

# FIRST, IN ETERNITY

Can there be a "first" in eternity?

6:0.4 (73.4) In an effort to enable the finite mind of time to form some sequential concept of the relationships of the eternal and infinite beings of the Paradise Trinity, we...refer to the "Father's first personal, universal, and infinite concept."...I employ such terms as will afford the finite mind something of an idea of the relationship of these eternal beings in the subsequent eras of time. [Emphasis added]



Why does *The Urantia Book* use the word, "first"?

If eternity goes back in time, and forward in time, forever, then there can't actually be a first moment. God is a part of that eternal existence, so there is no first thought, concept, or action on his part. But, eternity is really hard for us mere humans to imagine, so the authors of *The Urantia Book* use words that we're familiar with, like "first" to arrange concepts into a storyline that makes sense to us.

## Word Search

Answer key is on our website

D L J P P W Z Z D S P U O L O E X T P U  
 Z G N G M J D A U P Z K T Q N F S I D Q  
 Q K U Q A K N J V P R F O X T T U Z Q B  
 U V H J A U V P G B M J I R S E T T L E  
 C O M P R O M I S E Q C R Y Z A Z E Q X  
 J K U L I R I M M J J W V T Y C I S G G  
 Z B T A L N R Q X X B A I S E C D W J  
 Z L M D U G T H H T S K Z N S D E O F U  
 Z R R J B M H G X G B V S V W Y O J P R  
 H X A U Z B W T F B M I L E S S Z N O L  
 C N U S T L O E A Z O A A N G N Y G I J  
 G W F T A C C A D K D J A T S J R N X J  
 M G Z H Z N U U A V I G I V X Q Y L E P  
 X T R S A P K A P W F O D B J R T V G J  
 D P B Q L B C I T S Y C S S S O M R Y K

**Compromise**

**Adjust**

**Adapt**

**Modify**

**Invent**

**Settle**

## Why is this important?

In writing *The Urantia Book*, the authors were limited in what they could describe by our English language. This is a good reminder that when studying the book we should ask ourselves a few questions. 1) Are these words able to accurately convey the concept, or are they limited by our definitions and our ability to understand? 2) How were these words defined when the book was written and are those words used differently now?

Think of something that doesn't have its own word