

A comparison of the Urantia Book and A Course In Miracles.

A COURSE IN ADJUSTER FUSION FROM JESUS?

I believe the Course in miracles is a course in adjuster fusion presented from the eternal spirit perspective by Jesus. The reason it has been rejected by many of the students of the Urantia book is because the publishers of A Course in Miracles edited the book and made false statements about it being word for word as Jesus dictated it. The publisher made major changes to the book but said it was published as dictated. The publisher had no knowledge of the Urantia book and did not understand the compatible nature of its message before he edited it. He then interpreted the edited Course in Miracles and taught something incompatible with the Urantia book. The entire Course in Miracles movement is rooted in this interpretation based on partial error. The main conflict they teach is that the ego created all material reality as well as the body, that God had nothing to do with the creation of the world. That is a fundamental error made by the Foundation for Inner Peace and is incompatible with the unedited notes. Below I will try to describe what happened as best I understand it and make comparisons between the two to show how compatible the concepts really are. I believe the Urantia book is an epochal revelation and the Course in Miracles is a personal revelation. Being a personal revelation it is conditioned by Helen Schulmans mind, personal beliefs, and learning, whereas the Urantia book is the word from the revelators without interference from a conscious mind.

THE UNEDITED NOTES SURFACE

For years I read the Course in Miracles and wondered why it was so abstract and incompatible with the Urantia book. I had a vague feeling that the Jesus I knew in the Urantia book was the same Jesus that was speaking in the Course. I always thought of the Urantia book as the foundation to compare all other sources of truth. I never saw a true connection between the Urantia Book and Course in Miracles until around 2001 when the unedited notes of the Course in Miracles were discovered. When I read the notes I realized that the publisher had a tremendous impact on how the Course in Miracles was edited and interpreted. And this explains why it has never been fully compatible with the Urantia book. A quick summary of what happened is helpful in understanding why the Course in Miracles has never seen wide spread acceptance within the Urantia community.

A SHORT TIMELINE FROM NOTES TO PUBLISHED COURSE IN MIRACLES.

Helen Schulman and Bill Thetford were the two responsible for putting the course down on paper. Helen would take notes every night and discuss them with Bill when possible. This went on for about seven years. Helen was conscious during note taking and confessed that she constantly fought the urge to edit the text. This is one of the limitations of personal revelation, the filtering of revealed information. Helen used her own version of shorthand to record what she heard each day. Then she transcribed the notes to English in her handwriting. Bill then typed out the notes on his typewriter. They went through a few edits on Bill's typewriter to get to what he felt was his final edit. It is clear from reading Helen's unedited notes that Jesus wanted Helen to transcribe the notes and he wanted Bill to edit them into a finished course. And both did just what they were asked to do. Bill edited the book into a final form and gave a copy to the Edgar Cayce library where it was recently discovered.

These course notes were passed around for years before a published book was offered. When Helen and Bill finished their task of creating the course, a friend of Helen's read the material and told Helen it needed further editing. Ken Wapnick was that friend and was one of the publishers of the Course in Miracles. With Bill out of the picture, Ken edited the course based on his own understanding while Helen sat on the sofa and slept through most of the editing process. There was no voice present to

guide Ken in his task. Ken then submitted all of the earlier notes of Helen and Bill's work to the copyright office when he applied for a copyright on his edited version of the Course in Miracles. He published his edited version through the Foundation for Inner Peace and began teaching his own interpretation of the Course and closely enforced his copyright by suing anyone who made reference to the Course without his permission. Through his legal enforcement he established himself as the expert on A Course In Miracles and suppressed all other interpretations.

HOW THE NOTES WERE DISCOVERED

In 2001 Ken sued Endeavor Academy for illegally using the Course without his permission. During the lawsuit the notes were discovered in the Library of Congress by members of Endeavor Academy. Ken had filed them in the library when applying for his copyright. Endeavor posted these notes on the internet. Ken lost his lawsuit because it was discovered that these notes were passed around before the copyright was applied for. These notes were freely circulated which invalidated his claim to the notes. These notes are now available online and as published books. The version Bill edited and gave to the Edgar Cayce library can be found at http://www.jcim.net/acim_us/Acim.php

CRITICAL INFORMATION FOUND IN THE NOTES

It is clear when reading the notes that much editing took place. All of these edits are now available for anyone to study. Again this must be remembered when comparing the Course in Miracles to the Urantia book. It is clear from these several edits that the Course in Miracles was not a perfect word for word dictation from Jesus. Even court reporters are not 100% accurate. I think this is why you see a lot of repetition in the text of the course. Jesus knew Helen would not get 100% of his dictation down on paper just as a court reporter is fallible. And he wanted to repeat his teaching by stating his concepts in different ways to make up for the inaccuracies of the process.

The notes reveal the critical information Ken edited out of the course. He heavily edited the beginning parts of the Course. In the unedited notes Jesus says "Some of the later parts of the course rest too heavily on these earlier sections not to require their study." Ken edited out this critical information in these first chapters changing the meaning of the course. His edit combined with his interpretation dominated the movement. Only after the discovery of the notes did some begin to see the course in a different light. Now these notes can be compared to the Urantia Book to see if the Course in Miracles is compatible. One of the glaring differences found in the Foundation for Inner peace teachings is the idea that the ego created all of material reality as well as the body. The notes reveal a very different view. The notes acknowledge God as the creator of the world and of man. The ego did not create the world or the human body. This is one example of what was edited out by Ken.

THE COURSE IN MIRACLES IS A PERSONAL REVELATION.

The Urantia book makes a distinction between personal revelation and epochal revelation. The Course in Miracles is an example of personal revelation, a revelation from Jesus to Helen Schucman and Bill Thetford. The difference between a personal and epochal revelation is the quality of the revelation. Personal revelation has to flow through the conscious or unconscious mind of the person receiving the revelation. That filter colors the insights based on his or her knowledge of the world. Even definitions of words may vary from person to person making it difficult to convey concepts in a uniform way. This is another reason the Course in Miracles seems to conflict with the Urantia book. Definitions of some of the words in the Course in Miracles are different form the Urantia books use. So when comparing the two books we have to look for the concepts Jesus is trying to be conveyed in the course and then make comparisons to the Urantia book. One concept as an example is the idea of

God the Supreme. In the course he is referred to as “the Sonship”. If you replace the word Supreme for Sonship it makes sense. We also have to take into account that Helen’s vocabulary and definitions were different from the Urantia books to some degree. The course should be read keeping in mind the personal nature of the concepts. It is not an epochal revelation. You will notice conflicts when comparing the notes to the Urantia book. Some of the facts are wrong. What I do find interesting is the compatibility between most of the concepts in both books. They are stated differently but they do resonate. Below are a few examples of how the concepts are conveyed using different words in the two books.

GOD THE SUPREME EQUALS SONSHIP

One obvious comparison is what the course calls Sonship. If you replace the concept of Sonship in the Course with God the Supreme you see the similarities between the two. In the Course Jesus is telling Helen about God the Supreme, only he refers to him as the Sonship. I’ve listed a few comparisons below. When you see the letters JCIM, I am referring to “Jesus Course in Miracles” to differentiate it from the Foundation for Inner Peace version known as A Course in Miracles.

1. Notice how the two concepts are similar, each of us personally **adds one more degree** to the **Sonship or God the Supreme**. We are each an **integral part** of the whole Sonship.

JCIM quote: “If all the Souls God created are His Sons, then every soul must be **an integral part of the whole Sonship**.

Urantia quote: 117:0.3 “when an ascending mortal personality finally attunes to the divine leading of the indwelling Adjuster, then has the actuality of the Supreme become **real by one more degree** in the universes; then has the divinity of **supremacy advanced one more step** toward cosmic realization.”

2. Jesus describes the Sonship as the **sum of all souls** created by God. The Urantia book describes the Supreme as the **sum total of all finite growth** or the synthetic **cumulative total**.

JCIM quote: “Miracles make minds one in God. They depend on cooperation because the **Sonship is the sum of all the souls God created.**”

Urantia quote: 117:3.1 “The far-flung diversification of eternal energy, divine spirit, and universal mind attains finite culmination in the evolution of the **Supreme, who is the sum total of all finite growth,**”

Urantia quote: 117:0.4 “The parts and individuals of the grand universe evolve as a reflection of the total evolution of the Supreme, while in turn the **Supreme is the synthetic cumulative total of all grand universe evolution.**”

3. The Urantia book says we will only know GOD THE SUPREME when we all **simultaneously discover him** together. JCIM says the Sonship will not be complete until all the **parts of the Sonship have returned.**

JCIM quote: “The Sonship in its oneness does transcend the sum of its parts. However, this is obscured **as long as any of its parts are missing.** That is why the conflict cannot ultimately be resolved **until all the parts of the Sonship have returned.** Only then can the meaning of wholeness, in the true sense, be fully understood.”

JCIM quote: “Your brother is the mirror in which you will see the image of yourself as long as perception lasts. And perception will last **until the Sonship knows itself as whole.**

Urantia quote: 117:6.16 “God the Father can be found by any individual who has attained the divine level of Godlikeness, but **God the Supreme** will never be personally discovered by any one creature until that far-distant time when, through the universal attainment of perfection, **all creatures will simultaneously find him.**”

Urantia quote: 117:6.21 “But no single ascender will ever find the **Supreme** until all ascenders have reached that maximum universe maturity which qualifies them **simultaneously to participate in this discovery.**”

4. When we return to the Supreme it will be like remembering an ancient song, like returning home.

Urantia quote: 117:6.1 “The Supreme is your universe home, and when you find him, **it will be like returning home**”

JCIM quote: “Listen and see if you **remember an ancient song you knew so long ago** and held more dear than any melody you taught yourself to cherish since.”

WHAT IS UNREAL VERSUS REAL FROM A SPIRIT PERSPECTIVE

To spirit, the material world seems **unreal**. To material eyes, spirit seems **unreal**. In time we only become real to the eternal perspective as we identify ourselves with eternal realities. Both books refer to our temporal self as unreal from the spirit perspective. We are only potential until we identify with spirit.

1. To identify with sin is to become unreal from the eternal perspective.

Urantia quote: 2:6.8 “Such a sin-identified mortal would then become wholly unspiritual in nature (and therefore **personally unreal**)” and would experience eventual extinction of being.

Unreality, even incompleteness of creature nature, cannot exist forever in a progressively real and increasingly spiritual universe.

JCIM quote: “You cannot distort reality and know what it is. And if you do distort reality, you will experience anxiety, depression, and ultimately panic, because you are trying to **make yourself unreal.**”

Urantia quote: 160:4.13 “Never hesitate to admit failure. Make no attempt to hide failure under deceptive smiles and beaming optimism. It sounds well always to claim success, but the end results are appalling. Such a technique leads directly to the creation of a world of **unreality”**

JCIM quote: “Fantasies of any kind are distorted forms of thinking because they **always** involve twisting perception into **unreality.**”

2. Jesus referred to material reality as unreal and fleeting shadow of spirit reality.

Urantia quote: 174:0.2 “Jesus's own words to Simon Zelotes. "Seek the true realities of the spirit and cease to be attracted by **unreal** and material shadows.”

Urantia quote: 151:3.3 “He (Jesus) frequently alluded to the natural as “the **unreal and fleeting shadow of spirit realities.**”

JCIM quote: “Then try to go past all the **unreal** thoughts that cover the truth in your mind, and reach to the eternal.”

JCIM quote: “Reality can dawn only on an unclouded mind. It is always there to be accepted, but its acceptance depends on your willingness to have it. To know reality must involve the willingness to judge **unreality** for what it is. This is the right use of selective perception.”

Urantia quote: 130:1.5 Jesus said “My brother, God is love; therefore he must be good, and his goodness is so great and real that it cannot contain the small and **unreal things of evil**. “

Urantia quote: 2:3.2 The greatest punishment (in reality an inevitable consequence) for wrongdoing and deliberate rebellion against the government of God is loss of existence as an individual subject of that government. The final result of wholehearted sin is annihilation. In the last analysis, such sin-identified individuals have destroyed themselves by becoming **wholly unreal** through their embrace of iniquity.

3. Other miscellaneous unreal references of spirit vision.

Urantia quote: 44:0.15 “All these activities of the morontia and spirit worlds are real. To spirit beings the spirit world is a reality. To us the **material world is the more unreal**.”

JCIM quote: “The inappropriate emphasis men have put on beautiful church buildings is a sign of their fear of Atonement and their unwillingness to reach the altar itself. The real beauty of the temple cannot be seen with the physical eye. The **spiritual eye**, on the other hand, **cannot see the building at all** because it has perfect sight. It can, however, see the altar with perfect clarity.”

Urantia quote: “To material beings the spirit world is **more or less unreal**; to spirit beings the material world is almost **entirely unreal**, being merely a shadow of the substance of spirit realities.,”

Urantia quote: 115:1.2 Conceptual frames of the universe are only relatively true; they are **serviceable scaffolding** which must eventually give way before the expansions of enlarging cosmic comprehension.

THE RELATION OF TIME TO MIRACLES

Another similarity is the relationship between time and miracles. Both books say the miracle shortens or eliminates time.

1. Urantia quote: 136:1.3 “It therefore becomes evident that any possible supernatural or supposedly superhuman accompaniments of Jesus’ ministry pertained wholly to the **elimination of time** unless the Father in heaven specifically ruled otherwise.”

JCIM quote: “The miracle thus has the unique property of **shortening time** by rendering the space of time it occupies unnecessary.”

Urantia quote: 136:1.3 “No limits, of course, could be placed upon the manifestations of “the Father’s will.” the **elimination of time** in connection with the expressed desire of this potential Sovereign of a universe could only be avoided by the direct and explicit act of the will of this God-man to the effect that **time**, as related to the act or event in question, should not be **shortened or eliminated**. In order to prevent the appearance of apparent **time miracles**, it was necessary for Jesus to remain constantly time conscious.”

JCIM quote: “The miracle is a learning device which **lessens the need for time**.”

Urantia quote: 152:2.10 “In this case, so we were taught, Michael multiplied food elements as he always does except for the **elimination of the time factor** and the visible life channel.”

JCIM quote: “**miracles** therefore rest on the **laws of eternity, not of time**.”

JCIM quote: “The miracle, as an expression of true human charity, can only **shorten time** at most. It must be understood, however, that whenever a man offers a miracle to another, he is shortening the suffering of both”

ADJUSTER FUSION.

Another similarity is the concept of adjuster fusion.

1. The word to pay attention to here is transfer.

Urantia quote: “But selfhood of survival value, selfhood that can transcend the experience of death, is only evolved by establishing a potential **transfer of the seat of the identity** of the evolving personality from the transient life vehicle — the material body — to the more enduring and immortal nature of the morontia soul and on beyond to those levels whereon the soul becomes infused with, and eventually attains the status of, spirit reality.”

JCIM quote: "The way to learn to know your brother is by perceiving the Holy Spirit in him. We have already said that the Holy Spirit is the **bridge or thought-transfer of perception to knowledge**, so we can use the terms as if they were related because, in His mind, they ARE."

JCIM quote: “The Holy Spirit is the mind of the atonement. It represents a state of mind that comes close enough to one-mindedness that **transfer to it is at last possible**. Transfer depends on common elements in the **old learning** and the **new situation** to which it is transferred.

Perception is not knowledge, but it can be **transferred to knowledge**, or cross over into it. It might even be more helpful here to use the literal meaning of “**carried**” over, since the last step is taken by god.”

2. Fusion

JCIM quote: “God himself keeps this will alive by transmitting it from his mind to yours as long as there is time. It is partly his and partly yours. The miracle itself is just this **fusion or union of will between father and son**.”

Urantia quote: “P.538 - §1 This is a brilliant age for ascending mortals and usually witnesses the **perfect fusion of the human mind and the divine Adjuster**.

3. Bridge

Urantia quote: 182:1.24 ”I am the living BRIDGE from one world to another.” This is part of a prayer by Jesus from the Urantia book.

JCIM quote: “The **bridge** that He would carry you across lifts you from **time into eternity**. Waken from time, and answer fearlessly the call of Him Who gave eternity to you in your creation.”

JCIM quote: “**Across the bridge**, it is so different! For a time the body is still seen, but not exclusively, as it is seen here. For the little spark which holds the great rays within it is also visible, and this spark cannot be limited long to littleness. Once you have **crossed the bridge**, the

value of the body is so diminished in your sight, that you will see no need at all to magnify it. For you will realize that the only value which the body has is to enable you to bring your brothers to the bridge with you, and to be released together there."

IDENTIFY WITH SPIRIT REALITY

JCIM says it is a course in mind training. It is attempting to help us lesson the focus on material reality and strengthen the focus on spirit reality in our minds. This process of using our minds to identify with spirit reality is a process encouraged by the Urantia book and Jesus Course In Miracles. These quotes highlight the similarity in mind identification. The process consists of the mind transitioning from identification with material reality to identification with spirit reality.

1. The Adjuster is at the center of our thought system.

JCIM quote: ⁷¹ What you must understand is that when you do not share a thought system, you are weakening it. Those who believe in it therefore perceive this as an attack on them. This is because **everyone identifies himself with his thought system**, and every thought system centers on what you believe you are. If the center of the thought system is true, only truth extends from it. But if a lie is at its center, only deception proceeds from it.

Urantia quote: 143:7.8 "Worship is the act of a part **identifying itself with the Whole**; the finite with the Infinite; the son with the Father; time in the act of striking step with eternity."

Urantia quote: 132:3.10 "whereas prayer becomes the great unifier of the various inspirations of the creative imagination and the faith urges of a soul trying to **identify itself with the spirit ideals** of the indwelling and associated divine presence."

2. Do we identify with the Ego or the indwelling Adjuster?

JCIM quote: ⁴⁹ You who **identify** with your egos cannot believe that God loves you.

Urantia quote: 2:6.8 The love of God saves the sinner; the law of God destroys the sin. This attitude of the divine nature would apparently change if the sinner finally **identified himself wholly with sin** just as the same mortal mind may also **fully identify itself with the indwelling spirit Adjuster**.

Urantia quote: 118:7.5 Only as a creature becomes **God-identified**, does he become truly real in the universes.

3. When we live in two thought systems we experience conflict.

JCIM quote: The way out of conflict between two opposing thought systems is clearly to choose one and relinquish the other. **If you identify with your thought system**, and you cannot escape this, and if you accept two thought systems which are in complete disagreement, **peace of mind is impossible**. If you teach both, which you will surely do as long as you accept both, you are teaching conflict and learning it.

Urantia quote: 159:3.7 Forewarn all believers regarding the fringe of conflict which must be traversed by all who pass from the life as it is lived in the flesh to the higher life as it is lived in the spirit. To those who live quite wholly within either realm, there is little conflict or confusion, **but all are doomed to experience more or less uncertainty during the times of transition between the two levels of living.**

In entering the kingdom, you cannot escape its responsibilities or avoid its obligations, but remember: The gospel yoke is easy and the burden of truth is light.
JCIM quote: 30. ⁴¹ Miracles praise God through men. They praise God by honoring His creations, affirming their perfection. **They heal because they deny body-identification and affirm Soul-identification.** By perceiving the spirit, they adjust the levels and see them in proper alignment. This places the spirit at the center, where Souls can communicate directly.

4. True “**identification is with the Father and with the Son**”. We “**identify the self with the universe**” and offer “**service of the universe family of fellow beings**”.

JCIM quote: When you imprison yourself, you are losing sight of your true identification with me and with the Father. Your **identification is with the Father and with the Son**. It cannot be with one and not the other. If you are part of one, you must be part of the other because they are one.

Urantia quote: **5:4.3** All nonreligious human activities seek to bend the universe to the distorting service of self; the truly religious individual seeks to **identify the self with the universe** and then to dedicate the activities of this unified self to the **service of the universe family of fellow beings**, human and superhuman.

FORGIVENESS OF MERCY VERSUS FORGIVENESS OF LOVE

1. These quotes show the similarity on forgiveness in both books. It points out the difference between the forgiveness of mercy and the forgiveness of love. The forgiveness of love destroys the sin. The forgiveness of mercy sets the sin to one side.

The Forgiveness of mercy:

JCIM quote: “you grant your brother mercy but retain the proof he is not really innocent”.

Urantia quote: “divine love does not merely forgive wrongs”, “Mercy sets the guilt of evil-doing to one side”

The forgiveness of love:

JCIM quote: “he holds not the proof of sin before his brother's eyes and thus he must have overlooked it and removed it from his own. “

Urantia quote: “the forgiveness of love utterly transcends the forgiveness of mercy”

Quotes above in context:

JCIM quote: 15 To witness sin and yet forgive it is a paradox which reason cannot see. For it maintains what has been done to you deserves no pardon, **and by giving it, you grant your brother mercy but retain the proof he is not really innocent.** The sick remain accusers. They cannot forgive their brothers and themselves as well. For no one in whom true forgiveness reigns can suffer, **he holds not the proof of sin before his brother's eyes.** And thus he must have overlooked it and removed it from his own. Forgiveness cannot be for one and not the other. Who

forgives is healed. And in his healing lies the proof that he has truly pardoned and retains no trace of condemnation that he still would hold against himself or any living thing.

Urantia quote: Jesus loves men so much that his love awakens the response of love in the human heart. Love is truly contagious and eternally creative. Jesus' death on the cross exemplifies a love which is sufficiently strong and divine to forgive sin and swallow up all evil-doing. Jesus disclosed to this world a higher quality of righteousness than justice—mere technical right and wrong. **Divine love does not merely forgive wrongs; it absorbs and actually destroys them.** **The forgiveness of love utterly transcends the forgiveness of mercy.** Mercy sets the guilt of evil-doing to one side; but love destroys forever the sin and all weakness resulting therefrom.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Another way to think of the course is to call it a Course in Love. A miracle as defined in the course is an expression of love.

JCIM quote: Miracles occur naturally as expressions of love. The real miracle is the love that inspires them. In this sense, everything that comes from love is a miracle.

2. This quote sums up the process of the course. It is an exercise in profound reflection, sincere self-criticism, and uncompromising moral consciousness.

Urantia quote: 132:3.5 But truth can never become man's possession without the exercise of faith. This is true because man's thoughts, wisdom, ethics, and ideals will never rise higher than his faith, his sublime hope. **And all such true faith is predicated on profound reflection, sincere self-criticism, and uncompromising moral consciousness.** Faith is the inspiration of the spiritized creative imagination.

The above is a short list of comparisons between the two books. I am sure with a little effort the spirit will lead us to many more observations.

Urantia quote: 101:6.17 Through the appropriation of the faith of Jesus, mortal man can foretaste in time the realities of eternity. Jesus made the discovery, in human experience, of the Final Father, and **his brothers in the flesh of mortal life can follow him** along this same experience of Father discovery. They can even attain, as they are, the same satisfaction in this experience with the Father as did Jesus as he was. New potentials were actualized in the universe of Nebadon consequent upon the terminal bestowal of Michael, and one of these was the new illumination of the path of eternity that leads to the Father of all, and which **can be traversed even by the mortals of material flesh and blood in the initial life on the planets of space.** Jesus was and is the new and living way whereby man can come into the divine inheritance which the Father has decreed shall be his for but the asking. In Jesus there is abundantly demonstrated both the beginnings and endings of the faith experience of humanity, even of divine humanity.

