

# A Different Take on Heaven

The Greek word for ‘Heaven’ is *ouranos*,<sup>1</sup> and it appears 275 times in the New Testament. The term has the idea of ‘rise up’ (from the root word for ‘mountain’<sup>2</sup>) and has meanings such as ‘elevation’, ‘height’, ‘exaltation’, and ‘eminence’.<sup>3</sup>

That’s important to remember, because culture teaches us that Heaven is “up there” – which fits in with the meaning of *ouranos* – but that gives us the wrong idea of the reality of Heaven. As Brian Simmons put it:

*“Ouranos is more than a location beyond the blue. It is the height, the very pinnacle of glory, eminence, exaltation, majesty, authority, and power over all God’s limitless domain.*

*This authority is in and by the Spirit, for God is Spirit and does not sit upon a physical throne.*

*The heavenly realm can be seen, but not as a planet somewhere out in the vastness of infinity—it is a sphere or a realm of spiritual, divine reality.*

*It is a dimension of life. It is the invisible realm of Spirit that transcends this gross material realm. It is as omnipresent as God is omnipresent.”*<sup>4</sup>

Get the picture?

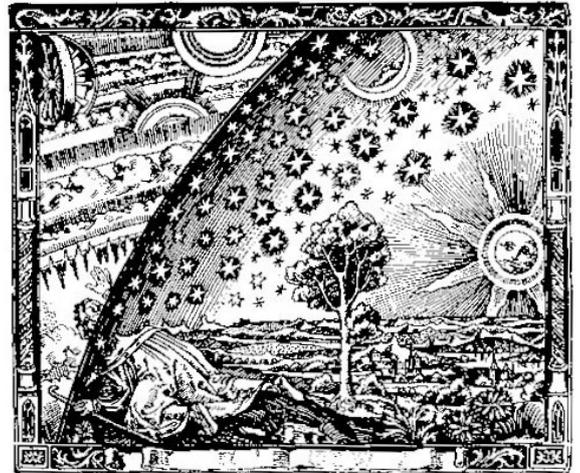
To get the full impact of what Brian and his wife Candice want us to understand, watch their “The Throne Room” sessions #13 & #14 teaching videos here:

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**REMEMBER:** Heaven is all around us because the universe is located within the spirit realm. It is separate from the spirit realm, but it’s not totally isolated from it, as this ancient graphic shows. →

It’s very important that we get away from myths, legends and religion, and get to know and experience the realities of the spirit realm as part of our spiritual life as sons.

For more information in this topic, read my article “The Veil Separating the Realm of Heaven from the Natural Realm”<sup>5</sup>.



**VIDEO:** “Where is heaven” (Mike Parsons) [LINK](#)

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1 – [www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3772/ouranos.htm](http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3772/ouranos.htm)

2 – [www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3735/oros.htm](http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3735/oros.htm)

3 – Brian’s understanding which he has put into his Bible translation, ‘The Passion Translation’.

4 – Brian Simmons (5-5-2022) “The Greek word for heaven...” [distributed e-newsletter]

5 – [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Veil-Separating-the-REALM-of-Heaven-from-the-Natural-REALM.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Veil-Separating-the-REALM-of-Heaven-from-the-Natural-REALM.pdf)