

Question

In the Standardized Reference Text (SRT) editions of The Urantia Book, paragraph 0:4.3 has the phrase "all infinite Deity potentials", rather than the original phrase "all of infinite Deity potentials". Does the preposition have no actual significance?

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In order to properly interpret any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph in the revelation, one must truthfully and reflectively coordinate the constituent under consideration into the synthetic whole that is the fifth epochal revelation of truth on Urantia--The Urantia Papers. Consider the entire original paragraph, which is as follows:

"2. 'Deified reality' embraces all of infinite Deity potentials ranging upward through all realms of personality from the lowest finite to the highest infinite, thus encompassing the domain of all that which is personalizable and more--even to the presence of the Deity Absolute."

Every word in the revelation was carefully selected by "the revelators", based upon an understanding of reality that is transcendent of any human understanding, past or present. The phrase must precisely be "all of infinite Deity potentials", and one must properly interpret the word "of" in the sense of "as relates to". Without the word "of" (as in the SRT editions of The Urantia Book), or with it but falsely interpreted in the sense of "that is", the statement becomes a declaration that all of "deified reality" is fully "Deity reality". In other words, even the lowest finite personality is personalized Deity--God. The editors who fashioned the Standardized Reference Text explain that they do not want their version of the passage to be "implying any limitations"*. Such is certainly the case. Theirs is a proclamation that all humans are Gods!

* For the full comment, see the SRT paragraph 0:4.3 explanatory endnote.