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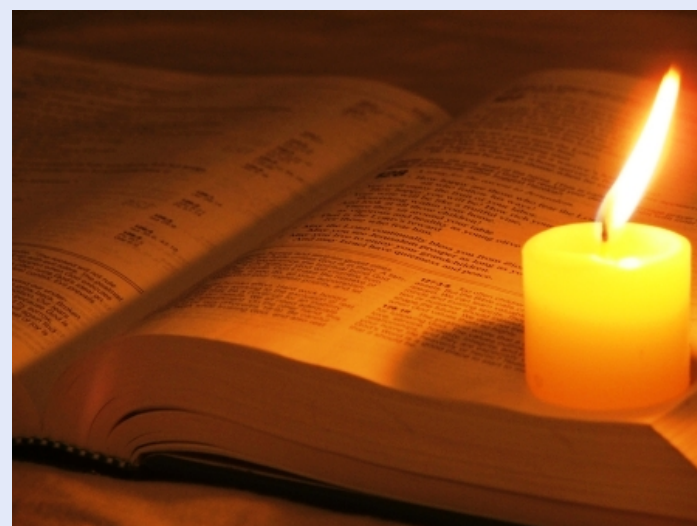
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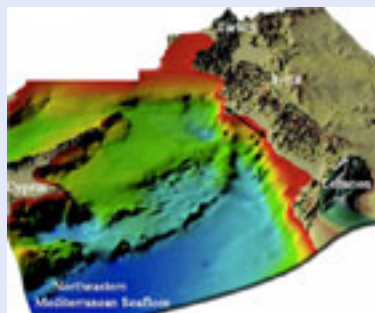
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Garden of Eden Summary

[Updated 3/7/07]



A description of the location and physical characteristics of the Garden of Eden is provided in *The Urantia Book*. The location is said to have been on a long narrow peninsula that extended off the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea. According to *The Urantia Book*, Adam and Eve first lived at this location almost 38,000 years ago, and it further states that this peninsula sank into the Mediterranean Sea approximately 34,000 years ago. The topography of the seafloor in an area between Cyprus and the Syrian coast fits the description

and looks to be the only area that could. Today, this area off the eastern coast of Mediterranean Sea drops down sharply, quickly reaching a depth of nearly one mile.

When *The Urantia Book* was published in 1955, sonar readings needed to create a detailed map of the eastern Mediterranean basin did not exist. Such maps were not created until decades after *The Urantia Book's* publication. Support for *The Urantia Book's* story about Adam and Eve is also documented in the [Adam and Eve Report](#) and the [Gobekli Tepe Report](#).

[Read the Garden of Eden Report.](#)

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Adam and Eve Summary

[Updated 10/3/09]



For the most part, *The Urantia Book's* story about Adam and Eve differs considerably from the one found in the Old Testament. However, both accounts have three things in common: 1) a specific couple, living a long time ago in the Mesopotamia region, had a significant impact on humanity, 2) this couple behaved in a way that caused a big problem, and 3) the behavior problem

precipitated the need to leave their original location.

According to *The Urantia Book*, which was published in 1955, the first human beings (roughly corresponding to *Homo erectus*) evolved about 1,000,000 years ago. It also recounts that almost 38,000 years ago Adam and Eve introduced some genetic upgrades into our gene pool, which enhanced brain function and resistance to disease (roughly corresponding with *Homo sapiens sapiens*). The authors extensively recount the development of the civilization that Adam and Eve started and how their descendants migrated around the world and mixed with other races. *The Urantia Book* provides specific information regarding time periods, places, degree of admixture with other races, and the impact on language and other aspects of culture.

Starting in 2004 numerous reports started to be published relating to portions of the Y chromosome and the Microcephalin gene. The Microcephalin gene play a critical role in the growth of the brain. The research results closely correlate with what *The Urantia Book* says about the spread of the genetic and cultural contributions of Adam and Eve. The research into Microcephalin indicates that new genetic material was introduced into the Microcephalin gene about 37,000 years ago and that the rest of the Microcephalin gene was approximately 990,000 years old. None of the obvious explanations for how new material might have been introduced fit well with the results of the research. It then spread into most of the human population quite rapidly, excepting sub-Saharan Africa. Similarly, Y chromosome related studies also document how some types of mutations or other changes occurred around 40,000 years ago, originating in the Mesopotamia region, and spreading quickly into most of humanity, excepting sub-Saharan Africa.

Follow up research comparing the spread of the introduction of new addition to the Microcephalin gene with the use of nontonal languages also showed a strong positive correlation. These correlations also track well with the migrations of Adam and Eve's descendants. Bruce Lahn, from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Chicago and the lead researcher responsible for the studies on the Microcephalin gene, is no longer working in this area, having become discouraged because the research results and their interpretation further enflamed what is already such a controversial issue. See the [Eugenics, Race, and The Urantia Book](#) paper for a comprehensive review of *The Urantia Book's* statements on this subject. Support for *The Urantia Book's* story about Adam and Eve is also documented in the [Garden of Eden Report](#) and the [Gobekli Tepe Report](#).

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Gobekli Tepe Summary

[3/9/10]



In 1994, almost forty years after *The Urantia Book's* 1955 publication, excavations began at the Gobekli Tepe archaeological site in Turkey. This site has produced over 50 Stonehenge-type rock carvings and other artifacts, some of which date back to at least 12,000 years ago. A full excavation to the bottom of the site has not yet occurred. The artifacts are especially inconsistent with prevailing theories about the development of civilization. Every place else in the world where ancient civilizations have built structures with enormous stones, there is also evidence that they were settled communities that practiced herding and farming. Prevailing theories about this region suggest that around 11,000 years ago, primitive man was just beginning to evolve from being a hunter-gatherer to a herder-farmer.

However, the discoveries at Gobekli Tepe are altogether consistent with *The Urantia Book's* assertion that a well-developed herder-farmer civilization existed in this area, during this time period, and for more than 10,000 years previously. Additionally, there is strong evidence indicating that the site was intentionally buried about 8,000 years ago. This peculiar aspect of the Gobekli Tepe site, while difficult for archaeologists to explain, perfectly parallels *The Urantia Book's* assertion that, at around this time, inferior and more barbaric tribes drove out this more peaceful and advanced, but declining, civilization.

The enormous Gobekli Tepe stones—at least 6,000 years older than Stonehenge and the pyramids—reflect a degree of cultural development and organization that defies explanation within the context of the more widely accepted theories on how civilization developed. And what further confounds scholars is that the stone structures get bigger as they get older. All of this is consistent with *The Urantia Book's* version of history. It says the more advanced culture that lived in this area had been on the decline for over 10,000 years, as the result of a unique

and unpredictable genetic shift that occurred in human history about 38,000 years ago.

Adding powerfully to the intrigue of this report is its interrelationship to the [Adam and Eve Report](#) and the [Garden of Eden Report](#). These two reports involve some of the most impressive corroborations documented by UBtheNEWS. Because these three reports interrelate sequentially, it may be helpful to start at the beginning. The Adam and Eve Report, in particular, provides a foundation for appreciating *The Urantia Book's* assertions about why and how a civilization with superior genetics got started around 38,000 years ago but was unable to maintain its distinctively advanced culture.

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Shroud of Turin Summary



[Updated 04/30/08]

The Shroud of Turin Report is distinct from all the other UBtheNEWS reports. Typically, reports reflect *The Urantia Book's* unique quality of credibility; they demonstrate how science has caught up to it. In this case, given the broader context of all the reports published on UBtheNEWS, if anything, *The Urantia Book* gives more credibility to the authenticity of Shroud of Turin than the other way around.

The Urantia Book says the angels performed a time-accelerated elemental disintegration of Jesus' body and this has intriguing correlations with the image found on the Shroud of Turin. It says that Jesus' resurrected body was like that of angels and that his physical body still lay in the tomb after the resurrection and that the angels were given permission, upon request of an archangel, to cause the accelerated dissolution of his physical remains. This permission was requested and granted so that they would not have to witness the decay of his body. The correlations have primarily to do with the superficial nature of the image and current theories about corona discharge and nuclear medicine imaging. Additionally, there are intriguing correlations related to the Sudarium of Oviedo, a face napkin said to have covered Jesus' face as part of the burial process.

[Read Shroud of Turin Report.](#)

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