

Ocean Origin (preliminary information)

Identifying topics that need to have reports written about them takes a lot less time than writing them up. Consequently, we have an increasing backlog of reports to write. While somewhat frustrating, this is, of course, much better than the alternative! Below are some of the quotes from *The Urantia Book* and links to information that we used to identify the topic. Please get in touch if you have additional information that is relevant to the preparation of one of our upcoming reports.

See [Dr. Chris Halvorson's History of Life article](#) (its only a couple pages long) for an appreciation of how and why Urantia Book dates for ancient times are different that radiometric dating. UBtheNEWS is working with Dr. Halvorson on a new paper, written for those unfamiliar with *The Urantia Book*, that will more directly and fully address this issue in relationship to UBtheNEWS reports.

Notwithstanding the 4:1 ratio between radiometric dating and Urantia Book dates for the planets early history, corroborations are developing nonetheless. Sometimes this occurs when the sequential order of ancient events becomes more aligned with *The Urantia Book*. And in some instances, like this one concerning the location of oldest rock exposure on the face of the earth, new discoveries support other types of assertions about planetary history.

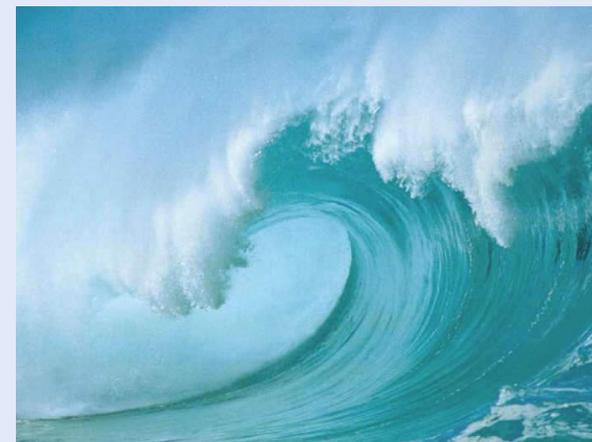
The relevant passage comes from Paper 57: The Origin of Urantia, Section 8: Crustal Stabilization, The Age of Earthquakes, The World Ocean, and The First Continent:

57:8.3 The real geologic history of Urantia begins with the cooling of the earth's crust sufficiently to cause the formation of the first ocean. Water-vapor condensation on the cooling surface of the earth, once begun, continued until it was virtually complete. By the end of this period the ocean was world-wide, covering the entire planet to an average depth of over one mile. The tides were then in play much as they are now observed, but this primitive ocean was not salty; it was practically a fresh-water covering for the world. In those days, most of the chlorine was combined with various metals, but there was enough, in union with hydrogen, to render this water faintly acid.

57:8.4 At the opening of this faraway era, Urantia should be envisaged as a water-bound planet. Later on, deeper and hence denser lava flows came out upon the bottom of the present Pacific ocean, and this part of the water-covered surface became considerably depressed. The first continental land mass emerged from the world ocean in compensatory adjustment of the equilibrium of the gradually thickening earth's crust.

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57:8.5 950,000,000 years ago Urantia presents the picture of one great continent of land and one large body of water, the Pacific ocean. Volcanoes are still widespread and earthquakes are both frequent and severe. Meteors continue to bombard the earth, but they are diminishing in both frequency and size. The atmosphere is clearing up, but the amount of carbon dioxide continues large. The earth's crust is gradually stabilizing.

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadean>

Study of zircons has found that liquid water must have existed as long ago as 4400 Ma, very soon after the formation of the Earth.[5][6][7] This requires the presence of an atmosphere. The Cool Early Earth theory covers a range from about 4400 Ma to 4000 Ma.

A September 2008 study of zircons found that Australian Hadean rock holds minerals that point to the existence of plate tectonics as early as 4 billion years ago.[8] If this holds true, the previous beliefs about the Hadean period are far from correct.

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