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Terrie says

This little gem is available as a free eBook download. This 1912 hardbound edition (originally published in 1898) came to me at the death of my Grandmother. As it is inscribed it was given by my Grandparents to his Mother on Christmas 1942. As a child I loved to browse my Grandma's bookshelf, read this as a teenager, and requested it at her death. It has great sentimental value to me. This is an LDS fictional account of the Plan of Salvation. We follow several characters from the Pre-existence, thru mortality, the Millennium, and Exaltation. No, it isn't the best writing in the world, but it is sweet and inspiring. I loved in the Millennium when the characters were gathered in Zion to place the cornerstone on the 100th temple. yes 100. In 1898 that seemed a long way off, I am sure.

Katie says

I saw this book in my family's library all growing up and thought, "someday I'll read that." I had forgotten about it until recently when I saw it available for free through Project Gutenberg. I decided to download it and finally read the book I'd passed by for years on my way to the dinner table. It's a sweet story depicting the author's idea of the pre-earth life, mortality, spirit world and millennium. He wrote it in the late 1800's, and was surprisingly correct about a lot of the modern technology we have today. There were a few instances where I felt he wasn't quite right with the doctrine, but it was a sweet story depicting how our lives didn't start here in mortality, and they don't end here either. This is just a small part of it. I enjoyed it.

Julie says

I didn't finish this book. I really liked the beginning though. It struck a familiar chord and was written in a surprisingly appropriate and tasteful manner for such a sacred topic. However, I felt the body of the work was rushed and jumbled and I wasn't entirely interested in the story. The last portion I just couldn't get into...the author was treading on pretty thin ice anyway and I just couldn't bring myself to read it. I'd rather read section 138 in the Doctrine and Covenants and satisfy myself with pure doctrine.

Like I said, the first part of the book was interesting and I enjoyed it, but the rest of it had a funny Saturday's Warrior feel about it.

Kirk says

Found this book in my apartment and read it a few years back on my mission. The story of the King of Poland was an interesting insight into what the author imagined a zion-like society would look like, and how that society would function on a day to day basis.

It can get a bit drab sometimes as the author chronicles doctrinal questions and answers, but as a missionary I was studying that already so no big deal there. Although, if you're looking for that, I'd say Day of Defense will be more handy as the setup is more conducive to analyzing doctrine. It is a decent effort to incorporate

principles into the story.

While the book wasn't bad, I agree with other reviews. It seems to be a precursor to Saturday's Warrior, but if you liked that than this book is right up your alley.

Hillari says

It has been many years since I read this book, but I disliked it so strongly that I have never forgotten it. I read this book for a course in college and I wish I still had the paper I wrote back then, because I ripped it pretty good. One of the highlights of my life (haha) was having the teacher read my paper aloud to the class which was held in an auditorium.

My main problem with the book was how every conversation turned into a question and answer series, with the only point being to lay out the good news of the gospel. Just poorly written all around. With so much good fiction out there, why waste your time with this rubbish?

Sue says

I'm not sure why there is such a lame description for this amazing book on Goodreads. It is one of the first LDS Fictions ever written (1898). I found this book in my Grandfather's bookshelf (I believe a first edition) and it was one of the first LDS fictions I ever read. I was a very young teen and it had a profound impact on me. I couldn't put it down. The story follows a romance between a man and woman from their premortal existence, through their lives on the earth and into postmortem life. I believe Added Upon served as the model for Lex de Azevedo's musical Saturday's Warrior. It is definitely a book worth reading!

Kimberly Kay says

This is a touching story aimed at people belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I preface this way, since, unless you are a member of this church, the book will be hard to follow and confusing, as a great deal of the plot relies on past events the readers are assumed to know. While I enjoyed the story told, and it definitely made me think, it's not particularly well written, nor has it character depth. I wish the writer had explored the plot more. However, since this is a rather old book, the didactic, straightforward way of this work is understandable.

Rene' says

Nephi Anderson is an absolute favorite of mine! I have many of his books and am happy to share them with one and all! Added Upon is about friends who knew each other in the pre-existence and were married on earth after being born in different countries. The Gospel is what brought them together. It's a sweet book.

David says

Plot:

Added Upon is a story that takes place during the three phases of a person's life: Pre-existence, mortality, and life after death. Homan and Delsa are caught up in the events that led to the casting out of Lucifer and his followers from Heaven, and are later given the opportunity to come to Earth. Having forgotten all they must follow the events of their lives that will help them return to the presence of their Heavenly Father.

Although the characters of this book are fiction Nephi Anderson does an incredible job at writing out things that have happened, and showing an interpretation of what the world could be like in the future. When I was reading this the story filled my heart with hope and refueled the fire in me to do my family history and genealogy. I loved how Anderson suggested that even though things will be different in the future with the Savior ruling in Zion people will still be able to create in the arts, including writing. Even if you don't agree with some of the beliefs of the author you will love the story for its imagery and the feeling of hope.

Caution:

The word hell is used once, but only in its proper form. Some people are said to have been drinking, but are not seen.

Lessons:

What is sealed on Earth will be sealed in Heaven. Death will not be the end of us. With faith in Jesus Christ anything is possible.

Gerrit says

Allegory about the three main periods of life: pre-mortal, mortal, and post-mortal, as based on Mormon theology. If you like CS Lewis' allegorical fiction (like Lion, Witch & Wardrobe) and you are Mormon you will probably really like this--in many ways it is a precursor to pop-Mormon productions like Saturday's Warrior--though much more thoughtful.

If allegorical didacticism is hard to swallow, you will probably only appreciate it for its broad speculations about the Millennium and the Celestial Kingdom.

Mark says

A lazy *Washington Post* writer cited this as evidence for Mormons' cultural love of sci-fi. It's...not remotely sci-fi. There's a mention of etheric technology, and a few pages at the end take place in the future

This is a novelization of the Plan of Salvation, the Latter-day Saint concept of pre-birth and post-death spiritual life. It shares some connective tissue with *Saturday's Warrior*. It's a theologically didactic frontier romance, too thin to be a novel, too thick to be a tract. It's not sci-fi.

It's not *bad*, but it's not great literature, it's not even good Mormon literature. It's cohesive well-narrated, but there's no drama, no conflict.

Lisa says

Do NOT pay attention to the drab official book description!!! Whoever wrote it needs to be slapped upside the head!

This book is about the journey of souls. The story follows individuals throughout the span of eternity, from before the world was - to the joys, tribulations, romance, and spiritual growth of mortal life - to the hereafter and beyond.

Added Upon is the truest of true love stories, encompassing love in its different forms - God's love, family love, romantic love, friendly love.

The characters are tangible. Their earthly experiences are real and relatable. Fiction, Doctrine, and Love are masterfully woven together like a braid of three fine satin ribbons.

I crave reading this book every few or so years, and savor the beautiful prose, poetry, and scripture that make up this story that is more than a century old.

Download this book FREE here: <http://www.manybooks.net/titles/ander...>

Greg says

First published in 1898, this is early LDS novel attempts to clothe in detail the doctrine of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Following a group of people from the pre-existence, through mortality, and into the spirit world beyond this life, it brings together fact and fancy, doctrine and speculation. While much of it is arguable, and some is clearly not well-established in latter-day prophetic utterances, it is nonetheless a thought-provoking and inspiring story. Recommended.

Debi says

I read this book over 15 years ago, for the first and only time, when I was a teen. I was really touched by this love story and the thought that those we know on earth were also a part of our lives in the pre-mortal existence. I am so excited to see it in print so that I can read it again.

Jan Strong says

I cannot believe that although I heard about this book most of my life, I had not read it before now. It is strangely captivating and although the style can be tedious, I found myself carried along with not just the story line, but the symbolism and LDS doctrine logically woven throughout. It made me think a lot about this earth life and all the potential each one of us holds to become the best we can be and use all that we have been given as gifts to achieve a truly wonderful and joyous life.

