The Urantia Book's Simple Search

FAQ for Version 1.0

<u>**IMPORTANT NOTE!!!**</u>

This software exploits the latest responsive-design browser technology. You must use a current web browser with this software as older versions may not function as expected. If necessary, please upgrade your browser to the CURRENT VERSION.

<u>**GENERAL QUESTIONS**</u>

1. ***What is SMART AID?*** SMART AID (**S**tudents **M**ulti-lingual, **A**nalysis, **R**esearch and **T**ranslation Aid) is a 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 SMART Aid?*** You should use Smart Aid 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 UBSE5 is that (a) SmartAid can display 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 SMART AID?*** The English (standard reference text) and all Urantia Book translations are supported by *SMART AID*, currently excepting Arabic and Farsi (*coming soon*!). Note: A typical instance of the *SMART AID* software contains the English text and one (or perhaps more) of its translations.

   Simply select the desired language from the dropdown list(s) to begin.

4. ***What platforms/devices does UBSE5 support?*** The short answer is *SMART AID* 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 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 *SMART AID*.

NOTE: 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 SMART Aid?* Yes. Simply click the 'Demo' icon in the header of the SMART Aid Control Panel.

MULTI-PANEL VIEWING

7. *How many versions of the text can be viewed in side-by-side mode?* Single panel viewing is provided for the English-only version, but for multi-lingual versions up to three panels may be viewed and synchronized to a particular entry using SMART Aid.

8. *How are the panels in multi-viewing mode synchronized?* The panels (columns containing the various languages) are synchronized by simply clicking on a Srt reference number (at the beginning of a paragraph), or on a Paper title, or on a Section title 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's 'View and Active Column Selector', 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 language text; (b) selected results 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 +/- icons appearing immediately before the words "Table of Contents". Once displayed, you can mouseover a paper number to see the Paper title and sections for each paper. 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 as desired and mouseover the TOC.* The TOC's language will now reflect that of 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 <u>two</u> 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 <u>all</u> 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.

<u>KNOWN BROWSER ISSUES</u>

All Browsers are not created equal: some work better than others. Some produce better-looking results, some are inherently more, or less, secure than others. UBSE5 has been tested on the latest versions of all major browsers: FireFox, Safari, Internet Explorer, and Google Chrome all 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.