithetical factor is simultaneously true.

Humanity has known about this issue for at least since the Greeks, most likely earlier. Aristotle wrote about the paradox between the part and the whole; he explored the relationship between the individual parts of a living organism and the larger system of the organism as a whole. Other notable philosophers on this topic include David Bohm, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Lao Tzu, Martin Heidegger, and Edgar Morin. The Vedas and Upanishads also deal with this as a

⁶⁶ Ibid. (68:0.2 (763.2))

⁶⁷ Koestler, A. (1989). *The Ghost in the Machine*. (4th ed.) London: Penguin Group.

⁶⁸ Urantia Book. Cf. (12:7 (137.4 – 139:3))

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particular topic. And famously, Albert Einstein opined that "we cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." This statement suggests that when faced with a paradox, it may be necessary to shift to a different level of thinking or to approach the problem from a new perspective in order to find a solution.

Essentially, because God, as the Universal Father, reserves the bestowal of personality to Himself,⁶⁹ (the one thing he doesn't delegate) He individualizes each personality as a unique child. In fact, "God loves *each* individual as an individual child in the heavenly family. Yet God thus loves *every* individual; he is no respecter of persons, and the universality of his love brings into being a relationship of the whole, the universal brotherhood."⁷⁰

This is one of the paradoxes facing every Planetary Prince and subsequent A&E pair. Each unique individual contributes to the fashioning of the whole of civilization; yet it that civilization that feeds back the gains of civilization to each individual. There is a single Divine Father who emphasizes the importance of individual autonomy and free will – in fact he decrees it – and at the same time He expects the universal perfection of His universes of universes as a whole. What could be more paradoxical?

Shine a light on Civilization (Scientific & Philosophical)

Earlier in this essay I used the metaphor that Göbekli Tepe was like a "knowledge lighthouse" for those fact seekers not aware or acknowledging the Urantia Revelation. The original purpose of a lighthouse was to serve as a navigational aid for ships at sea. In ancient times, lighthouses were simply fires built on elevated platforms or cliffs that ships at sea could see from a distance. Lighthouses were particularly important in areas with treacherous coastlines or underwater hazards, where ships were at risk of running aground or colliding with rocks or other obstacles. Over time, lighthouse technology advanced, with the development of lenses, mirrors, and other machineries that allowed the light to be seen from even greater distances. By providing a steady and visible light source, lighthouses allowed ships to navigate safely through these hazardous areas, and helped to prevent shipwrecks and other disasters.

In the 1960's, a Rock group call Creedence Clearwater Revival recorded a hit song called "Midnight Special" that became a favorite of that generation. This song has a rich history for well over a century. It is thought to have originated among prisoners in the American South and

⁶⁹ Ibid. (0:5.5 (8.5)).

⁷⁰ Ibid. (12:7.8 (138.3)).

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refers to the passenger train Midnight Special and its "ever-loving light." The light of the train is seen as the light of salvation, the train which could take them away from their prison walls.

Legend has it that the Midnight Special was the Golden Gate Limited, departing from Houston's Southern Pacific depot at midnight for San Antonio and El Paso, pointing west. Thirty miles out of Houston, the Midnight Special shone its light through the barred windows at the Texas state prison farm at Sugarland, reminding the inmates of the light and freedom on the other side of the prison walls. Owing to the song's deep history many elements of "The Midnight Special" are far older than the song as a whole. The song's refrain repeats: "Let the Midnight Special shine a ever lovin' light on me."

I raise the aspect of these two metaphors related to light to emphasize that Göbekli Tepe, in the first quarter of the 21st century, characterizes both the hope that Urantian mankind will get to remove the shackles of its ignorance of its origin and history and the knowledge that its light will shed insights into Urantia humanity's collective destiny. Maybe the insights Göbekli Tepe will engender will help solve the paradox of dysfunctional civilizations that so besets the planet at this time.

The URANTIA Book's revelation regarding the history of Urantia, as narrated in Part III beginning with paper fifty-seven, is as replete as anything written or verbally recounted by anyone or any artifact that has ever existed. Since the beginning of the 20th century, it is obvious that dogmatic religious beliefs about human origins and history have petrified, while science has nearly become motionless because of the development of a positive reinforcing loop hardening the of funding conventional disciplines and unexceptional grants producing an inflexibility that constrains, if not derails, progress. For others, wild speculations about ancient aliens (are they human?) takes the path far from the reality while containing seeds of truth.

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One topic that has stood the test of time, however, is the belief that Mesopotamia is the “cradle of civilization.” This is a specific concept that the revelation accentuates. There are no less than twenty-eight papers and one hundred eight references to Mesopotamia as central to the

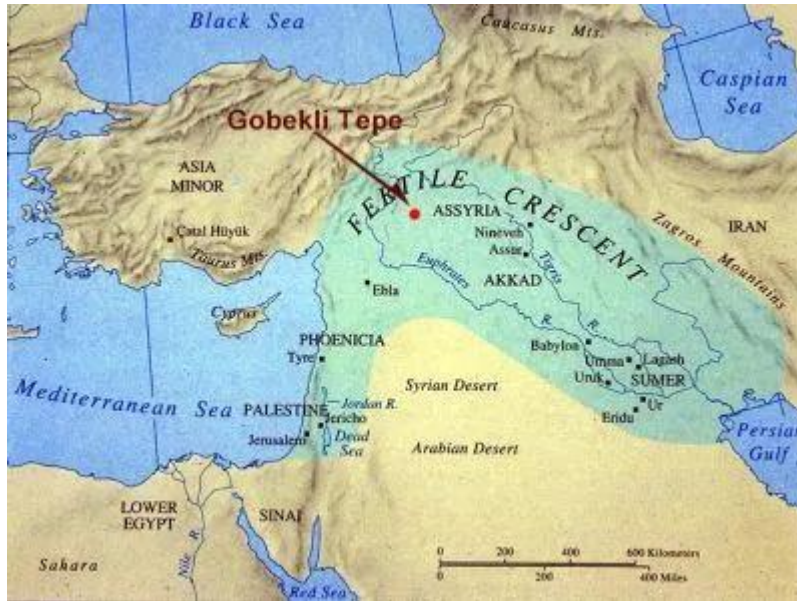


Figure 1: Göbekli Tepe sits in the northern tip of Mesopotamia.

development of civilization and the planned dispersion of the core race of Adamites that uplifted the planet’s peoples as I described in Chapter Two. It is not a coincidence that Mesopotamia encapsulates the intersection of Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Levant. Or said another way, it is also no accident that Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Levant have

origins, histories, and evidences that postdate Mesopotamia, but demonstrate evidence that they have a homologous beginning from a central core.

When Mesopotamia is referred to as the "cradle of civilization," it means that it is considered one of the earliest and most significant centers of human civilization. The term "cradle" in this context symbolizes the birth and nurturing of various aspects of civilization, similar to how a baby's cradle represents the beginning and nurturing of a human life.

Located as a crescent-like geography as depicted in **Figure 1**, Mesopotamia was home to some of the first complex societies known to history, such as the Sumerians, Akkadians, Babylonians, and Assyrians. The term "cradle of civilization" highlights the numerous innovations and achievements that emerged in Mesopotamia, which laid the foundation for later civilizations. These developments include:

1. The invention of writing: The Sumerians developed the earliest known writing system, called cuneiform, around 3400 BCE. This allowed for the recording of history, laws, literature, and administrative information, which became essential for managing complex societies.

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2. Urbanization: Mesopotamia was home to some of the world's first cities, such as Uruk, Ur, and Eridu, which emerged around 4000-3500 BCE. These urban centers facilitated the growth of trade, administration, and specialized labor.
3. Agricultural advancements: The people of Mesopotamia developed advanced irrigation techniques and systems, which allowed them to grow crops on a large scale, supporting population growth and urbanization.
4. Legal systems and governance: Mesopotamian civilizations developed complex legal codes and systems of governance, such as the famous Code of Hammurabi, which laid the groundwork for the administration of justice and the rule of law.
5. Science, mathematics, and technology: Mesopotamian civilizations made significant advancements in fields like astronomy, mathematics, and engineering, influencing future developments in these areas.
6. Art and architecture: Mesopotamian cultures produced sophisticated art and architectural achievements, such as the ziggurat, a massive stepped pyramid structure that served as a temple.

The term "cradle of civilization" is used to emphasize the foundational role of Mesopotamia in the development of these and other aspects of human society, which have continued to shape and influence the course of human history.

the Sumerians are often considered the first fully-developed civilization that exhibited many of the developments listed in the previous response. They are credited with several innovations and achievements that laid the foundation for later civilizations:

1. The invention of writing: The Sumerians developed cuneiform, the earliest known writing system, which allowed for the recording of history, laws, literature, and administrative information.
2. Urbanization: The Sumerians were among the first to establish large urban centers, such as Uruk, Ur, and Eridu. These cities facilitated the growth of trade, administration, and specialized labor.
3. Agricultural advancements: The Sumerians developed advanced irrigation techniques and systems that enabled them to cultivate the fertile land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, supporting population growth and urbanization.

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4. Legal systems and governance: While not as comprehensive as the later Code of Hammurabi, the Sumerians had their own legal codes and systems of governance, which laid the groundwork for the administration of justice and the rule of law.
5. Science, mathematics, and technology: The Sumerians made significant advancements in fields like astronomy, mathematics, and engineering. They are credited with the invention of the sexagesimal system (base 60), which is still used for measuring time and angles.
6. Art and architecture: Sumerian cultures produced sophisticated art and architectural achievements, including the ziggurat, a massive stepped pyramid structure that served as a temple.

While the Sumerians were among the first to exhibit these developments, it is important to recognize that other early civilizations, such as those in ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley, also made significant contributions to human culture and society. The Sumerians' accomplishments, however, are especially noteworthy given their role in the history of Mesopotamia."

Top of Form

These descriptions include the context of why the celestial planners chose this particular location on the planet for the incubation of civilization. The map in **Figure 1** shows that Göbekli Tepe, resides within the confines of Mesopotamia. Göbekli Tepe is situated in the southeastern Anatolia region of Turkey, which is located in the northern part of the Fertile Crescent. While the Fertile Crescent is often considered to be part of the broader "Mesopotamia" region, which means "land between the rivers" and refers specifically to the Tigris-Euphrates River system, the term "Mesopotamia" is not typically used to refer to southeastern Anatolia. Instead, the region around Göbekli Tepe is often referred to as "Upper Mesopotamia" or "northern Mesopotamia." a Melchizedek explains why this area was chosen as an initial fountainhead.

66:3.2 (743.3) The climate and landscape in the Mesopotamia of those times were in every way favorable to the undertakings of the Prince's staff and their assistants, very different from conditions which have sometimes since prevailed. It was necessary to have such a favoring climate as a part of the natural environment designed to induce primitive Urantians to make certain initial advances in culture and civilization. The one great task of those ages was to transform man from a hunter to a herder, with the hope that later on he would evolve into a peace-loving, home-abiding farmer.

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The Planetary Prince's Dalamatia location is further south by the mouth of the Persian Gulf and A&E's is in between (Baghdad essentially). When these GPS locations become better understood by archeologists, then the stories outlined in this essay from the revelation will become a combined lighthouse and midnight special showing the way back before the Sumerians, maybe even in the times before A&E into the times of Van and Amadon.

On pages 10 & 11 I listed six significant aspects of Göbekli Tepe identified by archeologists. Items #4 through #6 are characteristics of a society far ahead of hunter-gatherers. These are just a few of the mysterious (to non Urantia revelation students) that Göbekli Tepe surfaces. Let's tackle three of them conceding that the age (#1) and the art and symbolism (#2), while exceptional, are not be as puzzling as the final three.

Social organization: Göbekli Tepe suggests a complex social organization would be required to coordinate what appears to foster the site as a large-scale engineering project more indicative of the capabilities of a true civilization. Societies of any size would have difficulty constructing the large edifices the site displays. The construction required the movement of large stones weighing several tons. Hunter-gatherer societies would not have access to advanced transportation systems, such as carts or wagons, and would have had to rely on brute force and simple tools to move these stones over long distances. The stones used in the construction of Göbekli Tepe were not readily available in the surrounding area and would have had to be quarried from a distance. The construction of Göbekli Tepe required a high degree of precision. The stones used in the construction had to be carefully placed and aligned to create the circular structures found at the site. And The construction of Göbekli Tepe would have required a high level of coordination and organization. The site is believed to have been constructed over a period of several centuries, indicating that the construction was a long-term project that required sustained effort and resources.

Earlier in this essay we discussed the descendants of the Caligastia 100 and their human complements as creating at least one additional racial group between the commencement of the rebellion and the arrival of A&E: the Nodites and the Amadonites. The revelation considers the Nodites as a "magnificent race." Technically they were superhuman and had 300,000 years to hone their skills at all sorts of things, especially technology. Then roughly 160,000 years transpired with utter chaos over the entire planet except for the small contingent that didn't defect and supported Van and Amadon. Because these superhumans lost the capability for living

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on indefinitely after the rebellion, their progeny lost many of their skills the originals once had. By the time Adam and Eve arrived, there were mostly primitive savages marauding most of Mesopotamia.

There is not enough information out of the excavation from Göbekli Tepe as of 2023, but there is high probability that the site was constructed over many millennia as opposed to centuries. There is strong probability that Van and Amadon could have begun the construction and been infused with support from Adamson and Ratta many millennia later. We just don't know for sure. What we do know is that the Nodites and Amadonites were capable of providing a high level of coordination and organization, including design. While most humans up to 10,000 BCE were primitives, the idea that the site is a temple site for the spiritual enrichment of humans by the more capable descendants of the Nodites makes much sense.

Art and engineering progressively degrade: Archaeologists studying Göbekli Tepe have indeed observed that the quality of craftsmanship appears to deteriorate over time, with the earlier structures being more complex and finely crafted than the later ones.⁷¹ This has led to some speculation about the reasons behind this decline in quality. One possible explanation is that the construction of Göbekli Tepe was a collective effort involving a large number of people, and that over time, as the site became more established and the population grew, the quality of craftsmanship may have declined due to a lack of skilled labor. This could have been compounded by the fact that the site was constructed over a period of several centuries, with different generations of people contributing to its construction.

The revelation provides great GPS clues with respect to this observation. The Second Garden was situated just south of present-day Baghdad. Adam and Eve's civilization, society, and cultural status 35,000 BCE were far above the general level of the evolutionary races of Urantia. An Archangel reports that "only among the old settlements of Van and Amadon and the Adamsonites was there a civilization in any way comparable. But the civilization of the second Eden was an artificial structure — it had not been evolved—and was therefore doomed to deteriorate until it reached a natural evolutionary level."⁷²

We also learn that even though Adam left a great intellectual and spiritual culture behind him, it lacked advanced mechanical appliances since available natural resources, inherent genius,

⁷¹ *Göbekli Tepe*. (n.d.). <https://whc.unesco.org/document/160483>

⁷² Urantia Book. (78:2.3 (870.1))

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and sufficient leisure limit civilization for insuring inventive fruition. The second garden had to start from scratch; think of superior intelligences (like a Yankee in King Arthur's Court) with no resources, inventive time, or other intelligences equal to theirs. The civilization of the violet race relied on the presence of Adam and on the traditions of the first Eden. After Adam's death and as these traditions grew dim through the passing millenniums, the cultural level of the Adamites steadily deteriorated until it reached a state of reciprocal balance with the status of the surrounding peoples and the naturally evolving cultural capacities of the violet race.

A 'temple-first' hypothesis: The "temple first" hypothesis proposes that the construction of these monumental structures may have played a crucial role in driving the development of more complex social structures, sedentism, and agriculture. The need for labor and resources to build and maintain the site could have encouraged the formation of larger, more permanent communities and stimulated the domestication of plants and animals. In this scenario, the religious and social significance of Göbekli Tepe would have been a primary factor in the emergence of agriculture and settled life, rather than a byproduct of these developments.

A Universal Censor, while revealing how the cosmic mind endows humans with a "reality response" capability, teaches that civilizations are unstable because they are not cosmically grounded. He goes on to say the combined contributions of these "constitutive factors" of the cosmic mind of man—science, morality, and religion - nurture civilization.⁷³ These cosmic factors are scientific, moral, and spiritual *insights*; essentially cosmic responses, occurring in the inner mind of man, which endows all will creatures. And these cosmic gifts, socialized, constitute civilization. His final statement is a profound one: "It is the purpose of education to develop and sharpen these innate endowments of the human mind; of *civilization to express them*; of life experience to realize them; of religion to ennoble them; and of personality to unify them."⁷⁴ (emphasis mine). Is this a paradox? I say yes. Again, our celestial helpers must find ways to guide humans, without abrogating their free will, to integrate into each individual's personality matter, mind, and spiritual experiences individually while at the same time enabling humans to socialize these blessings with others in the potential of creating an enduring civilization to manifest the part and the whole in perfecting brotherhood. No wonder civilizations crash!

⁷³ Urantia Book. (16:9.5 (196.1)).

⁷⁴ Ibid. (16:6.11 (192.7)).

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Our summary narrative of humanity's origins covered a broad sweep of 500,000 years from 1934. Göbekli Tepe is a conundrum wrapped in a paradox without a revelation for determining just how it came into existence, what it did, and who and why someone constructed it in the first place. Göbekli Tepe creates a paradigm shift that will forever transform one's vision of history. Stanford University's head of archaeology summed it up: "Many people think that it changes everything...It overturns the whole apple cart. All our theories were wrong."