

***The Urantia Book's* SEARCH & COMPARE App**

FAQ for Version 2.0

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!

Please use a current web browser with this software because older versions may not function properly. If necessary, please upgrade your browser to a **CURRENT VERSION**. Recommended browser versions are provided in **FAQ #4**, below.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1. *What is the Urantia Book's SEARCH & COMPARE App?*** It is an online software tool that provides the multi-lingual student, researcher, translator, or translation editor with a powerful tool to view, search, and compare various texts of *The Urantia Book*, online and offline.
- 2. *Why should I use the SEARCH & COMPARE App?*** Because it is the best multi-lingual search engine available for *The Urantia Book*. Its rich set of features is invaluable to translators, students, and revelation researchers alike.

Its major advantages over its predecessors is that (a) It can display from 1 to 3 *simultaneous* versions of *The Urantia Book*, and (b) It provides immediate synchronization of the text across all displayed versions whenever *any* SRT number, in *any* displayed version, is clicked!

- 3. *What languages are supported by the SEARCH & COMPARE App?*** The English (standard reference text) and all Urantia Book translations are supported by *the SEARCH & COMPARE App*, including the Arabic, Farsi Hebrew and Japanese versions. Note: A typical instance of the ***SEARCH & COMPARE App*** contains the English text and one (or perhaps more) of its translations. Simply select the desired language from the dropdown list(s) to and begin searching or comparing versions..

- 4. *What platforms/devices does SEARCH & COMPARE App support?*** The short answer is ***SEARCH & COMPARE App*** can run on any platform/device that provides a web browser.

And, since the software utilizes the latest web-based technology (HTML5 with CSS3), presentation is customized for many platforms, e.g., tablets and desktops, providing a richer user experience. Recommended browsers include: IE7+ (IE10 preferred), FF 19.0+, Safari 5.1.7+ (Windows/MAC O/S), Chrome 25+, and Opera 12.14+. NOTE: *Older browsers may not provide full functionality, or support some of the newer features. See "Known Browser Issues" below, for details.*

- 5. *Can the software be run locally (without an internet connection)?*** Yes. If your local device permits, you can download a copy of the software for local (non-internet) use by clicking the **[– Download –]** link next to Advanced Options. Simply unzip the downloaded file, placing it in a

directory of your choice, and click on the '[version-descriptor].html' file within the main directory to start *the SEARCH & COMPARE App*.

ALTERNATIVE: As of this writing, tablet platforms such as the iPad, offer various alternatives for saving online content for offline use. For example, on the iPad, a free program called 'OfflinePages' can be used to save SMART Aid for offline use. Various other solutions like this exist for the iPad, and other platforms.

- 6. *Is there a video tutorial that shows how to operate the SEARCH & COMPARE App?*** Yes. Simply click the "Tutorial" icon in the header of the CONTROL PANEL.

MULTI-PANEL VIEWING

- 7. *How many versions of the text can be viewed in side-by-side mode?*** Up to three panels (columns) may be viewed, searched and synchronized to a selected entry (title, paragraph, list item).
- 8. *How are the panels in multi-viewing mode synchronized?*** The panels (columns containing the various languages) are synchronized by simply clicking on an SRT reference number (at the beginning of any paragraph), or on a Paper title, or on a Section title, or on a list item appearing in any of the columns currently displayed.

ACTIVE COLUMN SELECTION

- 9. *What is an Active Column and why is this important?*** The Active Column, selected by clicking one of the six icons in the Control Panel, is the column where most of the actions you request will be applied. For example, (a) All searches will be conducted using the Active Column's Urantia Book version; (b) Clicking on any result item will position the Active Column to the selected result in the appropriate paper; (c) Selecting a Table of Contents item will affect the Active Column.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 10. *How do I use the Table of Contents?*** The Table of Contents panel is toggled open/closed by using the plus/minus (+/-) icons appearing immediately before the words "Table of Contents". Once displayed, you can mouseover a paper number to see the Paper title and all Sections within each paper. You may click any entry and the Active Column will be positioned to the selected TOC item.
- 11. *How do I change the language for the Table of Contents? Simply change the Active Column in the CONTROL PANEL and mouseover the (revised) TOC.*** The TOC will now correspond to the text shown in the Active Column.

SEARCH-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

12. Can I limit my search to a particular 'part' of the text? Yes, simply click the appropriate checkbox (i.e., Fwd, I, II, III, or IV).

13. How does the 'TYPE' selector work? Depending on your selections, the follow occurs:

- a. An 'Exact' match is performed by default and this is useful in two circumstances:
 - i. When you want to locate a specific, multi-word phrase, or
 - ii. When you want to locate a specific word *stem*. This can be quite useful when you want to locate all instances of a specific term, for example, if you conduct an 'exact match' on the term *spirit*, the search will return entries (paper titles, section headers, paragraphs, and list items) that contain any of the following words: *spirit, spirits, spirited, spiritual, spiritize, spiritized, spirit-, extraspiritual, spirituality*, etc.
- b. An 'All' match will return every entry (paper titles, section headers, paragraphs, and list items) that contains all of the search terms.

Advanced search note: As of version 1.1, with the **All** match option, one or more search phrases may be enclosed within double quotes, ala google, for greater term-searching accuracy.

- c. A 'Most' match can be useful when you are not completely sure that you remember the precise words used in a particular situation. And so, if you enter four or more search words and selected 'Most', the search will return every matching entry that contains (at least) one less than the number of terms entered. For example, if you entered 5 search terms and selected 'Most', the results would include every entry that contains at least 4 of those terms.
- d. An 'Any' match returns all entries that contain at least one of the search terms.

14. What is purpose of the 'Titles Only' checkbox? This is particularly useful for research purposes, checking this box *limits the search to paper and section titles only*.

15. What is that little red [X] all about? Clicking this icon clears the search box.

16. What is maximum number of search terms I can enter? The search engine is not limited in this respect. The only practical limitation is the maximum number of words in any particular search result (paper title, section title, or paragraph). To understand this better, try a copy/paste of an entire paragraph into the search box, and hit enter.

KNOWN BROWSER ISSUES

All Browsers are not created equal! Some browsers work better than others. Some produce better-looking results, some are inherently more, or less, secure than others. **The Urantia Book SEARCH & COMPARE App** is mature software that has been tested on the latest versions of all major browsers: Google Chrome, FireFox, Safari, Edge, and all other major desktop, notebooks, and SmartPhones should produce acceptable results. Opera, while producing acceptable search results, has certain deficiencies (see below for details). Below is a list of known browser deficiencies with respect to UBSE5:

OPERA: (a) The Print feature for selected text does not work, (b) Button rendering in the Table of Contents column is ugly.

Internet Explorer: Button rendering in the Table of Contents column is plain, i.e., gradient backgrounds are not currently supported.