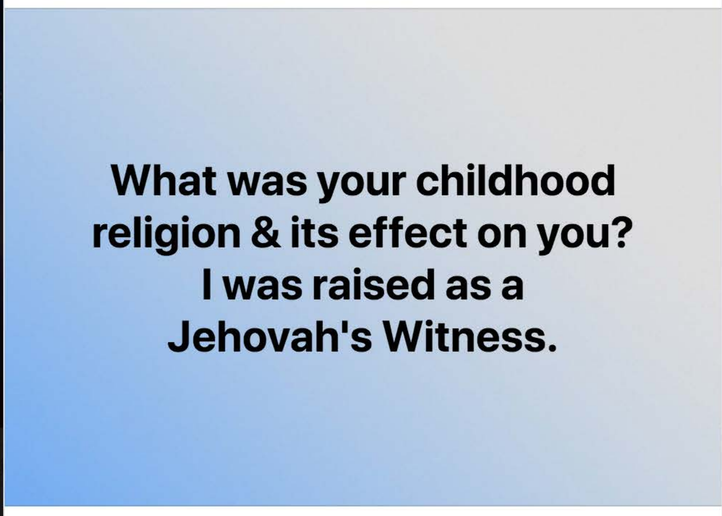
Lucretia Schanfarber
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Olga López Molina I was raised as a Catholic. Now I don't see myself as such, but I feel it was a necessary step in my quest for truth.
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Lucretia Schanfarber Have you read the Life & Teachings of Jesus in TUB yet?
Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Olga López Molina Of course! I have been reading TUB since 1995 😀
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Lucretia Schanfarber Olga López Molina Do you have a favourite TUB story about Jesus? One of mine is His meeting & talking with Nalda at the well. Gives me goose bumps every time I read it.
Like · Reply · 2w · 3

Olga López Molina My favourite one is the story about the two prostitutes he and Ganid met one evening. It makes me cry every time I read it!
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Lucretia Schanfarber Olga López Molina Sweet! And the way he takes them back to (I forget which woman it is) and says basically: I know **you got this**." and then leaves them with her. Wow.
Like · Reply · 2w · 4

Michael Wood Lucretia Schanfarber (FYI) Olga López Molina was an Associate Trustee for many years and has been working on the Spanish Translation Revision Team for many years (along with Victor Garcia Bory). As a result of her work on the translation team, I'm gues... See More
Like · Reply · 2w · Edited · 5

Lucretia Schanfarber Michael Wood Wonderful! Thanks so much for letting me know. I knew the name was familiar. Did we meet at 533 a few years ago Olga López Molina? Thank you for the work you are doing for the revelation.
Like · Reply · 2w · 3

Olga López Molina Yes, we met in October 2017. My pleasure! 😀
Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Olga López Molina Thanks, Michael. Yes, the book you mention is "Dialogues with Sofia" and is inspired in TUB 🙂
Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Michael Wood And is there an English translation available now?
Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Olga López Molina Yes, and it's free in electronic format. Here is the link to the PDF file: https://drive.google.com/.../1QKdSH6.../view...

DRIVE.GOOGLE.COM
DIALOGUES WITH SOFIA-final.pdf

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Michael Wood Thanks.

Like · Reply · 2w

Michael Wood Do you have plans to be in Chicago, or the US anytime? (I'll be at the April meeting, and possibly July).

Like · Reply · 2w

Olga López Molina I plan to be in Chicago at the beginning of September for a Spanish revision team meeting 🙂

Like · Reply · 2w

Michael Wood Maybe I'll try to make it up there in September. The Spanish revision team was one of my favorite groups to work with at 533.

Like · Reply · 2w

Olga López Molina I would love to meet you again! 😀

Like · Reply · 2w

Michael Wood

💙

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Lucretia Schanfarber Olga López Molina Aha. Of course. So great to reconnect with here now. Thanks so much for helping me realize who Olga is Michael Wood.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Olga López Molina Come visit us in Canada!

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Olga López Molina I look forward to reading your book, Olga López Molina!

Like · Reply · 2w

Olga López Molina Lucretia I would love to! 😀

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Olga López Molina anytime. really. We have a simple comfy home on a small island.

Like · Reply · 2w

Write a reply...

Jonathan Angel Catholic, mass in Latin, bored me to tears. I learnt nothing. Now when I see a priest it makes my flesh crawl.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber How & when did u get into TUB?

Like · Reply · 2w

Jonathan Angel A cousin introduced me to the supernatural, I studied for ten years in an esoteric society then an American lady I met in Thailand told me about TUB in 1990. I flew straight to Australia and bought the book and spent the next year reading it through twice. It tied up many loose ends and has been a complete delight ever since.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Great story. Smiling.

Like · Reply · 2w

Write a reply...

Lucretia Schanfarber My JW upbringing taught me to be unafraid of what others thought of me. Going door-to-door at a very young age was good training to reach out to people. Not being allowed to celebrate holidays made me feel ostracized in school but taught me to be ok as the "different" one.

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Keenan Ottewell Atheist till 2. Then Christian (Baptist, alliance, mennonite brethren) till 19. Baptist gave me an appreciation for hymns, Alliance gave me the experience of youth group participation. Mennonite brethren was an example of a busy church that was well organized, it was a nice show.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber When I was a kid we lived in "Pennsylvania Dutch" country with the Amish. I don't know much about Mennonites. Are they similar to Quakers?

Like · Reply · 2w

Keenan Ottewell MB was different then the mennonite colonies. It was more like other churches. I'm not sure how it got its name or its affiliation.

Like · Reply · 2w

Marlie Durge Keenan Ottewell named after Menno Simons, a Dutch former Roman Catholic priest who converted to Anabaptism around 1536. He was re-baptized as an adult in 1537 and became part (and soon leader) of the Dutch Anabaptist movement.https://en.wikipedia.org/.../Mennonite_Church_in_the...



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Mennonite Church in the Netherlands - Wikipedia

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Ellen Rose Gaynor First grade Catholic Baltimore Catechism: Who made you? God made me. Who is God? God is the Supreme Being who made all things. Where is God? God is everywhere. .....SONG: "God is love and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him".

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Lucretia Schanfarber And was it a good thing for you overall?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ellen Rose Gaynor I think i'm very blessed to have had 12 years of Mass 6 days a week,in the choir 4 years 7-10th grade. plus some remarkable teachers who taught us the spirit rather than the letter of the laws.

Like · Reply · 2w · 5

Lucretia Schanfarber Ellen Rose Gaynor That's beautiful. So many folks did not fare as well in Catholicism. I've heard some rough stories from people raised JW, too. Such a wide range of experiences, eh?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ellen Rose Gaynor Earlier you asked a favorite part of tUb and these days I frequently think of Jesus having legitimate feelings of outrage in the temple and it is a great pity that episode is not more widely understood for His self-control rather than the popular picture of Him turning over tables which WE KNOW from tUb He did not do, although his followers did, sort of like Adam and Eve's followers going out and slaughtering whole populations to eradicate those who threatened Eden. . . . Anyhow . . we do not need to tolerate those who abuse kids, vulnerable persons.

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ellen Rose Gaynor Urantia is a nativity planet of potentially eternal souls complete with identity, personality, memory, relationships, (and we can meet someday at the Urantia Cafe in the sky ;-))

Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Lucretia Schanfarber Ellen Rose Gaynor Exactly! You live in Canada?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ellen Rose Gaynor Lucretia Schanfarber Seattle and love Canada too

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ellen Rose Gaynor Lucretia Schanfarber I grew up here on this Garrison Bay in summers and lived there with my 3 little kids for a few years in the crazy '80s where i could walk a mile and see Victoria and Sydney: http://www.thesanjuans.com/.../san-juan-islands-british...



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San Juan Island's English Camp (aka British Camp)

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Lucretia Schanfarber Ellen Rose Gaynor Enchanting!

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ellen Rose Gaynor Lucretia, and so close to Canada!! & well, Dad said the Very Last War between the US and Britain was there on San Juan Island AND NOT ONE SHOT WAS FIRED except the first one that killed a pig topping the whole debate about the boundary. He also told us kids that the only guys who died were out horsing around in the boats. 😉

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Write a reply...

Jane Elizabeth Anglican

Like · Reply · 2w · 3

Lucretia Schanfarber I was married to a man whose father was an Anglican minister who went rogue pentecostal. This was the man who introduced me to TUB. Did u get any good from the Anglican upbringing?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Ari Majurinen Never had "a" religion till I read the Urantia Book.

Like · Reply · 2w · 10

Lucretia Schanfarber Sweet!

Like · Reply · 2w

Cydney Renee Me too, Ari....what did you explore as a teenager?

Like · Reply · 1w

Ari Majurinen Cydney Renee -Began high school when the American War in Vietnam was starting to escalate. I recollect the student riots of France and the need to understand these and other social issues of the times. Philosophy and psychology studies were the main avenues of research. Spiritual pathways kicked in from the time of late teens.

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Gary Elliott I've been blessed never having one. My parents never imposed one on me.

Like · Reply · 2w · 8

Ari Majurinen Gary Elliott -ditto!

Like · Reply · 2w · 3

Lucretia Schanfarber What attracted you to TUB Gary?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Gary Elliott Lucretia Schanfarber back around '72 someone told me it was written by aliens and it was a blueprint to get off the planet earth.
My sister loaned me her copy around '78 or '79 and I never gave it back.

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Lucretia Schanfarber Gary Elliott Excellent. It IS written by aliens of a sort & it definitely is a blueprint to get off planet earth & keep going forever. Too cool.

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Jane Ellen Melcher Lucretia Schanfarber Lucretia, he is unable to make thst connection.

Like · Reply · 1w

Cydney Renee We have that in common, Gary!

Like · Reply · 1w · 1

Jane Ellen Melcher Well, I never felt that an *institutional religion* was either "imposed" or imprinted" upon me (you could have cut & pasted, lol) though I was born into Christianity. I've just always been grateful that Jesus was here waiting for me when I arrived, and I never doubted his presence, nor rhe guidance of his team.
I did not derive "institutional religion" from my upbrining. My learning and experience were always about the goodness of Jesus, plain and simple. Today, having learned a little about the history of The Church, I do see beyond that to ritual, tradition, pomp & circumstance, control, manipulation, competition, etc., and I brush it aside and pray for the victimizers and the victims. I remain focussed on Jesus.

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Write a reply...

Patrick Callaghan So happy that I was brought up as a Christian other wise I wouldn't of become a Urantion

Like · Reply · 2w · 5

David Allen Haglund I was born catholic, raised by my mother to hate religion. Raised as An Atheist.

Like · Reply · 2w · 5

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David Allen Haglund It's effect on me is unable to be measured. I was religious of temperament from very early, and that was seen as a from of disobedience and insanity. I remember having visions of god from when I was born but had no one to share them with. When I was tw...
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Barton McGee I do so appreciate having come to a better operating system, especially one that is Backwards Compatible.

Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Lucretia Schanfarber David Allen Haglund Thank you for sharing so much here. I am not familiar with Sarah Anne James. I will check her out. What do you like most about her work, may I ask?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Lucretia Schanfarber Barton McGee Backwards compatible?

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

David Allen Haglund Lucretia Schanfarber it immediately activates me in action and vision into the kingdom.

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Barton McGee Lucretia, you know how newer versions of like, Windows run on older versions, sometimes for some time? I consider faith-systems akin to Operating Systems for one's Mind/soul, and while the Bible represents enough to "save you", I contend that the UB doesn't lose any Truth, but is a definite upgrade to my functioning. I can still operate with Christians, however. It's as if Mota is meta, if you'll excuse my pun.

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David Allen Haglund Lucretia Schanfarber As I love you, ... See More

Like · Reply · 2w

David Allen Haglund SA James experiential poem

Like · Reply · 2w

David Allen Haglund Barton McGee I also study the Quran. Yes, the Bible has been many people's only hope. I can understand that. The dogmatism and fanaticism With these books is desperate and sad though.

Like · Reply · 2w

Dyanni Savannah Parkinson David Allen Haglund i think that is from her 1st book

Like · Reply · 2w

David Allen Haglund Dyanni Savannah Parkinson as far as I know she has written 5 and this is from 3. I have only read Bodjisattva Planet.

Like · Reply · 2w

Dyanni Savannah Parkinson David Allen Haglund she is going to send me the latestone.
Wish I could write like that
I feel those words and say similar in my head but never get to articulate them..

Like · Reply · 2w

David Allen Haglund Dyanni Savannah Parkinson u can

Like · Reply · 2w

Dyanni Savannah Parkinson David Allen Haglund maybe i will see when the words come again

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Barton McGee I like that perspective. Creative. Makes a lot of sense.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber David Allen Haglund Beautiful poetry. Soothing & sweet.

Like · Reply · 2w

Marlie Durge Where is David Allen Haglund? Why did he leave the group?

Like · Reply · 2d

Dyanni Savannah Parkinson Marlie Durge blocked

Like · Reply · 2d

Dyanni Savannah Parkinson Marlie Durge he was blocked

Like · Reply · 2d

Marlie Durge Dyanni Savannah Parkinson, thank you for the information

Like · Reply · 11h

Write a reply...

Jerry L. Dixon Assembly of God Church taught me that I was damned to hell if I died with any unforgiven sins on my record. I gave up hope for that and left the church.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber And then?

Like · Reply · 2w

Jerry L. Dixon converted to Church of Christ then Christian Universalist Church with various years of no church

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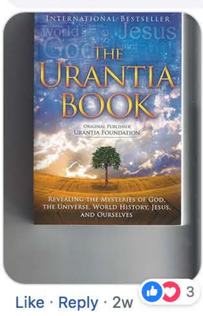
Richard Van Stinson Fishing the steams of Tennessee

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Lucretia Schanfarber A true "country boy."

Like · Reply · 2w

William Lucas May I suggest you all check this book out, THE URANTIA BOOK the download is "FREE" at https//:bigbluebook.org



Like · Reply · 2w

Esther Wood William Lucas I think you're preaching to the choir here.

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber I love listening to the audio when I do housework, William . Thanks for the reminder.

Like · Reply · 2w

JohnCarlo Pellicciotta Catholic made it all the way to my communion. Never followed through after that.

Like · Reply · 2w · 4

Lucretia Schanfarber Any benefits that you can recall?

Like · Reply · 2w

JohnCarlo Pellicciotta Lucretia Schanfarber Honestly the benefits I received were through my Grandmother she experienced a miracle when before I was born. She made it very easy for me to believe. I started question Catholicism at an early age probably when I became a teen. I couldn't understand why there was so much fire and brim stone and wrath to a God and Christ that my grandmother loved very much.

Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Lucretia Schanfarber JohnCarlo Pellicciotta How beautiful. I love this part of your story: "she made it easy for me to believe." Thank God for Grandmothers, eh?

Like · Reply · 1w

Write a reply...

Joseph Jay Cavallaro Assemblies of God and Baptist

Like · Reply · 2w · 3

Lucretia Schanfarber Old time religion, eh? I enjoyed your in-car monologue very much. So good stuff in that.

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Joseph Jay Cavallaro Lucretia Schanfarber Thanks... there's more where that came from... going to start a YouTube channel called "Faith evolved" where I plan on doing more of them

Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Barton McGee Worldwide Church of God.

Like · Reply · 2w · 5

Barton McGee Sort of hardcore SDA, but not.

Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Lucretia Schanfarber I'm unfamiliar with them. Hardcore SDA sounds interesting. In what ways hardcore? I am very familiar with Seventh Day Adventist though.

Like · Reply · 2w

Barton McGee Herbert Armstrong started it in the early, what, 40s? It really did stretch around the world. Sabbath, Holy Days, and meat laws, tithing and few other things, but Christian all day. Just STEEPED in OT. Quite interesting history.

Like · Reply · 2w · Edited · 1

Doina Manea I was raised Christian Orthodox and its impact on me has been beneficial. I still practice, keeping with the tradition. I love the little churches where you can kneel at an icon and pray, quietly, alone. My best and happiest moments were when I could attend early Sunday service at the Greek church in NY (the early service was in English, later they used Greek, which I do not speak)

Like · Reply · 2w · 5

Lucretia Schanfarber Beautiful. There is something about all of that ritual that appeals to me too sometimes. Do you still go sometimes?

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Doina Manea Yes! There is some kind of communion which I feel uplifting. Unfortunately the parishioners are not so disciplined, they talk among themselves, whispering, and this takes away from the 'charm' Somehow I miss the atmosphere from the small, modest churches in my old country.
I found a spiritual atmosphere at the Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, outside NY, but I don't have a car so it's not easy to get there by public transportation especially on Sundays.

Like · Reply · 2w · 1

Frieda Friendentia Attended many local churches early in life, my family were atheists so I would walk to church by myself at 5. Church was a beautiful place where the people of God gathered, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist and Fire Baptized Holiness (Pentecostal). In my high school years it was Southern Baptist (oh the dogma!) and then Spirit Baptized Center. I would say that I loved the people and enjoyed the fellowship but soon conflicted with the teachings. Found the UB at 18 and from then on the journey of personal religious living with some Native American influence. I think that once I had met Jesus it really didn't matter where I went or what they believed, I had a sense He was and is everywhere!

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Doina Manea Very interesting life and religious experience!
Since coming to America, I was invited to various denominations, Jehovah, Unitarian, Catholic -- I went with respect for each. God is all.

Like · Reply · 2w — 2

Lucretia Schanfarber Wow. That explains so much to me about you Frieda Friendentia. You're amazing.

Like · Reply · 2w — 2

Lucretia Schanfarber Doina Manea True teaching of Jesus what you just expressed. Like you, I delight in finding the truth, beauty & goodness in them all.

Like · Reply · 2w — 2

Frieda Friendentia Lucretia Schanfarber The journey is amazing, I'm a happy mudfoot just grateful to be here and doing my best

Like · Reply · 2w — 4

Cheryl Phillips Frieda Friendentia, wow, you had a hungerin early on!! Beautiful!

Like · Reply · 2w — 1

Eugenia Bryan Frieda Friendentia I especially relate to your comment on the fellowship but not the dogma aspects of organized religion. I had no guilt at all about the conclusions I came to about catechism dogma that conflicted my own logic and firmed up by age 16. I kept very quiet on that as I did not know how to address or question them adequately with other people. I found the UB and a long time reader at the same time and married him at age 50. Through him, I found a "text" plus the people who had experiences and wisdom that allowed me to articulate my beliefs/questions etc.! I finally left organized religion primarily because of the politics and hypocrisies. I could find fellowship anywhere anyway! And I am quite comfortable in almost all religious settings (funerals, weddings mostly) because my temple is within where real worship is generated.

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Write a reply...

Anthony Finstad Christian Science : on the positive side, i was introduced to women as spiritual equals and leaders within the church. I was taught the value of thought control and the power of mind over matter ... spiritized creative imagination. That the living energy of Jesus is in fact the Spirit of Truth and it represents (amongst other powers) a health tonic. Of course the institutional limitations soon appeared as I sought higher cosmic meanings — those probing questions with no sustainable answers — which led me to the Urantia Papers ... free from religious scars and only love for our Master. I'm fortunate really, but totally respect those that came to Truth by breaking loose from the grips of religious intolerance. My journey has been relatively easy.

Like · Reply · 2w · Edited — 10

Lucretia Schanfarber Amazing story. Beautifully written. Thank you, Tony:)

Like · Reply · 2w — 1

Herculano Calvillo Jr. Catholic
And an avid reader of the UB of course

Like · Reply · 2w — 4

Lucretia Schanfarber Of course.

Like · Reply · 2w

Cydney Renee I'm very blessed not to have had an institutional religion imprinted on me...I say that lovingly because I greatly appreciate never feeling like I was born a sinner or felt unworthy of God's love and approval. My parents taught me to believe in God, Jesus, Santa Clause, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy....and I did! When the childhood illusions fell away, God and Jesus remained and I became very curious.

At the age of 9, my mom let me explore the happenings at the church down the street. I remember feeling welcomed, was introduced to a youth group called Pioneer Girls, and attended class for about 6 weeks. I was disturbed by the bible stories and how silly they seemed. I soon left the church and felt a very deep mistrust for adults and religion. I was not going to be fooled and set out on my own journey of great adventure and discovery!

As a teenager, I explored the metaphysical topics and self-mastery books....that's all we had back then. No internet, mostly programmed TV and very little on metaphysical ideas. The dozens of authors seemed to have their own "theory" on spirituality and God. Fairies, sprites, demons, witchcraft, reincarnation, life after death, telepathy, remote viewing, and UFO's all became areas of interest and research over the next 20 something years until the one special prayer was instantly answered and the Urantia Book showed up in my life. For 22 years, I have been very comforted knowing where I came from and where I'm going...It's a great feeling to have the knowledge and to be in partnership with God and all his creation!! I walk in gratitude everyday!

Like · Reply · 2w — 11

Lucretia Schanfarber OMG. Love, love, love this Cydney. Thank you for sharing so much.

Like · Reply · 2w — 2

Cydney Renee Lucretia...thank you! Your kind words made my day

Like · Reply · 2w — 2

Sharon Sadler Cydney, my journey almost mirrors yours. I'm still in awe of the circumstances surrounding the way the UB came to me.

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Wendy Conde de Figueroa Catholic but, my father enjoyed to talk to Jehovah's witnesses and gave their books to me. I found them very interesting, I was around my 15, yet some things in those books seemed too rigid ...Catholicism quickly disappointed me and found a novel about Jesus which made a deep impact in me...Later,I learned it was based on a book called Urantia . That was the point of no return to institutionalized religion for me!

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Lucretia Schanfarber Thank you, Wendy! What about JW was interesting to you? For me, I was fascinated with the idea of the "new world."

Like · Reply · 2w

Wendy Conde de Figueroa Lucretia Schanfarber , that idea was so beautiful! A happy peaceful place where every person and animal would live in calm companionship. A real dream come true!I loved specially their book " The greatest man in earth " (if I remember correctly the title) and their reunions were filled of respectful and joyful people.

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Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Wendy Conde de Figueroa Right the reunions aka assemblies. We went to a few. All-in-all a good experience for me in the JW scene. Their books were so well-illustrated for a kid. Thanks for sharing:)

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Write a reply...

Jayne Baron I was raised by sincerely devout, thoughtful parents in a cohesive Christian Reformed community. My parents were christian school teachers, and my entire formal education was within the christian schools. We went to church 2 to 3 times each week, ate dinner together every night, beginning with a rather long prayer and ending with a devotional reading and song. I left church when I got divorced at 40 years old. After a few years I have been able to rebuild loving relationships with my family. My sister is now a pastor of the church that I grew up in. I have enjoyed building a more intimate relationship with Christ Consciousness and Source, through meditation, reading, influenced by various spiritual teachers. I started reading the Law of One and Urantia book just in the last few months. VERY interesting!

6

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Lucretia Schanfarber Sounds pretty solid and supportive. How did you respond to the atonement doctrine?

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Jayne Baron Lucretia, it's never resonated with me. How could it be that we're so awful? From birth? No. And the guilt and shame of being somehow responsible for his torturous death- fortunately I never bought into that too much.

3

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Jayne Baron I went to the Church of Nazarene with my aunt in Tulsa when I was 12-ish. The blood of Jesus atonement never made any logical sense to me. Even as children (or especially as children?) we know the truth within us. We respond to truth, beauty & goodness from the get-go, I think - even before we have TAs. Probably the adjutant mind spirits at play. So glad you are a part of this group:)

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Like · Reply · 2w

Jayne Baron Thank you, Lucretia

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Eugenia Bryan I never related to "atonement"! It was the first thing I looked up in UB! Wow. Just what I believed. Page 60 etched in my mind! It was the hook that landed me in terms of UB study.

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Like · Reply · 1w · Edited

Jayne Baron Eugenia, yes! I don't usually mark up my books but I inked in a star next to that third paragraph, saying "Thank Gawd!"

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Write a reply...

Leo Christian Born Catholic, which nurtured a certain reverence for God and the Bible. In high school followed the fundamentalist teachings of Calvary Chapel making me a literalist and expectant but fearful last days believer. In college, discovered Providence, which I still follow.

6

Like · Reply · 2w

Barton McGee Leo, not a Catholic, but until I found the UB, Joshua by Joseph Girzone(a former Catholic priest) was the best depiction I'd seen of a Human Jesus.

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Like · Reply · 2w

Leo Christian Never heard of him. Thanks for sharing Barton McGee

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Jim Matteson I always say i was an orthodox Gothic - or a Woolite -

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Jim Matteson Tasawouf - if you get that -

Like · Reply · 2w · Edited

Lucretia Schanfarber Jim Matteson Not at all do I get that. Please say more. I get gothic but not woolite & no idea what Tassawuf means. (I'm old.)

Like · Reply · 2w

Jim Matteson Suf is an Arabic root meaning 'wool', which is associated with the Sufi sects - other than that it's just a complicated pun -

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Write a reply...

Caren D Horowitz Non observing Jew

4

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Thanks. My paternal grandparents were non-observing Jews. Did you have any culturally (not religious) Jewish traditions? I never saw anything distinctly Jewish about my Nana & Popop.

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Like · Reply · 2w

Caren D Horowitz Lucretia Schanfarber yes, culturally we celebrated Hanukkah and Passover and ate traditional Jewish foods... but God was totally missing.
My Grandparents had family who perished in The Holocaust and they wanted me to only date Jewish boys, but the spiritual aspect of life was absent.
I was introduced to the UB by my boyfriend (Who is Italian and was raised Catholic) and my World was thoroughly rocked in the BEST way!

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Lucretia Schanfarber Caren D Horowitz Excellent! Where do you live? I live on the wets coast of canada.

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Like · Reply · 2w

Caren D Horowitz Lucretia Schanfarber New Jersey

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Like · Reply · 2w

Write a reply...

Lucretia Schanfarber Thank you everyone for sharing here. I feel like I know you all better. And that's what life is all about from what I can tell. "To share is divine." Hope to hear more stories. Keep 'em coming.

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Damian Matthew Hall I didnt have one but i believed in love

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Lucretia Schanfarber The best religion of all!

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Like · Reply · 2w

Jayne Baron Yep, if I had to choose I'd still say love is my religion, and Jesus my shining role model.

Like · Reply · 2w

Damian Matthew Hall Still do 😉

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Damian Matthew Hall Ha i remember my cousin and i had a fight one time, little kids, like 5 years old, he was a hare krishna, even though i wasnt raised religious, i was like “My God is better than your God”, he remained so peaceful, reminds me of Jesus, i punched him in the nose, i better send him a voice message and say im sorry, but yeah funny how life gives you these metaphors

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Lucretia Schanfarber So NOT like you now, I'd say.

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Damian Matthew Hall Yup, changed man

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Dyanni Savannah Parkinson Damian Matthew Hall i enjoy sitting with the Hari's when they come to town

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Damian Matthew Hall Yeah i used to hang with the hari’s once, they were really nice to me

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Damian Matthew Hall Lol id already said sorry to him, personal revelation no:? I think i say sorry too much

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Lucretia Schanfarber Hahaha. You must be Canadian at heart. Sorry.

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Damian Matthew Hall Lucretia Schanfarber hahaha do Canadians say sorry a lot? Suppose it depends on the Canadian, but yeah you are totes fine

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Keenan Ottewell "Sorry" is like a period. It belongs at the end of every sentence or it just isn't Canadian. I am trying to be international right now. 😂

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Write a reply...

David Georges A good question Lucretia. Baptized Greek Orthodox. I peed on my Yia Yia when she baptized me...lol. Raised agnostic though since my mother was raised strict Catholic she told me Bible stories as stories and not religion connected. She raised me 'spiritual' one can say. UB found me at 20 and then I found true religion. I value how I was raised for now I really appreciate the separation of church and state in this dark dogmatic Nation. I learned at a young age the difference between true religion of doing the Father's Will (Love in action) and dogmatic organized churches. Being raised non dogmatic enabled me to see the fundamental difference. Dogma is a great barrier between us and our Thought Adjusters.

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Lucretia Schanfarber You say: "Dogma is a great barrier between us and our Thought Adjusters." Ain't it though! And it's also a divider between people. A delightful snippet. Thank you.

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John Breeze Born and raised Mormon. 5 years clean. The effect was wonderful...when I left

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Lucretia Schanfarber LOL! That is very funny. And true, no doubt. "Humor is the divine antidote for exaltation of ego." And for so many other ills. Thanks!

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Jane Ellen Melcher Luctretia, it would take me a whole day to answer that question. Roman/Irish Catholic. Started looking into other religions at age 18, when I stayed at a Bible Camp where my Brother-In-Law worked as the Chef for the summer. I remain an ecumenical Christ-centered student.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Did you get into Krishnamurti, Tielhard, Kahlil Gibran, etc?

Like · Reply · 2w

Jeanne Carroll I saw Krishnamunti and thought it was bs!

Like · Reply · 2w

Lucretia Schanfarber Jeanne Carroll I never saw him in person but I read his books & got some value from them especially "Think on these things" & Freedom from the Known." It was a long time ago - I might not feel the same now.

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Jane Ellen Melcher Lucretia Schanfarber Gibran, early 70's. Made a lot of simple sense to me.

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Write a reply...

Richard Jernigan Southern Baptist. Learned that even in an intolerant belief system there are sincere people seeking to love others and do good.

Like · Reply · 2w 10

Lucretia Schanfarber Beautiful. You always see the good. Love that about you.

Like · Reply · 2w

Jayne Baron That has absolutely been my experience as well, Richard.

Like · Reply · 1w 1

Richard Jernigan Lucretia Schanfarber Oh, I don't always see the good, but I work on it!😄

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Write a reply...

Ann Whitehead Garner Baptist and I am most thankful. Our small country church was the center of the community. The focus was for us to learn the Bible, with an emphasis on the New Testament. Folks may not know that many of the Baptist churches were independent and the pastor taught the way he understood the Bible. We attended Sunday School and the church service every week without fail, followed by delicious meals and having fun with close friends almost every Sunday afternoon. My mother, who taught Sunday School and focused on what Jesus taught, was reared as a Methodist and, therefore, I attended the Methodist Sunday evening services often. I give much credit to my upbringing of recognizing Jesus in The Urantia Book when I was introduced to it in 1980.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Such a sweet story. Must have been a very stabilizing childhood influence for you Ann Whitehead Garner. I love the imagery your story conjures of community.

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Cydney Renee My first experience with the Baptist church was about 4 years ago when I attended the "Applying the Love of Jesus" meetings with a friend. Each time the pastor gravitated toward talking about sin and the sinner and nothing was said about love after the first couple of verses we read. It was so depressing leaving there each time feeling like I was nothing but a sinner than I had to stop going.

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Jeanne Carroll My parents were Lutheran, and we when to church every Sunday, but I felt that the preacher was wrong about many things. When I was 10 he said Mary was a whore and a little voice inside me said "no she wasn't". I was a seeker and I searched for the truth till I found the UB 🌸🙏❤️

Like · Reply · 2w 9

Lucretia Schanfarber Wowsers! That little voice never fails us. To know at such a young that the preacher was wrong is a good sign. I'll bet that sense has served you well.

Like · Reply · 2w

Dee Beaty Assembly of God until my thirties then Jehovah's Witnesses for 7 years. New Age for a good while. Unity. Unitarian. WICCA. Always questioning, always searching, never finding although from time to time, for a little while, I would think that I had "Found It." I'm in my eighties, now, and someone mailed me TUB anonymously. I had read the Bible last year, but only as far as Judges. Earlier in my life, I'd studied the Bible in various settings, and of course the scriptures studied were carefully chosen. But when I read it for myself, not skipping over things, not making excuses for the terrible demands of God and his manipulation of humans, I found it to be disgusting. So much blood shed! Jehovah God seems more like a monster than a loving god.I couldn't continue reading and gave my Bible to a Christian relative. But, I have always been a spiritual seeker, and approaching the end of my life, I've been enjoying Madam Blavatsky, The Secret Book of Dzyan, etc. and The Autobiography of Jesus. And now TUB. I love parts of it, but when I suddenly see Lucifer as well as Adam and Eve being taken seriously as something other than fable, I am troubled. I don't like the Bible and I don't like religion. Nevertheless, I am reading this material for what bits of information I can glean. If nothing else, it has given me hope that there is "something more" after death. On the other hand, it's a little overwhelming to me and I'm not sure I'd not rather just die and RIP.

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Jane Ellen Melcher Darlene Beaty I love Unity.
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Allen Wilson Interesting. Enjoy your remaining years Darlene
Like · Reply · 2w · 3

Dee Beaty **Jane Ellen Melcher** I love Unity, too. The Metaphysical approach to the Bible appeals to me.
Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Jerry L. Dixon I think most people would be much happier throughout life if they had never been exposed to churches or any religion at all. It has consumed me as much and at 68, I am still not sure what the truth is because everything, especially the UB, is over complicated and stated in a way to not give definitive answers.
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Jane Ellen Melcher Darlene Beaty, me, too. And, the UB discourages the metaphysical angle. I like looking at things from all angles, personally. And, like I said in another conversation, from both the wide shot and the close-up. We are the sum total of all our experiences, afterall. The Prayer Line is fabulous.
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Jane Ellen Melcher Jerry L. Dixon , Faith.
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Dee Beaty **Jane Ellen Melcher** I'm glad you commented about Unity. I think that I fit in there better than anywhere else. BTW, I do still have my Metaphysical interpretation of the Bible. But, I'm also going to continue reading UB.
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Dee Beaty One thing I love about TUB is its explanation about evolution. I really get that.
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Dee Beaty **Jerry L. Dixon** I believe that there would be peace on this planet if it weren't for religion. But we are basically stuck with religion for now. I feel I need to find the least offensive one in order to have friends with whom to share spiritual matters.
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Jerry L. Dixon Darlene Beaty - that might be the Unitarian Universalist Church - they try to appeal to everyone of all religious backgrounds.
Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Jane Ellen Melcher Darlene Beaty , it's always been clear to me that I've been led to every Philosophy, or Religion, and that one has been "a build" on--or expansion of--the previous, all culminating with the UB. Seems though I'm always learning new things about other schools of thought, the UB is still, for me, today The Final Word. I've spent a lot of time over the years since I was 18 making connections from every subsequent school to the previous, and that way have seen the merit or validity in each.
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Lucretia Schanfarber What a phenomenal story, Darlene Beaty. Absolutely wonderful. I am at a loss for words (rare for moi;) Thank you!
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Lucretia Schanfarber Darlene Beaty Hmm. Now that is something I never thought about in that way..."there would be peace on this planet if it weren't for religion" you say. You've got me thinking on that. Obviously you are referring to organized religions/denominational religons, not the religion of personal experience as featured in TUB, right?
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Dee Beaty **Lucretia Schanfarber** Yes. Organized religion.
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Janis Larsen Darlene Beaty that's quite the journey, but don't give up. I'm sure God has plans for a seeker such as you!
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Write a reply...

Maia Weaver Episcopalian. Beautiful, loving religion. For the most part. Went to an Episcopal girls school. I remember one of my nun teachers saying she did not believe the Biblical story of Adam and Eve. We were all shocked and appalled. She explained that she felt it was a pretty story to explain the complicated process of creation and sin. Sister Elizabeth Freeland gave me the courage to look at other avenues. I might never have read the FER if not for her.
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Lucretia Schanfarber Isn't it amazing to look back & see the influences of certain people in our lives at certain times? Thank you for sharing this:)
Like · Reply · 2w · 2

Esperanza López Osorio Soy Colombiana desde la invasión de Conquistadores nos adoctrinaron los enviados de la corona Española, por esa razón aca somos mayoria Católicos . Despues de conocer el Libro Azul entendí y vi la vida con amor y promover el perdón. Hoy actuo en consecuencia predica y aplica.
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Lucretia Schanfarber Esperanza: Muchas gracias. Soy estudio Espanol en mi escuela mucho anos ago. Pero no hablo bueno. Lo siento mucho:) Your comments touch my heart. I look forward to hearing more. It seems beautifully appropriate that your name means "hope" & "expectation". Love, Lu
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Mike Wagel Raised Catholic, Saved Assembly of God, Taught Reformed Theology, Ordained Southern Baptist, I also worked at as a camera man for TBN. Visited a Center for Spiritual Living and Unity. Now attending a Unitarian Universalist Church. But I have my own theology now.
The Love Gospel of Jesus that fulfils the law; and Salvation of the Heart described in Romans Ch 2. I take a scientific approach to my studies now based on Rom. 1:19 "what can be known about God can be clearly seen through what is made."

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Lucretia Schanfarber That is quite the spirit journey, Mike. A wide spectrum of religious thought and approaches. I am pondering your scriptural reference. Rom. 1:19 "what can be known about God can be clearly seen through what is made." If you feel like it, can you say more about its meaning to you? Thanks so much, Lu

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Darren Steven Henley JW... Kingdom Halls and field service.

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Lucretia Schanfarber You still connected to the JW life?

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Darren Steven Henley Disfellowshipped 20+ years ago.. Parents, siblings are JW.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Darren Steven Henley That word - disfellowshiped! So un-Jesusonian.

Like · Reply · 1w

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Darren Steven Henley Lucretia Schanfarber .. It's been fun, I like messing with the old JW's when I see them.. They know I don't care and still talk to them.. Good times lol

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Lucretia Schanfarber Darren Steven Henley I hear you, brother. When we know God's love & see God's spirit in everyone we are freed from fear of judgement & criticism.

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Write a reply...

Lisa Withrow United Church of Christ- introduced to Urantia by mother who studied it in midweek church group. Have her book with highlights & notations.

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Lucretia Schanfarber In a church group? That's some enlightened church. Must be a precious thing for you to have your mother's book with her study marks. So sweet.

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Ann Whitehead Garner Lisa, are you familiar with the remarkable Dr. Meredith Sprunger, a longtime time student of the revelation and minister in the United Church of Christ? (A hearty thanks Saskia Raevouri for the superb article.)

https://www.urantia.org/news/2012-06/meredith-sprunger-story

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Janis Larsen Ann, many thanks for sharing the Sprunger story. I was wondering where he fit in. When I purchased my Blue book in 1985 from Border Books in Ann Arbor, I received his leaflets which helped me to try to tackle it. I still have at least one of his leaflets. The book needs a leap of faith to get started!Back then I could scarcely tell anyone what I had found. But I bought a copy to give my then Presbyterian minister, who was also the Australian moderator of the church, who promised to endeavour to read it. I later moved away and it wasn't ever mentioned. This Urantia group will and is making a huge difference to the growth of readership. I now mention it freely in passing and recommend the website. The rest is up to them.

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Daniel Anderson Seventh Day Adventist. Now Methodist.

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Lucretia Schanfarber And how is that working out for you? A good fit?

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Daniel Anderson The good part about the Methodist system is the creed is something I can say and agree with. Most religions have some virgin birth or other silly thing you have to swear you believe in. They are dragging their feet accepting gays and lesbians but my church is accepting.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Daniel Anderson Must feel good to find a place like that. May I ask: Have you felt like you could share TUB with any of your close church friends? Cheers, Lu

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Daniel Anderson Yes, several pastors and other Bible study attendees. I do it in private after I know them well. The Pastors suprised me that they knew about it already. After an assistant pastor died, I got all her books because her daughter said that she wanted me to have them and there was a URANTIA book in the mix. I found a pretty intellectual group and this may not be typical

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Lucretia Schanfarber Daniel Anderson That is soooo encouraging to hear, Daniel. Well done. I look forward to hearing more anytime you want to update us.

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Debbie Bartman Great discussion Lu! Thank you.

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Mary Huggins Episcopalian. Or as Baptists call it, "whiskopalian" because alcohol is not forbidden. It's traditional & liturgical like Lutheran and Catholic. Some call it Catholic without the pope.

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Lucretia Schanfarber You crack me up. And you teach me things I never knew before. Where did your cosmic perspectives originate? Was it TUB or even before TUB?

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Mary Huggins There's more, all through high school and beyond I was Evangilicle Christian. I found Jesus there and began a life long loving relationship with him. I wasn't unsatisfied with the church because I had the real thing with Jesus. TUB dropped in my life. I was so impressed with the person who gifted it to me, the way he lived his life, that I was open to hearing radically different perspectives. Because the atonement doctrine is crucial to that brand of Christianity, it was the hardest block to overcome. Once I really GOT IT that God's love was so much more than demanding sacrifice, it opened my mind and heart to the rest of the book. The book was already making a lot of sense to me. Like Adam & Eve story.

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Maia Weaver Mary Huggins we were known as junior varsity Catholics!

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Lucretia Schanfarber Mary Huggins so glad you shared more! You really nailed it (sorry for the pun) when you wrote: "God's love was so much more than demanding sacrifice..." It was the Adam & Eve & Garden Story that first enthralled me. Thank you, Mary.

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Write a reply...

Casey Jonquil Presbyterian Milquetoast, parents dropped us kids off at the curb for Sunday school and I presume, went home to have sex... attracted to atheism in high school, but dear friends and psychedelics opened my eyes to mystery. A personal crisis and a desperate prayer led to 4 months as a Pentecostal "Jesusfreak" - boy did that turn some heads! Couldn't reconcile with the vengeful god, blood o' the lamb syndrome so I left. Besides, my friends were having more fun than me. Then the UB found me in 1974 at 20 yo. I'm ever grateful to every one of my spiritual benefactors!

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Lucretia Schanfarber Reads like the trailer for an Oscar-winning film. I love it. Those personal crises we have can really yield some spiritual growth. Thank you!

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Barton McGee I was Prepped for it in ways I'm still discovering.

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Devon Landis Mennonite.



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Lucretia Schanfarber LOL. My kind of fellers! Are u still a part of the Mennonite community?

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Devon Landis Lucretia Schanfarber yeah!

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Devon Landis Supposedly we and the Amish are the fastest growing Christian denominations in the US and Canada due to prolific childbearing.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Devon Landis Well, if you are all planting apple trees you are bearing more than children;) Are most of the Mennonite communities still farming centric?

Like · Reply · 1w

Devon Landis Yes ma'am.

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Write a reply...

Ann Whitehead Garner Lucretia, this is a marvelous thread. Have you given thought to compiling responses? If you have, every so often you could do the post again and continue adding to your compilation. I love us getting to know each other better.

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Lucretia Schanfarber I agree! It has taken on a beautiful life of its own.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Ann Whitehead Garner Absolutely! Thank you, Ann.

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Mary Huggins Ann Whitehead Garner it could make a companion book to How I Found TUB.

Like · Reply · 1w · 1

Ann Whitehead Garner There is a book, with another one soon available, about how folks discovered the revelation. Kudos to Saskia and Matthew for this service. However, this thread is a different aspect of our common bond to the revelation from unique backgrounds.

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Saskia Raevouri Ann Did you ever send me your story? I don't have it! It is no too late if you want to be included! 🙂

Like · Reply · 1w · 2

Ann Whitehead Garner Hi Saskia, okey dokey, I will send it to you. Can you private message your email address?

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Frieda Friendentia ooo Ann, so glad you will be in this next one!

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Write a reply...

Lucretia Schanfarber They did a wonderful job. I have an idea for capturing these for us all to have & share.

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Ann Whitehead Garner Yay! 👍

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Lucretia Schanfarber I will, of course ask permission from everyone first. There are some deeply personal comments here! I respect & honour people's privacy.

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Dick Bain Didn't have one. I got to make up my own mind about what to believe.

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Lucretia Schanfarber A lot of benefits to that! Another poster or two had the same reply. Thanks, Dick.

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Eugenia Bryan "Cradle Episcopalian". Grateful for what my roots gave me such as awe and beauty and serene worship. But I wanted more. The opportunity to move past certain unanswered questions and limitations inherent in the dogma of tradition presented itself when I found the Urantia Book and people open to discuss the mysteries of misunderstandings of the ages.

Like · Reply · 1w · 2

Lucretia Schanfarber I take it "Cradle Episcopalian" means since birth? I like your phrase "mysteries of misunderstandings of the ages." TUB seems to clear up some of those, don't you think? Thank you for sharing, Eugenia:)

Like · Reply · 1w · 1

Eugenia Bryan Indeed Lucretia Schanfarber. I shall share my experience with you because you opened this door. It outlines how flawed yet well meaning dogma MAY damage a child severely. My deep sense of unworthiness was given to me in the Anglican liturgical words spoken before the sharing of "body and blood of Christ" called Prayer of Humble Access. (See next post). I came to understand that I had deeply internalized a sense of absolute unworthiness poorly overshadowed by the next statement that mercy allowed me, a sinner, to receive communion. My spiritual life journey eventually led to an absolute necessity to find "the peace that passes all understanding" and an improved personal relationship with God, TUB was instrumental (but not the only source) in releasing me from a prison of unworthiness. My blockage was deeply grounded, so much so that I did not even recognize it at all within me as an adult. I am one of those who had a traumatic "born again" experience which is described in TUB. For those lucky enough to internalize that they are worthy of God's love, I posit that life is easier. At least, they are not crippled by dogma. Atonement dogma did not help me! In fact, it was an awful thought to me, a small child, as it portrayed a vile act of a father to sacrifice his beloved child! If God was Love, "atonement" was incompatible with that description which did not apply to my parents! Life intervened but the Spirit of Truth was faithful to me and eventually, I was relieved of my burden in my 50's. I had about 2 years of very altered living in which I cleansed out all that awfulness baggage. Such freedom is the peace that passes all understanding! I finally got it!!

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Eugenia Bryan https://churchmousec.wordpress.com/.../the-anglican.../



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The Anglican Prayer of Humble Access

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Lucretia Schanfarber Eugenia Bryan This is such a beautifully redemptive story from the perspective of becoming free of all that guilt/shame and moving into the true light of love. Thank you so much for the deep level of sharing you have gifted to us here.

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Eugenia Bryan It was a profound experience for which I am eternally grateful. It was terrible BUT as you say, redemptive. I slowly came to realize that "not good enough" was a frequent theme in my very private judgement of myself. The seed was in that "prayer". But ... See More

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Lucretia Schanfarber Eugenia Bryan I read the prayer and commentary above. The commentator writes: "As you recite it, something happens. Thoughts of self-aggrandisement vanish." In TUB, Jesus teaches us we are the daughters and sons of God; that we are worthy, simply by b... See More

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Eugenia Bryan As do I but I love the private experiences where God reinforces or gently redirects me!

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Eugenia Bryan BTW, that prayer says something happens. Oh yes. aggrandisement vanishes. Who knew it would take half a century to clarify! Ha.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Eugenia Bryan Sounds wonderfully uplifting and freeing.

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Kristina Frigren Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. In my childhood and youth 95% of the people belonged to this church. We were baptised, confirmed and got that education at the latest at school. A pragmatic education, not so spiritual. Today, less than 70% are members of this church. My parents were not religious, but I was a seeker. There was a period I called myself ateist (in fact I was agnostic). I have by now twice left the church and twice joined it again... 🙂 After having found the UB I look with greater understanding and tolerance on "our church" though I dont share all it´s dogmas and teachings.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Thank you, Kristina Frigren. I did not know the Lutheran Church had so much influence in Finland. I am wondering what has drawn you back to the church? Is it the social aspects? I also wonder if have a UB group as well as your church group? I love what you say about having more understanding and tolerance since TUB. I've seen a few posters here express the same. Cheers, Lu

Like · Reply · 1w · 1

Kristina Frigren Hi Lucretia 🙂 Well, the Evangelic Lutheran Church belongs to the culture of Finland and the Scandinavian countries too. It used to be and for a small amount still is a part of the government.A state church in other words. I think the teachings are near enough to the truth. I want to be a member, because if all us non-dogmatic leave the church and do not wote in church elections, the "fundamentalists" take the church in wrong direction. I enjoy to praise the lord together with other believers. Of the church members very few go to church on sunday and very few take part in special events or groups. Here you can not yourself chose you congregation. You have to be a member of the local congregation and where I live we are happy to have a very nice and tolerant female vicar.
Today I´m old and have no UB group any more, but for more than 10 years I attended the English speaking UB group led by Seppo Kanerva in Helsinki. We every week first read aloud in English some pages of the book and then discussed the text. First the (for us foreign) language and then the content.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Kristina Frigren Thank you for taking the time to share all of this with us. It helps to know these interesting bits about one another. Blessings, Lu

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Ellen Rose Gaynor Kristina, I like this you said,
"I want to be a member, because if all us non-dogmatic leave the church and do not vote in church elections, the "fundamentalists" take the church in wrong direction"
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Write a reply...

Karen Koechel Larsen Episcopalian....it's major impact on me, all the untruths it taught concerning, Jesus, atonement, Adam and Eve, as well as God as a loving Father, even as he demanded his son's death on the cross. As a young child of 7, 8 and 9 I doubted many of the beliefs taught as truth. I did enjoy the ceremony, the choir and the Fellowship. I looked upon many of the adults, as well as the priest as a father, or parents, who were all very kind and loving. I attended regularly until the age of 12, then left to search for the real truth. Which I eventually found in the Urantia Book about 25 years later....

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Eugenia Bryan I so relate, Karen!

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Eugenia Bryan Loved the Pomp and Circumstances and beauty of it all. The Fellowship of the beautiful talented people whom I still admire. But, the personal damage done, oh my! See my post above baring my soul.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Karen Koechel Larsen: It is so amazingly wonderful for me to think about you as such a young child being guided so clearly by the Spirit of Truth. The atonement/sacrifice diatribe simply does not ring true to the loving and open heart of a child. Often, however, we are impacted for a long, long time by the guilt associated with the atonement. Thank you for this Karen.

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Write a reply...

MaryJo Garascia I was raised strict Catholic, which is a way of life as much as a religion - or was, back in the days of the 50s and 60s. I had 12 years of Catholic education, which was actually quite excellent, if you don't count the fear and intimidation techniques of that day and time. I still carry remnants of unsettling guilt and shame that are hard to eliminate completely. I imagine that may be true for a lot of religious education. But I have to say that I did get a good dose of Jesus in the Catholic Church that never left me, and always rang true - even in my "wilderness days." So, it wasn't ALL bad. Finding Jesus again in The UB was such a miracle for me, because I always suspected there was lots more to him than anyone knew...not to mention finding God again for the first time, really.

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Lucretia Schanfarber I recall hearing you tell some of your life story when we were last together & it had a huge impact on me and everyone else who was there. Your life story is profoundly touching. I hope you write it all down. So many of us seem to struggle with residual guilt and shame coupled with floating anxiety. I love your words: "Finding Jesus again in The UB was such a miracle for me, because I always suspected there was lots more to him than anyone knew..." Sigh. So sweet.

Like · Reply · 1w

MaryJo Garascia You're a sweet sister, Lu.

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Lucretia Schanfarber MaryJo Garascia Ditto baby girl!

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Jess E. Vasquez Catholic, then when I was 8 my parents left the Catholic church. For me as a young boy I hated the JW's they prevented me from joining the boy scouts and other events, they forced me to stop pledging the pledge of allegiance. Mom actually went to school to tell the teachers I was not to pledge the flag. There are restrictions within the JW's that kept me from enjoying many programs. When I became 17 My little brother accidentally shot himself in the head. Up until that incident the JW's had meetings with my parents at home, once a month. for years. When we needed their comfort they were no where to be found. My little brother survived for months in the hospital the different churches came to us and all prayed for my brother, but never a JW came to pray. My family finally realized the JW's were not for us. My brother just died a few years ago he had reached 70 years old.

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Lucretia Schanfarber OMG Jess E. Vasquez. What a story! Discovering "the truth" in TUB must have been so healing in so many ways. Thank you!

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Pekka Marttinen All churches and congregations consist of people, yet some traditions may give way for more encouraged social mingling. Whenever the religion is dictated upon the people from the outside, there with almost certainty cannot be expected spontaneous altruistic caring. However, I was so happy to hear you got to share so many years with your brother. He has now graduated, and the temporary distance can be heartening, but the wonderful news of the FER is the chances of entering the kingdom of heaven is not restricted by any specific religion.And once our work here is done, we all shall graduate for that eternal vacation. Sure, we get to study and serve, but it cannot get worse than here. So move on people, we have got some work to do! 😉

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Esther Wood Jess E. Vasquez we are so blessed to be in a fellowship that knows God is bigger than all human religions. 💕🙏

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Lucretia Schanfarber Does anyone who commented on this OP and contributed to this thread NOT want to have their comments published on Richard Jernigan's UrantiaVoice website? Please let me know by March 23. Thanks!

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Richard Van Stinson Great question it's one I like to ask my self quite a bit on our interview radio shows.

I think many of us are hardwared in as children by those experiences whether good or bad. It helps to talk about I think either way. I find everytime folks recall past episodes they see where they were and where they are now and that seems to help us see where we need to be in the future.

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Patrick Callaghan Richard Van Stinson thank you Lord for giving me the sprint of truth to guide me in all ways

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Ann Barnes Baron Raised Southern Baptist. Some where along, I realized the "Atoinment Doctrine" didnt make sense. Shortly afterwards, I found out my Dad, a very devote Baptist/Bible person had been searching. He found the UB when I was 17 and, me and my brother got, and still read, the UB.

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Lucretia Schanfarber Great story, thanks Ann Barnes Baron. The Atonement Doctrine will never make sense to anyone who thinks it through. Did God really need His Son to die on the cross in order to forgive & reconcile us to Himself? Of course not. It is a human construct based upon limited human understanding of the true nature of our Heavenly Father.

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