



# The Christ Experiment

## THE NEW REVELAION

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**Question:** Is this ministry moving too fast and violating the evolutionary process?

The unprecedented increase in the number of faith sons who are accepting the new revelation is welcomed by many, but it raises some concerns that perhaps we are moving too fast and possibly violating the evolutionary process. Having received a few emails carrying this theme, we decided to provide an explanation as to our thinking.

What we are trying to accomplish is to simply ‘revive the actual teachings of Jesus’ as directed in The Urantia Book. (*UB 170:5.20*) These are the teachings that our Sovereign, the Creator and Progenitor of everything in our universe, determined that his creation was ready for, nearly 2,000 years ago! He knew of the rebellion and the default and our resulting retarded society. Yet he introduced these teachings and commanded that we continue the work he began. (*UB 178:3.2*) Unfortunately, his followers distorted and submerged these teachings, and as a result, 21st century man has fallen substantially further behind in the evolutionary process. Thus, re-introducing or reviving those teachings can in no way be tantamount to exceeding or violating evolution. It seems to us that failing to revive those teachings would be the universe violation.

Additionally, we note what occurred in the 1st century when the actual teachings of Jesus were first introduced. The Bible record tells us that hundreds and even thousands accepted his message and were immediately and profoundly affected, so much so that they willingly shared what they knew and even gave their lives for it. The undiluted message has that effect on man.

“... Modern men and women of intelligence evade the religion of Jesus because of their fears of what it will do to them—and with them. And all such fears are well founded. **The religion of Jesus does, indeed, dominate and transform its believers**, demanding that men dedicate their lives to seeking for a knowledge of the will of the Father in heaven and requiring that the energies of living be consecrated to the unselfish service of the brotherhood of man.” - *UB 195:9.6*

Even the early dilution of that message had a similar affect according to the *Acts of the Apostles* where thousands were joined to the movement in one day. (*Acts 2:41 46-47; Acts 4:4; Acts 5:14.*) History indicates that by the end of the 1st century, the number of so-called Christians had reached over 1 million in the Roman Empire alone, not counting the thousands who became Christians and migrated to other areas, and the large number that were murdered for their new-found faith. And these were people who had no prior introduction to Jesus or his revolutionary teachings. So it should be no surprise that during this 21st century, among Christians who have long accepted the greatly diluted teachings of Jesus, that when introduced to the undiluted teachings, would immediately and excitedly accept them whole souled. It seems inevitable and is impossible to prevent.

We have heard the idea that *The Urantia Book* is for a generation a thousand years in the future. We find this idea rather odd. To the generation of 2,955, *The Urantia Book* will be an old relic, an antique. The science will be grossly outdated, the philosophy and industry will be primitive, and if we wait until then to revive Jesus' actual teachings, we wonder if religion will have even survived!

No, leaving the revelation to future generations will only further retard what is possible for mankind as a whole. It would be a travesty if we were to kick the can down the road. It would be different if we were promoting a new message arising from our own intellect. But we are not doing that. We are merely re-introducing, re-establishing, and re-viving the things Jesus taught 2,000 years ago. We are not inventing the wheel; we are simply rolling it forward.

Rather than being a cautionary sign, the unprecedented increase is proof of the wisdom of taking the 'dare' proposed in *The Urantia Book* of "depending solely on Jesus' incomparable teachings" (*UB 195:9:5*), and "daring to espouse the Master's program." (*UB 195:10.10*)

Of course, the introduction to Jesus' actual teachings can be quite disruptive in the lives of some. But such a disruption is not a violation of evolution. Mankind has already evolved to the point that we can accept Jesus' actual teachings. What is occurring is merely an agitation to one's spirit which is the precursor to growth. Agitation is often necessary to take a person or a people to a higher level of consciousness. It forces people to look outside of their comfort zones to new possibilities. And yes, growth can be painful, but it should never be avoided or muted.

Nevertheless, we do acknowledge the resistance of some to such a forward ministry. As *The Urantia Book* says, many are fearful of what full acceptance of Jesus' teachings would do to them. "And all such fears are well founded." Therefore, to individuals who are cautious in this regard, we respect your viewpoint and your free will choice to move as quickly or as slowly as you desire. We will continue to view you as our brother or sister in Christ, but we must continue our efforts toward completing the work Jesus began 2,000 years ago.

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