

# Universe reality

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**Universe reality** is a [cosmological](#) and [metaphysical](#) concept outlined in *The Urantia Book*. The major concept presented in the book involves a complex presentation of the idea of "infinite reality". The book presents the idea of the source of infinity as being the [deities](#) that compose themselves into a trinity, and the nonpersonal and nonmaterial center known as paradise. These four elements compose themselves into various combinations which *The Urantia Book* claims to be the basis of all universe reality

## Basics of universe reality

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*Main articles: [Physical cosmology](#), [Infinity](#), and [Reality](#)*

There are three *primal phases* which give origin to many different levels of reality. These three primal phases are identified as 1) undeified reality 2) deified reality and 3) interassociated reality.

*Undeified reality*— ranges from the nonpersonal energy domains, to the domain of nonpersonalizable values, to the domain of the infinite and absolute potential of nondeity reality.

*Deified reality*— ranges from infinite and absolute deity potential, including dimensions of personality from the finite and human level to the highest levels of celestial personality.

*Interassociated reality*— can be deified or nondeified, potential or actualizing, and is co-ordinated on a vast spectrum of levels.

From the viewpoint of time and space, reality further divides as:

*Actual and potential*— the reality that actually exists vs the reality which potentially exists and allows for the capacity for growth.

*Absolute and subabsolute*— absolute reality is that which exists in the primary deity and Paradise elements. Subabsolute realities are less than absolute: the Urantia Book says these are projected onto two levels: realities which are relative to both time and "eternity" (a dimension where there is no time), and realities which are projected in space and are actualized in time. <sup>[1]</sup>

*Existential and experiential*— Paradise Deity, or primary deity, is existential, but the emerging "Supreme and Ultimate Deities" are evolutionary and experiential.

<sup>[2]</sup>

*Personal and impersonal*— this makes personality distinct from mind, spirit, and energy-matter. This allows the expansion, expression and evolution of deity personality, and the personal encounter with nonpersonal or impersonal realities.

## [\[edit\]](#) God as source of reality

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The "Universal Father", who is considered to be the primal source of universe reality, distinguishes himself into a second and third personality, which thereby allows him to "escape as a personality from otherwise inevitable diffusion throughout the potential of Total Deity". When the Universe Father distinguishes "deity and nondeity", this gives rise to absolute nondeity reality, which is designated as "paradise". The four elements of the Universal Father, Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and Paradise are composed of various qualities. Together these four elements are organized into the different dimensions of universe reality, and are considered to be the sources of *actual* universe reality as well as *potential* universe reality.

The name given by the Urantia Book for the infinite *potential of deity* reality is the "Deity Absolute". The name for the infinite *potential of nondeity* reality is the "Unqualified Absolute". The division of infinite potential reality into deity and nondeity brings about a tension between these two opposites and is called the "Universal Absolute". The Universal Absolute is deity activity that mediates and resolves the tension between these two polarities in infinite potential reality. This dynamic relationship is said to be the basis of the "circle of eternity".

"This is the primal concept of original reality: The Universal Father initiates and maintains reality. The primal **differentials** of [potential] reality are the deified and the undeified—the Deity Absolute and Unqualified Absolute. The primal **relationship** is the tension between them. This tension is resolved by the Universal Absolute".<sup>[3]</sup>

## [\[edit\]](#) Human level of reality

*Main articles: [Plato](#) and [Allegory of the cave](#)*

The conceptual framework for the Urantia Book's presentation of universe reality is first presented in the foreword, but is developed over several chapters in the first section. The primary realities at the human level are divided into a) personality b) mind c) matter-energy d) spirit and e) soul, which is a "unique new" entity. The [soul](#) is the mechanism for God to

participate in the "evolutionary deity" phase of reality.<sup>[4]</sup> Reality as understood by finite beings is partial, relative, and shadowy.<sup>[5]</sup>

## [edit] Physical energy

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The Urantia Book presents a discussion of the source and composition of various forms of **energy** and **matter**. At the most basic level it says that energy is composed of three forms: "cosmic force" which is not yet responsive to Paradise gravity; "emergent energy" which *does* respond to Paradise gravity, but not yet to the gravity of local universes; and "universe power" which "includes all forms of energy which, while still responding to Paradise gravity, are directly responsive to linear gravity. This is the electronic level of energy-matter".<sup>[6]</sup>

## [edit] Infinity

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Total infinite reality is existential in seven *phases* (see basics of universe reality) and as seven co-ordinated absolute *segments* (discussed below). The "primary source deity" is primal in relation to total reality.<sup>[7]</sup>

Infinity is said to be composed of actual and potential reality, deity and nondeity.

The elements of **actual** reality are the three primary deity personalities, and nondeity reality called "paradise".

*Deity one* is the primal source of universe reality, and the pre-personality source of mortal humans. *Deity two* is the source of spirit and the convergence of universe spirit forces. *Deity three* is the source of mind and the convergence of universe mind forces. Gravity and energy originate and converge in the element designated as *Paradise* .

The elements of **potential** infinite reality are designated as:

1) the potential infinite capacity for deity activity is called Deity Absolute.

The Deity Absolute is that potential which was segregated from infinite reality which is deified and qualified reality. The Deity Absolute originated by the personal freewill act of the primary source deity.

2) the potential infinite capacity for nondeity *reaction* to deity activity is called the Unqualified Absolute.

The Unqualified Absolute is that potential which was segregated from infinite reality which is nondeified and unqualified reality.

3) the unification and co-ordination of potential diety and nondeity reality is called the Universal Absolute.<sup>[8]</sup>

[\[edit\]](#) **See also**

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[God](#)

[Theology](#)

[\[edit\]](#) **Notes and references**

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1. <sup>^</sup> The Urantia Book introduces the term "absonite" in referring to the level of reality that transcends space and time, and interposes between absolute reality existences and finite existences of space and time. Space and time existences are rendered as "finite".
2. <sup>^</sup> The Supreme Being is a concept introduced by the Urantia Book that covers a phase of deity that is evolutionary deity. The Supreme Being is described as a combination of the Universal Father and the finite human, along with other deity elements. The Supreme Being is not currently in existence but is said to be forming in the dimension of space and time. The actual existence of the Supreme Being will be complete in the distant future. This concept of "evolutionary deity", is part of the mechanism for the "Universal Father" to escape the trap of total absolute deity reality.
3. <sup>^</sup> Foreword p. 7.
4. <sup>^</sup> The Urantia Book states there is a phase of universe reality that transcends the finite human level, but precedes the supreme universe-wide spirit level. It is semimaterial and semispiritual. This level is given the name "morontia", and the soul is said to be part of the "morontia" level of reality.
5. <sup>^</sup> Foreword p. 5. See also p. 1433 where Jesus is said to give qualified approval of some of the teachings of Plato which have to do with the theory that the material things of the world are shadowy reflections of invisible but more substantial spiritual realities.
6. <sup>^</sup> Foreword, p. 9
7. <sup>^</sup> Foreword p. 4-5.