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While every incident and experience in this chapter is true, as reported, we have decided to give fictitious names to the book and to those directly concerned and to let the story speak for itself, illustrating as it does the futility of accepting any so-called "revelation," however received or supported by sincere believers, as the "infallible word of God."

Today there are many "spiritual" leaders who have attracted large followings and who profess to be inspired by God or Jesus or other Celestial Beings, even representing themselves as new messiahs.

This chapter, describing our personal experiences, is characteristic of many, demonstrating as it does the opportunity that always exists for human editing, human error, and sometimes deliberate falsification.

—Martha and Harold Sherman

I have received scores of manuscripts (and continue to receive the same) from people who felt they had been chosen as special agents of God to be channels for the re-

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ception of spiritual knowledge. Many had aroused great anticipation in us but had only ended, upon examination, in disappointment.

Somehow Martha and I felt that this project in Chicago was different—that it was, at last, what had been claimed for it: a true revelation, presented by a Corps of Higher Intelligences, designed to "serve humanity's needs for the next thousand years." ~~Dr. William Crozier~~

Undoubtedly, it was Harry's feeling for it that had conditioned us. Our close association with him and our confidence in his own demonstrated higher powers of consciousness had caused us to accept the New Revelation manuscript, sight unseen, as something really super.

Through Harry's former connection as detective at Hull House, we had made arrangements with the attorneys in charge of the estate to permit me to dramatize the life of Jane Addams, world renowned Social Settlement woman, which gave us the excuse to come to Chicago in May of 1942 after having written the screenplay on the life of Mark Twain for Warner Brothers.

At a time in my writing career when practicality dictated that I should have taken advantage of the recognition and opportunity that had come to me on the coast, we might have stayed on in Hollywood and continued to write for pictures. Certainly it would have been much more lucrative than the gamble of this new creative assignment, but we were willing to put everything else aside.

Not only that, but to free our minds as much as possible for concentration on the massive New Revelation manuscript, we sent our younger daughter, Marcia, to stay with relatives in Traverse City, Michigan, for the summer, and our older daughter, Mary, to a position as receptionist at Hull House. We had been told it would require a number of months to thoughtfully go through the manuscript once, and as a consequence, we mapped out a schedule of four to five hours reading a day.

How much Harry knew about what we were to en-

counter, we perhaps will never know. He had been careful not to "color" in advance any impressions we might form of the Great Book and the people behind it by any comments he might make while in our presence.

In retrospect, he must have been aware of things that were happening to the manuscript in its preparation, which was not going "according to plan" or as originally intended. What he may have thought that we or anyone could do about certain practices, which, if discovered, would need correction for protection of the integrity of the material, is likewise an open question.

With this build-up we had received, we were totally unprepared for our entrance upon one of the most challenging periods of our lives—a period that would test our mental and physical endurance to the utmost, as well as our faith in human nature. **Dr. W. SADLER**

It should be stated here that Martha and I had stopped off in Chicago in July of 1941, en route to Hollywood, to meet Dr. Henry P. Norton, noted psychiatrist, at which time we were accepted as Forum members upon signing a pledge of secrecy. This permitted us to return to Chicago, when possible, to read the New Revelation papers on the premises, but we were not allowed to mention or discuss them with anyone outside the Forum members until *The New Revelation Book* itself was published.

The contact with Dr. Norton and the New Revelation papers had been arranged by phone by his cousin, Mrs. Susan Saunders of Marion, Indiana—who, with her doctor husband, Herbert, had engaged in psychic research with us during the time we had lived in Marion in the early 1920s.

Later, when we arrived on the coast and told Harry we had joined up in Chicago with those in charge of the Great Book manuscript, which he had written us about, Harry was delighted.

It was perhaps because of my profession as a writer, the recent Mark Twain work, and the reputation that had

come to me through the experiment in long distance telepathy with the Arctic Explorer, Sir Hubert Wilkins, that the presence of Martha and myself in Chicago to study the New Revelation papers caused quite a stir among Forum members. **"Cindy"**

This gave us an immediate personal contact with the doctor and his secretary, Miss Cynthia Frederick (Cindy), and members of the doctor's family: his son, Henry Junior, and his son's wife, Loretta; a brother-in-law and wife, Alfred and Lucy Buxton. There was also the financier Raymond Stafford, with his wife, his son, Ray Junior, and wife, Marjory.

It was somewhat embarrassing for us to be placed in such a favored position at the outset against so many old-time members, especially at social occasions when we were invited to sit at the great man's table. However, all members seemed to accept any mandate of the doctor without question or complaint.

As new members, Martha and I had to do a vast amount of "catch-up" reading, which necessitated our spending some hours in the library of the three-story brick building each day. The papers were brought to us from the vault in typewritten form by Cindy, in chronological order—ninety-two in all—and it required almost three months for the entire New Revelation manuscript to be completed, with Martha and I reading it together. We were told that the original script had been burned after typed copies had been made to preserve the anonymity as well as the identity of the human instrument through whom the "revelations" had come.

On August 20, our friends H. C. and Mary Mattern (real names) came through Chicago on their annual tour of big city firms for which they did the cleaning and preserving of leather-upholstered office furniture. We had planned to introduce them to Dr. Norton on their arrival and to arrange for their membership in the New Revelation Forum.

It was an evening appointment, and we found the doctor to be in an unusually amiable, talkative mood, disposed to give us a more complete version of the origin of the papers than we had ever heard before or since. As soon as the long session was over, Martha and I crossed the street to our apartment in the Rutledge Hotel and worked into the early morning to make a detailed written record of the information that the doctor had imparted.

"About thirty-five years ago when Dr. Ruth [his wife] and I were young physicians together, we decided to move, but the place we had in mind was not yet available. We were directed to a furnished apartment in the neighborhood, which we took for several months until our place was ready.

"We had been there about two weeks, and some of the tenants had apparently learned we were physicians, because one of them, a woman living directly below us, rapped on our door about 11:00 P.M. as we were in the act of retiring. She said, 'Will you please come downstairs with me? Something has happened to my husband. He's gone to sleep; he's breathing very strangely, and I can't wake him up.'

"We slipped on our bathrobes and went down to her apartment, where I saw a medium-sized man, approaching middle age, asleep in bed, breathing very fitfully. He would take a couple of short, quick breaths and then would hold his breath for a time, long enough for any normal human to have gotten black in the face, but nothing hap-ped. I took his pulse and was surprised to find it was normal. I then tried to arouse him with every known method, even to sticking pins in him—but failed. His wife seemed to be a somewhat nervous and superstitious type. She was frankly frightened, even though I assured her that he seemed to be in good physical shape, despite his peculiar actions.

"We sat about and waited for him to return to consciousness, during which time his body gave several vio-

lent jumps and starts. Finally, after about an hour, he awoke and looked around and saw us. We had propped him up on pillows, and he now turned to his wife and asked, pointing at us, 'Who are these people?' She explained that we were doctors she had called in when she found she couldn't awaken him, and he said, 'What's wrong? What's happened?'

"I asked him 'How do you feel?' He said, 'I feel fine.' I said, 'What have you been dreaming about?' He said, 'I haven't been dreaming at all.' I said, 'You've been jumping about on the bed.' He said, 'I don't know anything about that. I can't understand it.'

"I made him promise that he would come to my office the following morning for a complete physical exam. This he did, and I gave him every test but found him to be in excellent physical shape. I got his family history, and there were no cases of insanity or epilepsy among any of his antecedents or present relatives. In my investigation of psychic phenomena I had witnessed many so-called trance states, but this phenomenon he experienced seemed to be something different. Most of the trance cases I had contacted were those of emotionally unstable or hysterical women. But here was a hard-boiled business man, member of the board of trade and stock exchange, who didn't believe in any of this nonsense and who had no recollection of what happened during these strange unwakeable sleep states.

"I told him I would like to keep him under observation, to which he readily agreed.

"Nothing happened for several weeks, and then, one night, about the same time, his wife called us and said he was having one of those spells again. We went down, and I gave him some more tests and tried new ways to rouse him—all without effect. His labored breathing, his sudden breaking off and then no breathing at all would have been alarming had not his pulse remained strong and even throughout. The whole thing was baffling. When he

awakened, he was, as before, unconscious of anything having transpired.

"This sort of experience was repeated at different times of night until the fall of the year, when we were able to move to the residence of our choice. This man's lease expired that same fall, and he moved into an apartment house in the same block so he could be near us.

"One night, when we were called to his new address, as we sat by the bedside, Dr. Ruth noticed that he was moistening his lips as though he were preparing to speak. She said, 'Perhaps he wants to talk to us. Maybe if we ask him a question, we'll get an answer.'

"She did so, and to our great astonishment he did reply; but it was not his voice. It was that of what we afterward learned to be a student visitor on an observation trip here from a far distant planet! This being apparently conversed with us through this sleeping subject and expressed ideas and philosophies which struck us as entirely new, during 10 years (-1.906-1.913).

"I had been led to believe, through previous study and research, that all such manifestations, however phenomenal, were the work of the subconscious. I therefore got this man in my office several days later, since other entities were apparently coming through him, and secured his permission to submit to hypnosis that I might explore his subconscious. It was difficult to get him under, but when I finally did so, I was amazed to find no consciousness whatsoever of the subjects discussed by these purported beings, which we had all, by this time, started to record in long hand and later combined.

"I now felt that I needed help in solving the causes behind this mysterious phenomenon, and I called in other doctors and scientists, friends of mine, as well as Houdini and Thurston. They were equally unable to furnish any explanation. Finding by now that we could communicate by direct voice with different student visitors and other beings, we began to look forward to each contact, as we

came to call them, and enjoy the opportunity of asking questions, which always brought the most stimulating and unexpected answers.

"We took to writing out questions in advance about the universe and asking them verbally whenever given the chance. Finally, as a test, I worked out fifty-two questions privately and memorized them in my own mind (the doctor was noted for a photographic memory), deciding to wait and see whether these so-called student visitors might be able to divine what was in my own consciousness.

"One night, a particularly electrifying personality seemed to be present from a distant planet and had greatly excited us by his comments. As he was about to go, I addressed him, saying, 'How can you prove that you are who you say you are?' He replied, 'I cannot prove—but you cannot prove that I am not.' He then stunned me by continuing, 'However, I have just received permission to answer forty-six of the fifty-two questions you have been holding in your mind.'

"Dr. Ruth spoke up and said, 'Why, Henry, you haven't any such questions, have you?' And I had to admit, 'Yes, Ruth, the exact number!'

"This personality then proceeded to give me the answer to the forty-six as promised. When he had finished, he said, 'If you people really knew what you had here, you wouldn't take up our time asking silly, trivial questions like this. You would ask us something really significant and important.'

"We got home around one-thirty that night, but there was no sleep in the Norton household. We stayed up the rest of the night discussing and formulating questions so that we might be prepared for the next contact.

"At this point I must go back and tell you that a few months previously I had made a lecture trip to the University of Kansas, and while there, I wrote a letter to my

son, Henry, suggesting that since we seldom went to church, though I often talked in churches, I thought it would be a good idea if he and his mother would consider inviting in regularly for Sunday afternoon tea, about twenty or thirty friends with whom we might discuss religion or any other subject of mutual interest, and perhaps I would give them a little talk to stimulate these discussions. When I returned home the following Sunday noon, I found Dr. Ruth and Henry had already acted upon my suggestion and were having about thirty people in that afternoon. This was about the first of October, 1923, as I recall. **~ 16 YEARS OF PRE-COMMUNIC-**

FORUM, 1926-1933
 "It was in November that I was asked by some members of this little social group, which we had come to call the Forum, if I wouldn't tell of some of my experiences in abnormal psychology. And since we had not been prohibited from talking about the phenomena we had been witnessing, I related to them my encounter with this sleeping subject and the strange communications we were receiving through him, and told of our being challenged to ask real questions. It suddenly occurred to me as I got to this point—why not enlist the services of this group in the asking of such questions, and I called upon them to help me. I said, 'Come back next Sunday with all the profound questions you can think of, having to do with God and the universe, and we'll see if these intelligences can answer them.'

"The following Sunday the group arrived with over four thousand questions! Dr. Ruth and I spent several days sorting and classifying them. Then we held them in readiness, hoping for the opportunity of 'calling the bluff' of the higher intelligences. We were, as we thought, 'loaded for bear.'

"Some weeks went by and nothing happened. We thought we had them stumped, and then one morning at 6:00 A.M., the phone rang. It was the man's wife calling. 'Come over, quick!' she said. 'What's happened?' I asked.

'Is he still asleep?' 'Yes, but that's not it,' she replied. 'Please get over here—hurry!'

"We dressed like volunteer firemen and arrived out of breath. She led us to the desk in his study and picked up a voluminous manuscript of 472 pages, written in his own hand. I said, 'Where did this come from?' She said, 'I don't know. He made some strange noises in his sleep and woke me up, and I saw it here on the desk.' I asked, 'Has he been out of bed?' She said, 'Not to my knowledge. I don't see how he could have gotten out without waking me—and he's not awake yet.' I said, 'Is this his handwriting?' She said, 'It's his handwriting all right—but I don't see how he could have done it.'

"I took a look at the manuscript and saw to my great astonishment that it was the answer to all of the questions that had been formulated by ourselves in our Forum group!

"I couldn't wait any longer. I took this bulky manuscript into the bedroom and wakened the subject. I said, 'Do you know what you have been doing in your sleep?' He said, 'I haven't been doing anything.' I said, 'Oh, yes, you have—look at this! Isn't this your handwriting?' He stared at the manuscript. 'Yes, it's my handwriting,' he identified, 'but I didn't do it.'

"I estimated that it would take a normal individual seven to eight hours, writing at top speed, and the subject matter was so profound and yet so intelligently set down that I knew it was beyond human capacity to achieve. I phoned Cindy and told her to bring over at once a 'grip device' for testing muscular fatigue. I reasoned, if he had physically written all this, his right arm would give evidence of it—but the device registered no fatigue whatsoever.

"We took the papers home and had them typed. They concerned the Universal Father, the Supreme Being, The Central and Super Universes, and the Isle of Paradise. It was an unforgettable occasion when I appeared before the

Forum group and announced, 'Well, we got the answers to our questions all right, and they sat awestruck and speechless as we read the papers to them. This was all we needed. Reading of these papers led to hundreds and thousands more questions, and more papers commenced coming through.

"We found there seemed to be an organized group of high intelligences on 'the other side,' prepared to present to us the whole astounding story of the universe, leading from God, the Universal Father, down to the origin of the human creature, man, and his ultimate glorious destiny beyond the reaches of time and space. *1923-1931*

"This continued for perhaps seven or eight years when what we considered the first edition of the papers was finished. At that time, the Forum received its first direct message, and its members were advised that now, since their knowledge had been expanded, they should be able to ask more intelligent questions, and that, if they would do so, as they commenced a rereading of each paper, these intelligences would completely revise the entire, tremendous manuscript. *1929-1931, -8, 1931*

"This job was finished about two to two and a half years ago, and again we all thought the manuscript was finally complete; but we were told, at this time, that the world events, for which this revelation was designed, were rapidly culminating [this was in 1939 before Hitler started his assault on the countries of Europe], and we would begin to see that those who had this revelation in charge did not intend to make it public until after the Second World War. *AFTER 1934 (PAGE 22)*

"It was, finally, decided by those controlling transmission of The New Revelation Book to permit seventy-five papers giving a detailed and comprehensive account of Jesus' life on earth, from His birth to His death, to be added. The book is eventually to be published without any human personalities to be identified with it in any way and no authorship ascribed to it. These higher beings

have refused to use their own names and have only specified their type of being in the universe.

"There are only a few of us still living who were in touch with this phenomenon in the beginning, and when we die, the knowledge of it will die with us. Then the book will exist as a great spiritual mystery, and no human will know the manner in which it came about."

Different Forum members had heard different versions concerning the origin of the papers. One of them was to the effect that a young stockbroker, name withheld, was found by his wife sitting at his writing table in his bedroom one night in a trance state, simultaneously writing two different papers of deep philosophic content, one with each hand. The wife, unable to rouse him, phoned their friend, a psychiatrist, who arrived in time to witness the psychic phenomenon, and who read the stack of typewriter-sized pages that had been pushed off onto the floor, sheet by sheet.

Impressed as well as mystified, the doctor expressed the opinion that some passing psychic influence had taken possession of the sleeping subject, and it would probably never happen again—but if it did, he was to be called. A few nights later, this phenomenon reoccurred, and the amazed doctor was told that he was to be the custodian of this incoming material, which was beyond the knowledge of the human instrument; and that a book, which would startle the world, was to be dictated by higher intelligences. *OR 1906? (PAGE 64)*

Thus began a strange and dramatic human saga which started in 1911 and continued for almost half a century, with paper after paper of this voluminous manuscript appearing, each containing a chapter describing the nature of creation and the unthinkably great God behind it; the Seven Super Universes in which were countless inhabited planets; various classifications of beings, including guardian angels and ending up with a new life of Jesus, one of

numberless Creator Sons who had the power to create worlds and all life thereon.

Some one to two hundred fascinated Forum members, exposed to these papers, one by one each week, were purportedly observed in the Invisible by the higher intelligences who had dictated the material, their reactions studied, and papers edited accordingly, if some sections were not apparently understood. In any event, papers were corrected from time to time, and sometimes magically appeared, they were told, even typed, on the desk in the doctor's office.

We observed that the Forum members accepted these stories without question. This blind acceptance of everything associated with the New Revelation made it difficult for Martha and me to properly evaluate the New Revelation material. As we became acquainted with more and more Forum members, they confided that after the death of the doctor's wife, Dr. Ruth, they had noticed a growing tendency for the doctor to be irascible and adamant whenever anyone associated with him showed indications of not conforming to his thoughts and ideas. They said he could be agreeable and even charming at times, until he felt himself to be crossed in any way or questioned about his conduct of the New Revelation affairs. We were to have ample evidence of this developing side of his nature as time went on.

One of our basic observations that really disturbed us, after finishing a first reading of the papers, was the fact that *The New Revelation Book* purported to give a specific description of the appearance and nature of the physical universe but presented no program for individual spiritual development.

We wondered what service to humanity a book could be—however profound and expansive with its precise mathematical statements of numbers of planets and universes and various classifications of intelligent beings—if it did not deal with the mind qualities of human creatures

and how they could be employed to advance their soul development on earth.

True, an entire section was devoted to a description of a neutral entity called a "Thought Controller," which the Creator supposedly assigned to dwell in each human consciousness, and whose duty it was to sort out the thoughts and deeds of the individual and help him develop "survival values." If this happened, the "TC," as it was abbreviated, took on personality, and survived along with its "host." If the entity had not lived a sufficiently "good" life, the "TC" was then free to dwell in some other human consciousness at birth, carrying over the now nonexistent entity's experiences for use by the new "host"—to give him a running start on possible survival. On this basis, the individual could not accomplish survival on his own and was dependent on this in-dwelling influence.

Martha and I could not accept this. We could accept the concept, which we had long believed, that a part of God, the Great Intelligence, does dwell in each human soul, and that man can become aware of this Higher Power within him through right thinking and meditation—and secure guidance and protection by adherence to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual laws of his being.

The more we thought about *The New Revelation Book*, the more we came up with more questions than answers. Since we had social access to the Nortons, father and son, we took our questions to them, sometimes in written form. Henry Junior, like his father, had a photographic memory and could discourse on different chapters of the book, quoting them at length.

Some of the questions we raised were:

1. Why, with the detailed description of super beings and lines of communication existing between planets, was there no chapter in the book which explained the psychic phenomena taking place on earth?

2. How did it happen that the Jesus Papers "came through" after the book itself was announced as completed—a book which had made no mention of "Jesus as such"?

3. Why, since the knowledge was supposed to be universal, applicable to all humanity, did it limit its scope and appeal and interpretation by adding a "new life of Jesus," tying it in with the Christian religion, after The New Revelation Book was declared "finished" as of 1934? (PAGE 62).

Martha and I received no satisfactory answer to these questions. Instead, Dr. Norton characteristically showed a flare of temper, to which we now had become accustomed, when any member asked him a question he considered impertinent or uncalled for.

Had it not been for our great and almost overwhelming interest in the New Revelation papers at the time, we would not have persisted. The interest of all Forum members had been heightened by the doctor's telling us in recent Forum sessions that we should be thinking and preparing for a time in the fall when he had been instructed to surrender his custodianship of the New Revelation project to the Forum. When this happened, we must assume the responsibility for the financing, publication, and distribution of The New Revelation Book.

One night we invited Cindy to our apartment as a dinner guest. During the evening we quite naturally discussed The New Revelation Book. I pointed out to her that when it would be published, people would wonder why no mention was made of telepathy or other psychic phenomena as a preparation for the existence of such powers in higher realms. Then came the "shocker." Cindy said she agreed with my contention, and since Sir Hubert Wilkins and I, as a result of our thought transference tests, had perhaps as much knowledge as anyone, why didn't we write a chapter explaining them. The doctor could submit

our paper for consideration of the "higher ups," and if they okayed it, it could be inserted in The New Revelation Book!

"Why, I wouldn't pretend to have the authoritative knowledge that the intelligences behind this book have," I replied, trying to conceal my astonishment. "Why don't you call this significant absence of needed connective material to their attention and let them supply the information?"

Cindy indicated that they would think about it, and the subject was dropped. But for Cindy to have made this suggestion, clearly revealed that humanly written insertions had been put in the manuscript, and later evidence came to light when member Floyd Winters, one of Chicago's prominent businessmen, confronted the doctor with extensive almost word-for-word quotes from author Emery Reeves' well-known book, A Democratic Manifesto, which were contained in a New Revelation chapter. The explanation: "Occasionally, when the intelligences dictating the New Revelation papers come across something expressed on a subject by a human, as well as they could express it, they authorize its inclusion."

As a result of this disillusioning experience with Cindy, I felt I should make one last attempt to impress Dr. Norton with the seriousness of the matter, so I sent him a registered letter, hoping to command his personal attention. It read as follows:

Dear Dr. Norton:

Some several months after we came here and had carefully read the New Revelation papers, I questioned you concerning the clearing absence of any paper on "psychic phenomena"—such as humans have verifiably experienced on earth in times past and are experiencing now. And yet the book deals authoritatively with many phases of spiritual phenomena beyond the grasp, sensing, and actual understanding of average man.

Eventual readers of this great document in public form are going to be expected to accept the existence

of all these higher phenomena on faith. But, since man is an experiential being, and we must consider him on the basis of his present development and enlightenment, he is going to be sorely perplexed at finding no mention or explanation of "psychic experiences" which he KNOWS he has had—which give him evidence that TELEPATHY, under certain conditions is a fact; that there are such things as ASTRAL visitations on occasion; and that the so-called DEAD are permitted to return on certain missions and under certain circumstances. I am not talking spiritualism when I make this latter statement.

You decided, personally, long years ago on your own admission to me, that there were no genuine phenomena, except that of the nature you had encountered with the "instrument", and the other "sleeping contacts" reported to you.

Millions of humans now living and still to be born will challenge this attitude as reflected in the pages of *The New Revelation Book*, for too many "psychic experiences" are occurring right along to which they can testify. And no scientist can laugh these experiences off or explain them away.

It is a great error and will arouse great controversy, confusion, and dissension for *The New Revelation Book* to indicate positively that no one can communicate with the dead and that the dead, under no circumstances, can or do return to this earth. This is a deliberate wrong statement—an untruth—and cannot have been made by higher intelligences, for they KNOW better. With *The New Revelation Book* containing such false inferences, many humans who have had genuine experiences are not going to know what sections of the book to believe or disbelieve, and they are apt to end up by doubting it all.

I submitted a series of questions covering the entire subject to "psychic phenomena" months ago. Were they carefully gone over by you and the other "contact commissioners" and presented for consideration and possible answering in the former regular manner, or were they pigeon-holed arbitrarily by you, because you have a set human conviction that none of the "psychic phenomena" are actually existent?

Have you, by your attitude, altered or excluded any

material or truths which should be in this *New Revelation Book*?

You know, in your own mind and heart, (the steps you have taken, which have not been authorized by higher intelligences.) You will have to answer for each one of these steps . . . but there is still time for you to clear up much.

It should hardly be necessary for me to remind you that, if any material intended for *The New Revelation Book* has been withheld or wrongly interpreted or purposely misunderstood, or altered for personal or biased reasons, or because of a "closed mind" attitude—you will be held responsible as trusted custodian for centuries yet to come.

My only interest, as always, is in the purity, unadulterated genuineness, and complete authenticity of *The New Revelation Book*. I shall know, and others will know, if when it is published, any of the papers have been tampered with for any human reason whatsoever.

Sincerely,
(signed) Harold Sherman

This communication, addressed to the doctor, brought no reply. But Martha and I were in for another disturbing factor when, upon reading the legal papers concerning the incorporation of the New Revelation Society, we found provisions for a self-perpetuating board of directors, who never intended to give up custodianship, who could vote themselves any salaries they wished, or invest any monies received as desired, rather than putting the resources behind further exploitation and publication of the book itself. These stipulations ran counter to the directions purportedly received from the higher intelligences, as well as the assurances the doctor had given the members who had already contributed monies to books of his own that he had published, as well as toward the financing of the forthcoming *New Revelation Book*.

For a man with the distinguished background of Dr. Norton, who was one of the great pioneer psychiatrists of his day, an outstanding authority on comparative reli-

¿"PLAGIO"? ¿SEGURO?. TAMBIÉN LA VIDA ES UN AFORTUNADO PLAGIO DE DIOS..... 1

- 1.- **UNA MERA OPINIÓN PERSONAL:** Todo proviene del escándalo provocado por el artículo de un señor en una revista de gran circulación, asegurando que "La Rebelión de Lucifer" y los "Caballo de Troya 1/2/3" constituyen un plagio literario. Tengamos en cuenta que se trata tan sólo de la exposición de las ideas personales de un individuo, es decir, de afirmaciones opináticas, basadas en sus particulares puntos de vista, a lo cual tiene perfecto derecho. Estas opiniones subjetivas pueden ser acertadas, pero pueden muy bien estar equivocadas.
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- 3.- **¿UN ARTÍCULO TELECOMANDADO?:** No sería de extrañar. La mano escondida que ha tirado la piedra puede provenir de una de las editoriales competidoras de Planeta que se están hundiendo por la mayor eficacia y el éxito meritocrático del señor Lara.
- 4.- **LA ENVIDIA, ESE VICIO NACIONAL:** Tampoco sería raro que el tiro por la espalda venga de un colega profesional infectado por un virus tan humano como el resentimiento. ¿Cuánto y qué darían muchos escritores españoles que chapotean en la oscuridad y en la penuria por alcanzar la fama y el éxito de ventas de J.J. Benítez?.
- 5.- **INFLUENCIAS ANTICRÍSTICAS:** O bien el cochero que desde la penumbra ha manipulado este otro caballo nada troyano puede ser una marioneta de las llamadas fuerzas del mal, opuestas según múltiples tradiciones a las de la luz. Los "Caballos", eso está claro, se alinean a la derecha de Dios. Y la izquierda espiritual ha podido pasar a la ofensiva con el objetivo subterráneo de desacreditar un bloque de positivas ideas crísticas. En este caso "Calumnia, que algo anti-equino queda".
- 6.- **LUZ Y TAQUÍGRAFOS SOBRE EL MÁS FAMOSO DE LOS CARPINTEROS:** El contenido fundamental de los libros criticados describe las actividades del Galileo hace dos mil años. No es para poner tanto grito en el cielo, ya que les han precedido muchas docenas de "Vidas de Jesús" e "Historias de Cristo" que no han levantado tamaña polvareda. Parece legítimo servir a la opinión pública una versión actual basada en informaciones novedosas.
- 7.- **PRENSA AMARILLA:** El arma arrojadiza ha sido arteramente manejada por un semanario conocido por su sensacionalismo a ultranza caiga quien caiga. Lo que nos ofrece escasas garantías de objetividad y honestidad informativa, pues es bien sabido que esta revista recurre a todo para organizar polémicas y escándalos *QUE AUMENTEN SU TIRADA.*

- 8.- EL TEXTO SUPUESTAMENTE "PLAGIADO": Se trata de "The Urantia Book" 2 (TUB), publicado por la Fundación Urantia de Chicago en 1955. En nuestra opinión es uno de los más importantes libros de toda la historia de la literatura mundial. Trata de los atributos de las entidades divinas, de la naturaleza del universo y las leyes naturales, de la historia de nuestro planeta y de la vida de Jesús. Consideramos que materia tan extraordinariamente relevantes deben ser ofrecidas a la humanidad y conocidas por el gran público. Esto es lo que ha movido a Juan José Benítez a aportar modestamente sus cuatro libros al segmento de los lectores en lengua española.
- 9.- INACCESIBILIDAD DE "EL LIBRO DE URANTIA": Consiste en un masivo volumen de 2.097 páginas con letra pequeña, cuya muy esforzada lectura ocupa unos ocho meses, hazaña prácticamente imposible para el hombre de la calle, que necesita delicadezas literarias bastante más fáciles de digerir.
- 10.- LA BARRERA IDIOMÁTICA: "The Urantia Book" está escrito en inglés, no se vende en España y cuesta casi cuarenta dólares, motivos adicionales para que no sea conocido en nuestro país.
- 11.- BRILLANTÍSIMO, PERO ABSTRUSO: Este maravilloso tratado sobre el Omniverso es al mismo tiempo un "ladrillo" ideológico inatacable por el hombre medio. Se trata de un texto de afinados matices, elaborado en un estilo riguroso, cuya ardua comprensión exige un análisis muy detenido. Un volumen de tan difícil lectura resulta claramente inabordable por las masas.
- 12.- RECHAZO A LA HETERODOXIA: El libro expone un cuerpo doctrinal de elevada originalidad, que contradice frontalmente la ideología de las principales religiones y sistemas filosóficos, otro obstáculo para su fluida aceptación por el pueblo llano.
- 13.- DERECHO A UNA LEGÍTIMA TAREA DIVULGADORA: Dada la inmensa trascendencia de los temas comentados en "The Urantia Book", y ante la evidente imposibilidad de que sean conocidos por nuestros compatriotas a través de una lectura directa del libro original, Juan José Benítez ha considerado que existen motivos racionales para ofertar a los españoles la interesantísima información del TUB en una forma fácilmente asimilable por los españoles de a pie. Y ha tomado la decisión de divulgar las dificultosas verdades del "Urantia" en asequible forma novelada. Si se ha equivocado, asume toda su responsabilidad, pues ha emprendido este trabajo con la mejor de las intenciones.
- 14.- "URANTIA" NO ES NINGÚN BEST-SELLER: En contra de lo que afirma "Intervió". Sus ediciones han sido limitadas, es prácticamente desconocido por el público en general inclusive en los Estados Unidos, y sus ejemplares publicados en un dilatado período de 32 años constituyen tan sólo una fracción poco significativa de los "Caballos de Troya" vendidos masivamente en España. Lo que quiere decir que los "Caballos" han hecho al "Urantia" un atractivo favor publicitario.

- 15.- Y ES UN PATRIMONIO QUE PERTENECE A TODA LA HUMANIDAD: Por su 3
contenido, de carácter ostensiblemente universalista. Por haber
sido revelado desde otras esferas intencionales de la Realidad,
con el propósito de que sus aseveraciones resulten algún día conocidas
por la totalidad del colectivo planetario de la Tierra. Y por haber
sido inspirado a un medium desconocido y anónimo radicado en Chicago,
del que no sabemos ni el nombre. En consecuencia J.J. Benítez
se considera autorizado a servir al género humano la doctrina del
"Urantia", preparada para ser bien comprendida por amplios espectros
de la población, cosa que no ha podido conseguir el tratado original.
- 16.- "COPYRIGHT" DE HECHO OBSOLETO: Como es bien sabido los derechos de
autor caducan con el transcurso del tiempo. Hace 32 años que se
imprimió "El libro de Urantia". Pero su revelación al anónimo
medium de Chicago comenzó en las primeras décadas del siglo, y se
prolongó el proceso editorial durante un cuarto de siglo. Tenemos
que preguntarnos sobre la validez de unos derechos exclusivos de
edición restringida, después de 70 años.
- 17.- LOS DETENTADORES DEL "COPYRIGHT" NO HAN ACTUADO: Nos consta, por
afirmaciones de representantes de la Urantia Foundation que han
visitado España, que la entidad editora está perfectamente al tanto
de los sucesivos "Caballos de Troya" y de su contenido. Y nunca
han comunicado a Benítez su hipotética disconformidad, ni han ejercido
acción legal alguna en varios años. Lo que demuestra que no se
sentirán perjudicados por los best-sellers publicados en España.
- 18.- BENÍTEZ INFORMÓ A LA FUNDACIÓN URANTIA: "Intervió" asegura que
en Chicago no tenían noticia de "Caballo de Troya". Lo cual no
es cierto, toda vez que el autor ha ido enviando los sucesivos volúmenes
a la Fundación de Chicago, para su mejor información.
- 19.- Y LO ADVIRTIÓ PÚBLICAMENTE: Los que conserven la tirada inicial del
primer "Caballo" pueden comprobar cómo el autor incluye una nota
en relación sobre el origen del libro.
- 20.- INDISPENSABLE SAL Y PIMIENTA: Hubiera resultado impropio y
poco pragmático ser más explícito. "Caballo de Troya" es al fin
y al cabo una novela, de ahí precisamente su éxito, y no un ensayo
ni un tratado de filosofía. Los lectores devoran el libro debido a
su suspense y episodios que pasan por ciencia-ficción. Si el autor
se hubiera enzarzado en bizantinas alusiones a un tal "Libro de
Urantia" Planeta hubiera logrado una facturación mediocre, esto es,
tanto el escritor como la editorial hubieran caído en el imperdonable
pecado profesional de la ineficiencia.
- 21.- NO ESTÁ NADA CLARO QUE SEA UN PLAGIO: Tan sólo determinadas partes
de los "Caballos" ostentan un trasfondo "urantiano", otras no.
Incluso aquéllas no han sido fotocopiadas, sino que consisten en
recreaciones inventadas por la creatividad muy personal del autor,
fragmentos literarios que solamente hubiera podido producir Benítez.

- 22.- BENÍTEZ VA A HACER FAMOSO A "URANTIA": Eso le debe como mínimo la Fundación de Chicago: cientos de miles de lectores subrogados del "Libro de Urantia", y una amplísima publicidad gratuita que haría estremecerse de felicidad a cualquier editorial. ¿Es para quejarse? 4
- 23.- EL DURO TRABAJO DE DOMAR LOS "CABALLOS": Hasta convertirlos en los pura sangre árabe de los de Troya 1/2/3 dado su espectacular éxito multitudinario, los libros más vendidos en este país en la última década, montones de "Caballos" apilados hasta en los más modestos chiringuitos de prenea. Fenómeno doblemente inusitado en una nación donde se come, se bebe, se habla de fútbol pero no se lee. ¿A qué se debe este raro "milagro de Troya"? ¿Al libro de Urantia? Desde luego que no. Más bien al gran esfuerzo realizado por J.J. Benítez para convertir una serie de elementos, algunos de ellos de remoto origen "urantiano" -otros no-, en novelas de éxito. Se lo ha ganado a pulso, meritocráticamente, con su trabajo.
- 24.- "BENÍTEZ HA GANADO DINERO": Como es natural, y a cambio del sudor de su frente. ¿Usted se sentaría a escribir siete horas diarias durante años a cambio de nada? Benítez, como todo profesional, cobra por sus servicios y en paz. Con una particularidad: que como todo el mundo sabe las editoriales se llevan la parte del león y dejan las migajas a los autores. En un sistema con mayor justicia económica Benítez hubiera percibido diez veces más ingresos *Por sus cuatro libros.*
- 25.- "COPIAR ES FÁCIL": ¿De veras? ¿Y por qué entonces no lo hace usted también? ¿Por qué no "copia" usted otro libro y vende millón y medio de ejemplares?
- 26.- BENÍTEZ SEGUIRÁ EN LA BRECHA: La montaña por un grano de arena que ha montado "Interviú" para aumentar su tirada no le arredra. Va a continuar sirviendo a sus compatriotas información novelada sobre la vida y la filosofía del Nazareno, bien tomada como fondo del "archivo público" en que consiste "El Libro de Urantia", o de otras fuentes documentales también de acceso general, reelaborada con otros elementos de su invención, y organizadas en un todo coherente gracias a su propia creatividad. En otras palabras: va a seguir "plagiando" a Juan José Benítez. Y a mucha honra. Benditos "plagios", si el público los considera tan buenos como para comprarlos.
- 27.- LOS "CABALLOS", ¿FRUTOS DE UNA REVELACIÓN?: Juan José Benítez reconoce que ha escrito estos libros guiado por un poderoso y casi irresistible impulso, casi como si fuese "víctima" de lo que se llama escritura automática, tal si invisibles entidades extradimensionales le hubieran dictado sus páginas de corrido. Si estamos ante dos parejas de textos revelados, que se atesoran en muchos miles de hogares de la piel de toro, sugerimos, como la canción, que "por algo será", y no somos quién para poner ni quitar rey en tan fascinante y misteriosa cuestión. Nos limitamos a informar de un hecho que puede interesar a los lectores.

"URANTIA" Y EL PROBLEMA DE LA REENCARNACION

(The reincarnation problem from "The Urantia Book")

En la página 1.811, párrafo 6, línea 5 de la edición americana, se lee:
"The Master found it difficult to make men believe that their souls had not had previous existences".

SIGNIFICADO APARENTE: Tras una primera lectura apresurada de este texto a primera vista parece que Cristo niega la reencarnación. Sin embargo esto no es así, si estudiamos con cuidado el contenido preciso y exacto de sus palabras.

LO QUE VIENE A DECIR: Textualmente, dijo lo siguiente: "El Maestro encontraba difícil hacer creer a los hombres que sus almas no habían tenido previas existencias". Lo que equivale a lo siguiente: "El Maestro encontraba que (para cualquiera en general que por el motivo que fuese lo hubiera pretendido) era difícil hacer creer a los hombres (de aquella época, lugar geográfico y circunstancias históricas y culturales) que sus almas no habían tenido previas existencias".

EXTENSION DEL TEXTO: Mínima, una línea y cuarto. "El Libro de Urantia" dedica ~~aproximadamente~~ 300 páginas (exactamente 753), unas 37.000 líneas, a la vida y enseñanzas de Jesús. De toda esta segunda parte, una considerable cantidad de páginas está destinada a transcribir las palabras que Jesús ofrecía a sus discípulos y apóstoles. Por lo general esta obra se detiene con toda monotonía y gran extensión a explicar la doctrina de Cristo. Los conceptos importantes eran tratados largamente por el Maestro, con mucha profundidad, entrando en detalles y analizando los diferentes aspectos, problemas o cuestiones de cada tema. El que exista o no la reencarnación es un problema importantísimo, pues dilucida un tema absolutamente vital como es el funcionamiento o no de la justicia y la equidad en el universo, y el concepto lógicamente asociado del karma o ley de causa y efecto, de una retribución adecuada y proporcional de los actos humanos. En consecuencia Jesucristo debería haber dedicado mucho más tiempo y energía a explicar el asunto de la reencarnación, pues a materias mucho menos decisivas dedicó horas de disertaciones, repitiendo una y otra vez lo mismo e incluso utilizando sinónimos para decirlo con otras palabras y hacerse así comprender mejor. Es evidente que si un inmenso y prolijo manuscrito como el "Urantia" dedica una sola de sus 100.000 líneas para despachar una de las cuestiones más críticas para el destino del hombre, es que aquí está ocurriendo algo anómalo, muy llamativo y francamente anormal. Y por pura lógica se deduce que por determinadas razones los autores del libro han adoptado la crucial decisión de no tratar, para nada el tema de la reencarnación (ni afirmarla ni negarla, simplemente no hablar de ella), salvo una única, diestra, ambivalente y sumamente sibilina alusión, con la que "salvan la cara" ("ea, ya hemos dicho lo que es la reencarnación", que conste"), y de paso en la mente del lector irreflexivo y que ata pocos cabos introduce una determinada imagen de la reencarnación, negativa, pero sin haberla negado realmente. Por otra parte el que hayan omitido la reencarnación (una omisión bastante sui generis, pues el lector saca la impresión -falsa- de que "Urantia" ha tratado el tema y ha dado un dictamen sobre el mismo), no es nada raro, pues los redactores del libro se están refiriendo constantemente a que hay muchas cosas que no saben en absoluto, otras que las tienen en la siebla, algunas que pudieran ser probables pero no seguras, y sobre todo una miríada de conceptos muy bien conocidos por ellos pero que deliberadamente los eliminan de su exposición, unas veces advirtiendo expresamente de lo que están ocultando, y otras implícitamente, o sea, no pian de un tema, ni pian sobre por qué no han piado. El colmo de la más refinada técnica psicológica es lo que han conseguido con la reencarnación, espantarse la mosca con un escueto plumazo de 17 palabras. Pero al mismo tiempo, y de la forma más extensa indiana

se autoloquen un cartelito en el cerebro que reza "La reencarnación no existe" , y sin embargo si les apretamos las clavijas los Urantianos quedan a salvo y nos pueden refregar que "Eso lo dirá usted que es un cabeza dura, pues nosotros en la página 1.811 nos hemos limitado a exponer sucintamente un hecho histórico, sin debatirlo, aprobarlo ni condenarlo, sólo hemos hecho una rápida alusión a que la población de Palestina tenía la idea de que el alma ha pasado antes por otras existencias previas, y que era difícil quitarles esta creencia".

LO QUE "URANTIA" NO HICE : No dice, por ejemplo, lo que pudo y debió decir, para el caso de que la reencarnación sea un cuento:

- "Al Maestro le resultaba difícil convencer a los hombres de que sus almas no habían tenido previas existencias, como así era realmente".
- "El Maestro se dirigió a ellos y los dejó sentados de culo: "Vuestras almas no han tenido antes previas existencias, como creéis" "
- "Una vez más el Maestro les dirigió la palabra, repitiendo: "La reencarnación del alma humana aquí en la Tierra tras la muerte física es completamente falsa, no tiene lugar. Esta es una creencia sin ningún fundamento en la realidad" "
- "El Maestro, armándose de paciencia, les espetó por enésima vez: "Que no, coño, que no habeis experimentado otras existencias previas en este mismo mundo, eso es un camelote que os han hecho creer. Aquí venís una sola vez, y luego los que mereceis la supervivencia seréis trasladados a los "Mundos Mansiones" o planetas morónticos de nuestro sistema local. A los que no se hayan ganado la supervivencia les ocurrirá que....." (una ráfaga de viento se llevó las palabras del Cristo, y nos hemos quedado in albis).

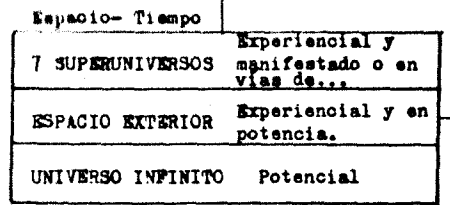
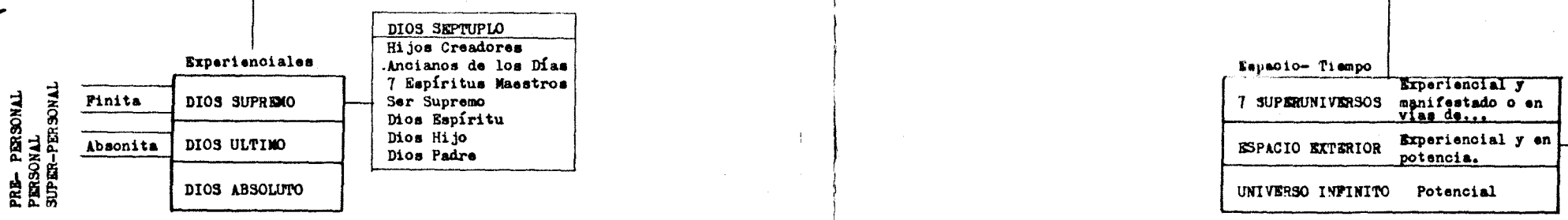
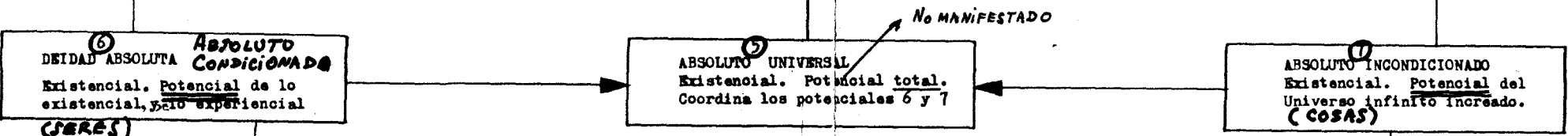
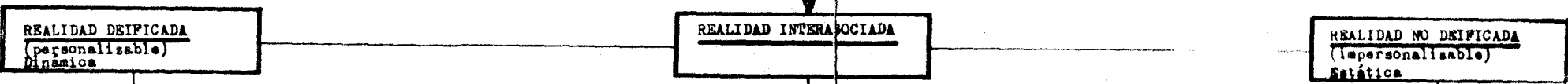
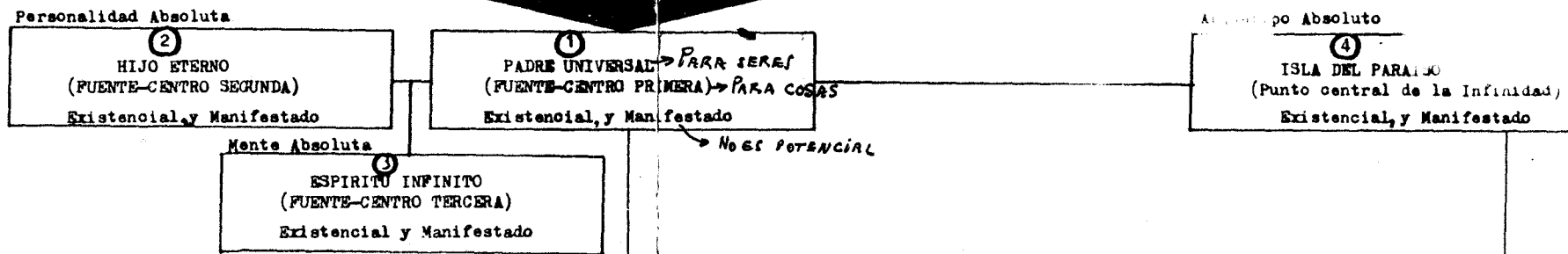
Y así sucesivamente, "lo que pudo haber sido y no fue" , de lo más significativo en lo que nos ocupa, ya que en las 2.097 páginas del "Urantia" todo aparece expresado con una notable precisión, hasta con meticulosidad, el estilo es de lo más funcional y ajustado a lo que se pretende describir, se puede decir que en todo el volumen ni falta ni sobra nada, esto es, lo que allí se registra aparece escrito con cuidadosa elección de las palabras, y a "sensu contrario" lo que falta no está ausente del texto por olvido, casualidad o negligencia, sino porque no ha sido incluido queriendo, a mala leche diría más de un reencarnacionista. Si la reencarnación no fuera más que un arraigado mito, incompatible ^{COMO ES} con las nociones uránticas de la unicidad de la vida terrestre y el paso directo a los siete "Mundos Mansiones", Jesucristo naturalmente hubiera "machacado" una y mil veces a sus seguidores para quitarles esa loca idea del morro, máxime sabiendo que creían a pie juntillas en ella, y que las dos ^{EN APARIENCIA} ^{CON} ideas eran contradictorias y mutuamente excluyentes, no se puede encender una vela a los planetas morónticos y otra al diablo reencarnatorio. Y mira por dónde nos encontramos que "Urantia" guarda un profundo y revelador mutismo sobre la decisiva hipótesis del sucesivo retorno a nuestro mundo, pues la misteriosa frase de la 1.811 no se compromete en nada con la reencarnación en sí misma, soslaya el tema, esparce una conveniente cortina de humo, elude el grave inconveniente de guardar un silencio absoluto (que haría entrar en sospechas a los estudiosos), y a base de sofisticados malabarismos verbales logra indirectamente, sin decirlo, que creamos que ellos no creen en la reencarnación, al menos provisionalmente y hasta tanto no interese que esta doctrina penetre en la mentalidad occidental, cosa que quizás no convenía en 1.934 cuando se gestó esta monumental revelación.

demasiados escrúpulos, capaces de crear una compleja civilización tecnológica con una industria y servicios altamente diversificados, empresa que resultaría quimérica por ejemplo en la India, pues allí y en parte debido a la fe en la reencarnación los individuos se concentran más en la vida interior descuidando el trabajo creativo en el mundo material.

Por lo demás la enseñanza de "Urantia" no colisiona con las teorías reencarnatorias, porque bien pudiera ocurrir que:

- Que la repetida entrada y salida de un erbe físico sea una excepción, una situación anormal, limitada a esferas retrasadas o altamente conflictivas como nuestra Tierra, pero no aplicable a la mayoría de los centros de vida del cosmos. Y si "Urantia" ha querido darnos un retrato fiel del universo, habría considerado útil eliminar del cuadro este fenómeno residual, para no emmarañar las cosas ni confundirnos.
- La reencarnación, y en especial el pago tan desagradable de los débitos kármicos negativos, son conceptos a primera vista sombríos, y mucha gente piensa en ellos como un mecanismo de la más fría e inimaginable crueldad. Si nos fijamos bien, "Urantia" ofrece una versión positiva y agradable de la realidad, en la obra no aparecen por ninguna parte las inscabables y sórdidas miserias de la existencia, quiere decir que en una radiografía a priori tan optimista desentonaría el tándem - lógicamente aparejado- reencarnación-karma, los hornos del bajo astral, el infierno y los estados de conciencia purgatoriales, las "quemaduras" masivas de humanidades desviadas en los críticos "finés del mundo" y otras aparentes atrocidades que sumirían al creyente en el pesimismo más desalentador. Al parecer este es lo que precisamente se ha querido evitar, pues en el libro todos estos terribles ejemplos de la "degradación institucionalizada" brillan por su ausencia. Pero que el pintor los suprima del lienzo no quiere decir que no existan, el artista bien podría estar contemplándolos detrás de su sombrero modelo, pero sabe que si los pinta no vendería el cuadro.
- A "Urantia" le ha podido interesar silenciar transitoriamente la reencarnación por los motivos a que acabamos de aludir más otros que desconocemos. Pero es que aparte de esto se puede concebir la reencarnación y también los 7 planetas moróticos, ya que los morales podrían estar reencarnando durante un largo período en un medio inferior como el nuestro, y después, una vez depurados y alcanzado un mínimo perfeccionamiento moral, ser transferidos al primer "Mundo Mansión". Una cosa no quitaría la otra. Pero por motivos de estrategia doctrinal a los forjadores del "Urantia" se les ha podido ocurrir "arrancar las mil páginas" que debieran haber tratado del tema reencarnatorio.
- Tal vez algún día se lance una "addenda" al monstruo "Urantia", cuando el Occidente blanco, cristiano, industrializado y racionalista haya alcanzado otra madurez filosófica, y en ella se hable ya abiertamente de la famosa reencarnación, además de -ese espeso- pedimos perdón por habernos ocultado una de las piezas más valiosas del tesoro de la verdad, la caja con las rutilantes piedras preciosas reencarnatorias. Entre nosotros: parece más sensato que no esperemos hasta entonces, engarcemos ya mismo los rubíes en el alfiler de corbata, para el caso naturalmente de que nos diviertan las joyas.

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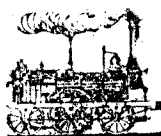
"The Urantia Book", en el que te interesas, trata de lo que hay, de ti y de mí, de los soldados rasos, oficiales y coroneles de otros rediles, de lo que tenemos que hacer, y de otros muchos asuntos colaterales. Adentrarse en sus 2.097 páginas sin una sola errata de imprenta constituye una vasta e impar aventura. Su texto es profundo, denso y complejo, en recorrerlo se tardan ocho meses, y no hay más remedio que aproximarse a él con una parsimoniosa concentración. Su idioma no es anglosajón, sino un extraño inglés latinizado, intemporal, anticorrosivo, que perdurará en el tiempo sin herrumbres semánticas. No es operativo explicar Urantia; lo siento, pero hay que leerlo, y hay que ser aguerrido para resistir esta experiencia. Se dice que su tremendo contenido fue infiltrado hacia los años treinta en el cerebro de un medium de Chicago, del que no conocemos ni su nombre, por un grupo de entes foráneos. Su estilo, terminología y temáticas son extraordinariamente originales, y no se parecen a los de otros muchos textos revelados en el siglo XX. Estos últimos se refieren en gran medida a las experiencias post-mortem en el plano astral, a la ley del karma y a la reencarnación. "El Libro de Urantia" parece segar estos conceptos, y su cosmovisión es diferente, única en la historia de la literatura espiritualista. No tengo medios de saber si sus brillantes descripciones del universo, Dios y las leyes naturales son verdaderas, pero me quitan el aliento. En mi opinión personal TUB es una de las piezas literarias más interesantes producidas nunca en este planeta. Es una obra maestra, de la que afloran también problemas filosóficos, dudas e incógnitas. No recomiendo a nadie que lea "El Libro de Urantia", como tampoco que salve su alma o emigre a América. Hacer del Libro un compañero vital es una opción personalísima, probablemente una elección dictada por la posición evolutiva del individuo, por lo tanto es inútil prestarlo o hablar de él, sólo arrostrará su lectura aquél al que sus discursos le vengán a la medida. Yo agradezco al Sistema los dos kilogramos de lectura del TUB. Estoy seguro de que han cambiado, y para mejor, mis piezas, tornillos y fluidos anímicos. Suspendo elaborar un juicio monolítico sobre el Libro, por aquello de "reflexionar sobre todo, pero no creer en nada". A Ignacio le ha servido, ha ahondado su pozo, y le ha proporcionado un intenso y esplendente caudal de agua. ¿Qué más se puede pedir del papel impreso?

En lo que se refiere a los mensajes telepáticos que me dices estás recibiendo de "Khari Mundi", para hacerme una idea y poder comentártelos necesito leerlos, así es que quedo a tu disposición en este sentido. Tu caso no es único ni raro por otra parte. Varías millares de personas están recibiendo en todo el mundo comunicaciones similares, que suman cientos de miles de páginas. No estás solo pues, sino en las filas de un gran ejército, de mandos más disfrazados que uniformados, y la naturaleza de cuyo rancho constituye un interesante pero delicado enigma. Es probable que seas un mandatario de determinadas energías intencionales, de algo, alguien. Tú verás cómo te ves a ti mismo como cocinero, nosotros desde fuera no somos quienes para manipular tus propios manjares, ingredientes y recetas. A este amigo le gustaría que aspersaras por ejemplo la pimienta del humor en tus guisos, pues si no es la sal de la tierra lo es sin duda del arte culinario exquisito del que se habla en ésta y en la tuya.

Un abraze

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Querido Antonio:

Siguiendo tu sugerencia he tropezado otra vez en la piedra del berengenal de Urantia, capítulo 105 , sólo nada más que el "I Am" !. Lo que es de suponer fue, antes de la eternidad, el ente divino primigenio que monopolizaba con su abrumadora presencia Todo Lo Que Hubiere , él solo en el corazón del Todo , él y el resto que también era él , rellenando al completo la suerte de recinto o geografía o extensión que existiere antes de la creación del espacio físico , el hiperente inasimilable a las cualidades de cualquier tipo cognoscibles por el homo sapiens (al que no le van ni siquiera las etiquetas de "bueno" , "poderoso" o "inteligente" de nuestro más noble vocabulario) , el Innombrable carente de cualesquier atributo terrenal , del que sólomente se puede predicar que "El I Am es " , un elevadísimo categorema filosófico, con el "isness" hemos topado , Sancho, rodillas en tierra , la simple condición de ser , deducimos que las tres letras más importantes de la lengua, de las que ni siquiera podemos garantizar su sinonimia con "existir" , que, si algún matiz abismal diferenciase los significados de "ser" y "existir" , en ese caso ¿cuál sería el centro de gravedad semántico de "ser"? ¿Qué quiere decir el "beingness" para que su naturaleza ontológica interpenetre en solitario los intersticios globalizadores del que fue y ya era antes que lo demás? ¿Qué diccionario consultamos para averiguar cuál es la carga de "ser" que lo convierte en la única substancia de la que está constituido el Pre-Existente? Su mismo nombre por excelencia, el más apropiado, "Yo Soy" , ya está autodefiniendo al nombrado con ese misterioso verbo por antonomasia , el de la cadena de los 40 Principales , de cuyo contenido sabemos bien poco, tan sólo que ese infinitivo, y nada más, define de algún modo al que desafía todo encapsulamiento conceptual. De manera que el Uno , en su primitivo estado de absoluta indiferenciación e inmanifestación, "es" , y para de contar. ¿No te jode? Haz el favor de decirme, Antonio, qué diablos representa eso de "ser" , porque mis entendederas se estrellan contra esa trinidad alfabética que, me lo creo, lo dice todo. ¿Cuál es la infinita energía significante de la S , la E y la R para que, así combinadas, nos expliquen -aunque no en cristiano- el mejunje que integra el Yo y el Soy? Y ya en plan de perogrulladas, de acuerdo, él era . ¿Era qué? . Tenemos que concluir que por lo visto él era lo que contengan las alforjas del muy intransitivo "ser" , y nos hemos aclarado tanto como Cantinflas , estamos rizando el rizo del solipsismo. Un personaje digamos que infinito en todas direcciones es el continente del contenido de "ser". ¿Cómo pueden una vocal y dos consonantes acaparar la infinitud? ¿Qué inefable magia impregna tan simple combinación alfabética para que el Dios de los Dioses se sienta instituido por ella?. Nunca me imaginé tamaña excelsitud cuando me obligaban a conjugarlo en latín, griego, francés , inglés y castellano. Un vocablo más que pasa desapercibido en el léxico de la Academia, no sabemos si por aquello de la elusiveness. Y nada más , Antonio, nos referíamos a que según radio macuto Dios es . Me lo creo, pero no me quedo conforme hasta que sea capaz de explicármelo a mí mismo. Que cuán largo me lo fiáis, Nacho.

Un abrazo

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COMENTARIOS A "EL LIBRO DE URANTIA" ("The Urantia Book")

Con la vuestra contestada a medias y a mano, seguimos en esta agradable tarde festiva, tras un almuerzo con Enrique Vicente -un gran tipo- y su novietta Charo en un delicioso restaurante frente a la dehesa de la Casa de Campo. Anoche, como todos los sábados, nos reunimos con el "Grupo TRIBE", un conjunto de 12 personas jóvenes más un reducido puñado de oyentes y seguidores, que elaboran unos audiovisuales sobre temas esotéricos y espirituales. Gente muy interesante, profundamente en la clásica línea K.A.R. (Astral-Karma-Reencarnación), mantenemos unas conversaciones formidables, y allí haríais falta vosotros, para disfrutar, y con el fin de introducirlos en el Urantia, del que no habían oído ni hablar. Por cierto, y ya que tenéis un ejemplar, podríais mandarme el "Book" por la Agencia Cualladó (calle Gamazo), sin ninguna prisa, esperando a que alguien de Arga vaya por otra cosa al centro, etc.?. Gracias. Se va a caer, cuando aparezca un fin de semana con nuestras 1.097 auestas, este fastuoso y fulgurante "video" de la marabunta espiritual tras el Telón, un vibrante alternador de energía divinizadora, la más sobrecojedora tarjeta postal con vistas del cosmos que en el mundo ha sido. Nunca nos acostumbraremos, embotar nuestra capacidad de asombro ante la "Cosmogonia" es un imposible. Si lo pensáis bien no es para menos: estos hijoputas morontiales se comprometieron en la heráoda hazaña de arrojar sus maravillosas piltrafas a las fieras del planeta-problema para-digma del "Principio de la Vulgaridad" del compañero Michel. ¿Por qué se ha tomado tan gigantesca molestia? Y abriendo camino por arterias del tráfico espiritual desconcertadamente ajenas al K.A.R.. Por ahora suspenderemos felicitarlos por su éxito, pues tras 27 años el "Libro Blanco" de la verdad sólo es conocido por el 0,002 % de la población del orbe, toda una hazaña al revés, el milagro increíble de que no haya trascendido a las masas, el test más definitivo y desolador del estado de los asuntos terrestres. A estas alturas un exiguo puñado de lobos por las cosas del Padre se enfrenta en solitario al brillantísimo y arrebatador panorena recogido con mano maestra en el mentado informe sobre la Estructura, redactado bajo la supervisión de un ejecutivo del montón, un tal don Jesús Michael Serrada, el segundo apellido le viene de sus otros seguidores, las hordas del K.A.R., un mere Jefe de 5A-B en el Organigrama, como si dijéramos el insignificante alcalde de Sevilla en la jerarquía política mundial. Y hay que ver lo que ha sacado de la fragua este simple contramaestro del Taller, nada menos que lo que ya sabéis, el inimaginablemente vasto y grandioso retrato-robot de lo que suponemos no es más que uno de los muchos cuartos trasteros del acojonante Tinglado cuniversal. Cuando lo vea le echaré una bronca por no haber respondido a Poncio Pilato cuando le planteó el Problema N° 1 "¿Y qué es la verdad?", y luego me lo agarraré por la solapa energética hasta que me confiese por qué ha escamoteado del "Urantia" la triada ténica del K.A.R. dejándonos con la boca abierta y rascándonos perpetuamente la cabeza. Un carrito que tan bien nos coge por lo que soltaba por la boca, las irrepetibles jilipoyeces que tienen que ver con el Absoluto, servidas en un muy pensado guiso parabólico para maximizar su eficiencia semántica.

Para referirse a nuestro admirado amigo, el héroe de los Sinópticos, el aventurero espiritual que por salir en los periódicos eligió la extravagancia tan publicitaria de perdonar a sus asesinos en la colina del Calvario, el tipo que amaba a sus torturadores igual que a las mujeres bonitas, pues como decíamos este raro ejemplar digno de cualquier circo cósmico, capaz de entretener con suables chascarrillos a los que lo crucificaban, se pasó 1/4 de su vida recorriendo la geografía mediterránea con el fin expreso de hablar con la gente ordinaria, como queda relatado, con maneras tan inolvidables, en las 800 páginas que cierran "El Libro de Urantia". Vale la pena que por una vez nos detengamos en tan llamativa obsesión social del Nazareno, el sudoroso carpintero que con su talante de nómada profesional recorría incansablemente las tierras euroasiáticas después iluminadas con su doctrina, y cuya actividad principal, el eje de su extraña vida, se reducía a encararse con los hombres y mujeres más comunes con un "¿Qué pasa, Pepe?" de lo más revelador. ¿Por qué se detenía a conversar con los desgraciados y miserables de la época? ¿Qué pretendía con tirarles de la lengua y verlos respirar? ¿Qué paradójica enseñanza extraña de los elementos más ignorantes de la sociedad palestina? Tal vez -como él mismo dijo- no se alimentaba sólo de pan, sino de las actitudes de sus semejantes, es decir, de las siempre fascinantes maneras como los seres humanos reaccionamos ante las experiencias y situaciones de la vida. Y como cada persona responde de manera única a los problemas cotidianos, pues efectivamente en el arroyo tenemos la mejor universidad, con millones de profesores que nos pueden ilustrar sobre la condición humana, o lo que es lo mismo, ayudarnos a desentrañar el precepto socrático de "Conócete a ti mismo". Y de paso, y como por una insoslayable y utilísima vía tangencial, cuando los árboles ya nos dejan ver nuestro bosque interior, empezamos a contemplar los mecanismos universales que se nos ocultaban en el pretérito. Quiere decir que el portero, el del kiosko de prensa, el que nos sirve el café y el cuñado de nuestra prima Maite son, literalmente, capaces de enseñarnos los más prodigiosos secretos de la Creación, con tal de que en primer lugar nos revistamos de la necesaria humildad, que abandonemos definitivamente a los lobos y nos pasemos a los más suables corderos, y luego que a fuer de hacer camino social al andar aprendamos con un sobreesfuerzo de años a desentrañar el terroríficamente remunerador ovillo de la verdad, por la vía de las ocurrencias, opiniones y "prontos" de los seres humanos. Porque cada uno de nuestros hermanos nos revelará aspectos de la realidad fabulosamente originales, modos de ver la vida insustituibles, boyas en el océano cósmico iluminadas por el voluntarismo individual, con el fuel exultante del libre arbitrio. Y con otra condición: que en los "tete a tete" renunciemos de una vez por todas al criticismo, que tomemos a la compañía tal cual es, que nos desprendamos de los aparejos y atalajes de los jueces que nunca fuimos, hasta aceptar a nuestros interlocutores sin golpearlos con improcedentes juicios de valor, como quien contempla una ecuación algebraica, sólo que espolvoreándola con la más salada ^{TODAS} de las sales, la del amor. En otras palabras, que cultivemos la ciencia divina de la empatía, que no es más que tirar provisionalmente nuestro pellejo a la papelera y maternos de rondón en el del prójimo. En ese sagrado momento hemos traspasado las aduanas que de verdad interesan acabamos de conquistar la comprensión, y por el impar automatismo de las cosas celestes empezamos a saborear el perdón. Con lo que por cierto no descubrimos la pólvora, pues ya la recibimos con todo su poderío explosivo del de marras, el protagonista de los fantásticos "comics" urantianos, un aserrador de Nazaret que averiguó que era coronel del ejército arcangélico en comisión de servicio mediante tranquilas chupadas de café con los tertulios de los caminos de Galilea. Lo que no está mal, Patri, como aviso a cegigantes. Un "The End" muy a lo Hollywood con sus doradas refulgencias, espere de que comprenderlo todo es perdonarlo todo. Y de nuevo...

**INFORME ESPECIAL:
EL GRAN ENIGMA DE URANTIA**



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Nosotros y Urantia

Urantia, nuestro mundo, es uno de los muchos planetas semejantes, habitados, que abarcan el universo local de Nebadon.

Este universo, junto con creaciones similares, constituye el superuniverso de Orvonton, de cuya capital, Uversa, procede la comisión que es vocera de este mensaje.

A su vez Orvonton es uno de los siete superuniversos evolutivos del tiempo y del espacio que giran en la creación sin inicio ni fin de la perfección divina: el universo central de Havona.

En el eje mismo de este universo eterno y central se halla la estacionaria Isla del Paraíso, centro geográfico del infinito y morada del Dios eterno.

A los siete superuniversos en evolución, junto con el universo central y divino se los menciona comúnmente como el Gran Universo...

Tales son los conceptos básicos de esta cosmogonía, delineada con precisión en el Prefacio. Sin embargo...

¿Cómo nació este libro?

Según la **Urantia Foundation**, la obra, de 2.097 páginas, fue escrita por una cantidad de seres celestiales "como una revelación especial para el hombre que vive en este mundo", que es Uran-

* Nuestro reconocimiento al señor Ignacio Darnaude, lúcido estudioso oriundo de Sevilla, España, merced a cuyo gentil concurso pudimos reunir estos datos bibliográficos orientadores y genuinos sobre una obra que concita la curiosidad de muchos. **H. V. M.**

tia, afirmando que ésta es la primera y principal revelación divina desde la llegada de Cristo a nuestro planeta.

Según Ruth Burton, autora de un artículo sobre el tema, "el libro acuerda la paternidad literaria a seres divinos y sobre-humanos, que, naturalmente, tuvieron acceso a cierta información que no está al alcance de los mortales. No obstante ello, y siempre de acuerdo con la comentarista Burton, "los autores utilizan todos los conceptos e información humanos posibles, y sólo recurren a fuentes sobrehumanas cuando es necesario".

Por su parte, Paul Misraki, en "Los Extraterrestres" (Ediciones 29, Barcelona, 1969), expresa al respecto que se trata de la "obra de '48 personalidades' (entendidos: no humanas), recopilada por un 'comité de doce miembros (humanos) deseosos de conservar el anonimato', según las comunicaciones de un ciudadano americano (cuyo nombre no ha sido revelado). Este último, a partir de 1926, época en que nuestros espíritus se preocupaban muy poco del Cosmos y de sus eventuales habitantes, se puso a hablar, con la autoridad de un entendido, de la Creación, de otros mundos, de la organización de las galaxias, de la administración de los planetas, de la 'personalidad de Dios', de la venida a la Tierra de Adán y de Eva después de su nacimiento en lo Alto y, en fin, de todos los detalles concernientes a la vida de Jesús durante los años poco conocidos de su vida, entre los 13 y los 30 años. Estas revelaciones minuciosas, sembradas de cifras precisas, fueron recogidas y dactilografiadas en 1935 por el 'comité' del que hemos hablado más arriba, se las mantuvo en secreto, encerradas en un cofre colocado en la caja fuerte de un banco de Chicago, y sólo eran consultadas durante los fines de semana. En algunas de esas ocasiones, se comprobó, se dice, que unos errores contenidos en el texto habían sido corregidos en el transcurso de la semana, cuando la verdad es que el manuscrito estaba fuera de todo alcance. En 1955 se juzgó propicio el momento para la publicación del manuscrito, que nuestro compatriota, francés, Jacques Weiss, tradujo a partir del año siguiente para su publicación en francés". Hasta aquí Misraki.

La cosmología

Ruth Burton la resume así: "La escena de este drama de la continua evolución del hombre, el sitio en el que ocurre, es la íntegra extensión de los estrellados universos del espacio. En

consecuencia, debemos comprender algo del vasto escenario cósmico en el que se desarrolla la acción. Se ofrece un mapa oral, una suerte de plano de lo que el telescopio de El Palomar está empezando a revelar: la hasta ahora magnitud inimaginada de las galaxias y de los universos del espacio. El libro habla de las revoluciones y movimientos ordenados de los sistemas y subsistemas componentes; del origen y constitución básica de la materia, incluyendo su unidad absoluta, el ultimaton; de la relación de la materia con la energía, la mente y el espíritu; y de la evolución, en largas centurias, de la materia en nebulosas y nubes de estrellas, soles y planetas, y finalmente en universos estabilizados”.

Ruth Burton refiérese luego a:

“Las personalidades de los universos”

Este vasto cosmos, dice el “Libro de Urantia”, está habitado por una tremenda población de seres vivos —de personalidades divinas, ángeles y mortales como nosotros en la tierra—. El propósito, la razón de incorporar a la existencia a toda esta extensión infinita de universos y personalidades es ésta: Que Dios no quiso ser autosuficiente. El no es egoísta. Desea compartir del júbilo, la aventura de ser, hasta el linde más distante posible, descendiendo hasta criaturas de origen animal tan bajo como los mortales de la tierra. Hay millones de planetas habitados por seres humanos, semejantes a nosotros, y el Padre nos ama a todos. “En la mente de Dios hay un plan que abarca a todas las criaturas de todos sus vastos dominios, y este plan es un propósito eterno de oportunidad y progreso sin límites y de vida sin término. ¡Y los tesoros infinitos de esa carrera sin par son para vosotros que os empeñáis en ella!” (pág. 365).

“La historia de Urantia”

Puesto que nuestro planeta, Urantia, es el punto de partida de la carrera eterna de los mortales terrenos, es adecuado que entendamos mejor su comienzo y nuestra evolución a partir de los animales. Por tanto, se nos habla sobre el origen astronómico de la tierra, de la formación gradual, pero violenta de su corteza pétreo y de los océanos, de la implantación superhumana de la

vida, que evolucionó a través de incontables edades en plantas y animales, hasta que finalmente apareció la primera familia humana —y de ésta tenemos un relato fascinante y pormenorizado; de los pueblos primitivos (incluido el génesis de las razas de color), sus clanes primitivos, las precivilizaciones, y los extraños ritos religiosos, pues de esto evolucionó el imperativo moral, que es el requisito previo del crecimiento espiritual—. Los mortales somos el orden más bajo capaz de desarrollo espiritual, y esto se preconiza basándose en el hecho de que la mente humana evolucionó hasta el punto en el que pudo albergar una chispa de la divinidad eterna.

“La continuación de la evolución”

Si nosotros, los mortales, escojemos sinceramente seguir en esta vida la suave guía de la chispa divina que está dentro de nosotros, podremos continuar la vida y el desarrollo en los “mundos residenciales”, y literalmente en millones de otras esferas de instrucción. En estos mundos residenciales se rectifican las imperfecciones trágicas, las injusticias, las desigualdades de oportunidad de la vida terrena; pero cada pulgada que avanzamos la ganamos mediante estudio e instrucción bajo la guía de ángeles y otros maestros competentes, y principalmente mediante el servicio que prestamos a los que nos siguen. Sin embargo, en esta era universal, no regresamos a nuestro planeta natal. El “Libro de Urantia” dice que aquí no hay comunicaciones con los seres queridos que se fueron. Se describe todo el itinerario estelar de nuestro inconcebiblemente prolongado viaje evolutivo hacia el estado espiritual, incluyendo cursos de graduación en los millones de mundos de Havona. “Vosotros, humanos, habéis iniciado un desarrollo interminable de un panorama casi infinito, una ilimitada expansión de esferas sin fin, en constante ampliación, de oportunidad para un alborozado servicio, una aventura sin par, una sublime incertidumbre y un logro sin límites” (pág. 1194). Tal es el sendero largo y atractivo que conduce al Paraíso. Tal es el plan de ascensión de los mortales.

"El descenso de Dios"

El plan de ascensión de los mortales es una proposición de doble vía. No sólo el hombre asciende hacia Dios, sino que Dios desciende hacia el hombre. La base inicial del desplazamiento ascendente, el primer paso mismo desde la autosuficiencia absoluta, fue la creación del Hijo Eterno y del Espíritu infinito, formando así la Trinidad. Por supuesto, la Trinidad ha existido eternamente, pero para nuestras mentes finitas, atadas por el tiempo, estas personalizaciones existenciales de la Deidad deben necesariamente presentarse en una secuencia. La Primera Fuente y Centro absoluto descendió además en la creación de muchas personalidades divinas adicionales, en grado menos que absoluto, acercándose cada vez más a lo finito.

Hace unos dos mil años, uno de estos hijos divinos de Dios encarnó en Urantia, en parte, a fin de ayudarnos a los mortales a comprender que nosotros también somos hijos de Dios, habitados por una luz divina. "El Reino de Dios está dentro de vosotros." Esta guía interior puede conducirnos, en una evolución intemporal, una vida tras otra, hacia la perfección. Jesús significó literalmente eso cuando ordenó: "Sed vosotros perfectos". Pero hay otra razón para que Jesús encarne. Mediante su vida en la carne él ganó su propia soberanía. El "Libro de Urantia" enseña que este mismo Hijo, que fue el carpintero de Nazareth, fue el creador real y literal de la tierra, del sistema solar, y de todo nuestro universo "local", con potencial de diez millones de mundos habitados. Y entre todos esos planetas posibles en los que pudo haber vivido su vida de la carne, escogió el nuestro para venir: probablemente, debido a nuestra gran necesidad. El atraso espiritual de Urantia en comparación con otros planetas débese, según se nos dice, a ciertos acontecimientos desgraciados de hace muchísimo tiempo, como siempre son posibles en los mundos finitos, en los que los seres imperfectos tienen elección sujeta al libre albedrío. Anteriormente, en seis ocasiones, en otras esferas, este divino Hijo de Dios se entregó y vivió la vida de una de sus propias criaturas, en consecuencia, con esta vida séptima y final, a semejanza del orden más bajo, ganando una soberanía completa y absoluta sobre el universo que él creó. Jesús no vino a Urantia para apaciguar a un Dios airado, ni para ofrecerse como rescate muriendo en la cruz. Esta fue totalmente la acción del hombre, no el requisito de Dios. Vino a decir que Dios es un Padre amoroso,

que el hombre es un hijo del Dios eterno, y que todos los hombres son hermanos. Mediante estas siete gracias, él enriqueció a su personalidad divina y perfecta, no sólo completándola sino también colmándola. De esta manera, se convirtió en el Hijo del Hombre, además de ser el Hijo de Dios.

Muchos otros órdenes de seres, creados perfectos, suman su ministerio respecto a los que ascienden por el sendero del Paraíso. Los seres perfectos descienden para servir a los que ascienden: un plan de doble mano.

"El Ser Supremo"

Toda esta experiencia vital de los que ascienden y descienden se sintetiza y coordina gradualmente en una consciencia evolutiva universal, en una superalma creciente de toda la creación, que a su tiempo se personalizará como el Ser Supremo, el administrador de los universos perfeccionados y finitos: así lo enseña el "Libro de Urantia". Con la experiencia de sus vidas hasta nosotros, los mortales contribuimos a la evolución de este Dios evolutivo del tiempo y del espacio. El concepto de una Deidad en evolución ha sido propuesto por ciertos filósofos de nuestro planeta.

"La vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús"

El relato de la vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús en el "Libro de Urantia" es mucho más completo que el del Nuevo Testamento, pero no es contradictorio. Los autores superhumanos basan principalmente su narración en constancias suministradas por una suerte de ángel guardián del Apóstol Andrés. Aportan fechas precisas y muchos pormenores hasta ahora desconocidos, redactando un relato expresado con sencillez y facilísimo de leer. Esta biografía ocupa la tercera parte final del libro; los dos tercios precedentes constituyen una introducción informativa, un telón de fondo universal, para el drama subyugante de esta vida humana-divina en nuestro perturbado planeta. Por tanto, la presentación del cuadro de esta vida sin par en su estructura cósmica, es justamente el clímax, la conclusión adecuada, de la revelación de Urantia.

Los párrafos iniciales del libro dan aquella invitación-orden del Padre Creador de todos los universos a su vasta familia de hijos finitos y mortales: "Sed vosotros perfectos"; y las dos mil páginas siguientes señalan los pormenores y pasos en el sendero del logro de la perfección. Jesús nos señala, a los mortales, el camino. Ciertamente, su vida y sus preceptos, en su forma original, son con exceso la máxima ayuda posible que el hombre mortal puede tener en su larguísima ascensión hacia el Paraíso, que se inicia aquí y prosigue en incontables esferas del espacio.

Por su parte, **Meredith J. Sprunger**, al referirse a esta obra y la entidad que la sustenta, dice:

"Nuestra herencia religiosa"

Una de las máximas necesidades de la sociedad contemporánea es estar inspirada por una visión nueva y ampliada que estimule al género humano hacia un nuevo crecimiento espiritual. Los avances en la iluminación espiritual del pasado fueron iniciados por personalidades pioneras o los inspiró la visión de los libros proféticos. Mi reflexiva opinión, confirmada por más de veinte años de pensamiento crítico y experiencia, es que en el "Libro de Urantia" tenemos una obra que crea época. Como la cima de una montaña que se eleva sobre la durmiente potencialidad de nuestra escena contemporánea, el libro refleja la luz que señala el amanecer de un nuevo día espiritual. Parece destinado a introducir un pensamiento y una acción creadores sin precedentes en el campo de la religión.

El "Libro de Urantia" fue publicada por Urantia Foundation, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, en 1955, y contiene 2.097 páginas. Afirma que lo escribió una cantidad de seres celestiales como revelación especial para el hombre que vive en este mundo, Urantia. Asevera que contiene la primera y principal revelación divina desde el advenimiento de Cristo a nuestro planeta.

Tal aserto pondrá en guardia a alguien inteligente y responsable. Casi todas las generaciones producen una cantidad de personas que aparentemente son portadoras de una "nueva revelación". Lo asombroso de este libro es que no tiene casi nada en común con movimientos radicales o fanáticos. No aboga por una nueva religión. Su punto de vista se construye sobre la he-

rencia religiosa del pasado y del presente; empero, es nuevo, amplio y profundo.

La calidad superior de las intuiciones filosóficas-religiosas de este libro es clara para cualquier persona de mente discriminativa que lo lea. Tras una lectura juiciosa y reflexiva, lo que impresiona es la potencia de su autenticidad. Sin embargo, no se lo puede evaluar adecuadamente hasta que se capte la vasta cosmología de los universos, su cuadro religioso total. Así como quienes estudian la vida de Jesús reconocen la calidad superlativa de su carácter aunque rechacen su divinidad, de igual modo el género humano reconocerá a su tiempo la calidad sin parangón de las intuiciones del "Libro de Urantia", aunque no lo acepten como una nueva revelación.

Sin embargo, la autenticidad revelacional es una consideración secundaria. El desafío básico que plantea este libro estimulante es pragmático. ¿Tiene algo creador y constructivo que contribuya a nuestra visión religiosa-filosófica? Puede contribuir y contribuirá significativamente a nuestro pensamiento religioso. Evaluado sobre la base de intuición espiritual, coherencia filosófica y centralización en la realidad, presenta la visión más delicada del mundo religioso al alcance del hombre contemporáneo. Impresionará profundamente a los que estén interesados por el pensamiento filosófico y religioso progresivo que tiene la potencialidad de modelar el destino del mundo.

"Una orientación filosófica total"

Las excepcionales cualidades filosóficas-religiosas del "Libro de Urantia" incluyen un concepto integrado y excelente de la realidad. Se construye un puente que une la brecha existente entre los conceptos metafísicos monistas y pluralistas. Se integran las interpretaciones mecanicistas y vitalistas de los fenómenos naturales. La ciencia y la religión se ven como aspectos de una unidad mayor. Los conceptos de la Deidad que van desde un padre personal y universal hasta un absoluto impersonal están tan bien unificados que el cuadro total es armónico. Se exaltan los criterios unitarios y trinitarios. Estas y otras diversidades filosófico-religiosas se integran de modo tal que acrecientan las verdades esenciales en cada una de estas posiciones.

Se proyecta un universo astronómico maravillosamente organi-

zado que incluye millones de planetas habitados en todas las etapas de la evolución física, mental y espiritual. El libro contiene lo que probablemente sea la cosmología más realista y vasta en lo material, mental y espiritual en todo el campo filosófico y religioso.

Además, presenta un cuadro eminentemente razonable de las condiciones y naturaleza de la inmortalidad. La sobrevivencia se aprecia como dependiendo del estado de la realidad espiritual del individuo: el resultado de la motivación del libre albedrío y de las decisiones de la persona rumbo a la verdad, la hermosura y la bondad (Dios) que entiende sinceramente estos valores. Sin embargo, el mal, el pecado y el juicio son realidades firmes y serias en el universo. Las interrelaciones de cuerpo, mente, alma y espíritu se tratan con mucha intuición y originalidad. El desafío central para el hombre moderno es efectuar un esfuerzo equilibrado para alcanzar la consciencia-de-Dios. La evolución hacia la perfección se presenta como la motivación fundamental de la vida. Este desarrollo es evolutivo, culminante y virtualmente interminable.

La obra presenta también una comprensión superior de la historia, la dinámica y el destino planetarios. La evolución se ve como el *modus operandi* clave de nuestro planeta. Integra los mecanismos del universo físico con las finalidades del "super-control" de la mente y del espíritu. Con admirable concisión e intuición se da un resumen excelente del desarrollo de la religión y del crecimiento de la civilización. El penetrante análisis de la religión, la cultura y la familia es de excepcional calidad. Su filosofía básica de las varias formas de energía es que la materia está sujeta, en última instancia, a la mente, y que la mente, a su tiempo, es controlada por el espíritu.

La última parte del libro contiene una extensa versión de la vida y enseñanzas de Jesús, que es insuperable en su razonabilidad filosófica teísta, en su intuición espiritual y su apelación personal. Esta soberbia presentación biográfica de Jesús da vida a la bosquejada historia del Nuevo Testamento, con una nueva autenticidad. Básicamente, es aceptable para todas las religiones, subrayando la religión de Jesús que es unificadora, en contraposición a la religión sobre Jesús que tiende a ser divisora.

"Un recurso, no un imperativo"

Aunque el mensaje de la obra está sólidamente arraigado en la filosofía perenne y en la experiencia religiosa del pasado, presenta una visión ampliada del universo y Dios. Las instituciones religiosas hallan habitualmente difícil de asimilar el conocimiento y la intuición expandidos. La luz puede cegar, lo mismo que guiar. La verdad que se presenta prematuramente aporta frustración y rechazo. Por tanto, el "Libro de Urantia" puede ser perturbador para algunas personas, aunque es apoyo y positividad para todas las personas y todos los esfuerzos humanos en la búsqueda de la verdad y de la comprensión espiritual.

La gente es receptiva de los valores espirituales progresistas mucho antes de estar preparada para entender el origen y las implicancias de estas verdades. Los líderes religiosos, en consecuencia, podrían estimular mejor el crecimiento espiritual traduciendo las intuiciones que descubran en el "Libro de Urantia" al idioma y estructura referencial de la gente a la que sirven.

Aunque la obra se halla entre las fuentes más significativas de guía espiritual al alcance del hombre contemporáneo, no es un fin en sí mismo; tampoco es un medio necesario para la iluminación espiritual. Sin embargo, su potencialidad para el crecimiento individual y social es tan grande que debería ser muy recomendada a todos los que se interesan por las posibilidades creativas de un renacimiento espiritual de nuestra sociedad. Su mensaje es equilibrado y profundo. Su enfoque es abierto y benigno. No hay amenazas ni coerciones para "creer". Busca trabajar en y a través del proceso evolutivo y dentro de las instituciones sociales de nuestro mundo.

Durante los años transcurridos desde su publicación, este libro más bien caro, que no cuenta con propaganda ni promoción de ventas, está siendo descubierto por cantidades firmemente crecientes de personas. El consenso abrumador entre quienes descubrieron el "Libro de Urantia" es que está destinado al reconocimiento universal en nuestro planeta.

Algunos conceptos del "Libro de Urantia"

"De Dios, la más ineludible de todas las presencias, el más real de todos los hechos, la más viva de todas las verdades, el más

amoroso de todos los amigos, y el más divino de todos los valores, tenemos el derecho de ser la más cierta de todas las experiencias universales" (pág. 1127).

"La religión necesita nuevos conductores, hombres y mujeres espirituales que osen depender sólo de Jesús y de sus enseñanzas incomparables. Si el cristianismo persiste en descuidar su misión espiritual, mientras continúa ocupándose de problemas sociales y materiales, el renacimiento espiritual deberá aguardar la venida de estos nuevos maestros de la religión de Jesús que se consagren exclusivamente a la regeneración espiritual de los hombres. Y entonces, estas almas nacidas espiritualmente suministrarán con prontitud el liderazgo y la inspiración requeridos para la reorganización social, moral, económica y política del mundo" (págs. 2082-83)

"Tu breve estada en Urantia, en esta esfera de infancia mortal, es sólo un simple eslabón, el primero de la larga cadena que ha de extenderse por los universos y a través de edades eternas. No es tanto lo que aprendas en esta primera vida; es la experiencia de vivir esta vida lo que es importante. Incluso el trabajo de este mundo, aunque supremo, casi no es tan importante como el modo en que lo hagas. No hay premio material por llevar una vida recta, pero sí una honda satisfacción —la consciencia del logro— y esto trasciende cualquier premio material concebible" (pág. 435).

"No seas tan perezoso como para pedirle a Dios que te resuelva las dificultades, y jamás vaciles en pedirle sabiduría y fortaleza espiritual para que te guíe y sostenga, mientras que, con decisión y valor, atacas los problemas que se te presentan" (pág. 999).

"Las máquinas no piensan, crean, sueñan, aspiran, idealizan, sienten hambre de verdad o sed de justicia. No motivan sus vidas con pasión para servir a otras máquinas y escoger en cuanto a su meta de progreso eterno la tarea sublime de hallar a Dios y empeñarse en ser como él. Las máquinas jamás son intelectuales, emotivas, estéticas, éticas, morales o espirituales" (pág. 2079).

"En ciencia, Dios es la Causa Primera; en religión, el Padre universal y amoroso; en filosofía, el único ser que existe por

sí, sin depender de ningún otro ser para existir pero que benéficamente confiere realidad de existencia a todas las cosas y a todos los demás seres. Pero exige una revelación demostrar que la Causa Primera de la ciencia y la Unidad autoexistente de la filosofía son el Dios de la religión, lleno de misericordia y bondad y comprometido a tornar efectiva la sobrevivencia eterna de sus hijos sobre la tierra" (pág. 59).

"La religión del espíritu significa esfuerzo, lucha, conflicto, fe, determinación, amor, lealtad y progreso... La tradición es refugio seguro y sendero fácil para las almas timoratas y desfallecidas que instintivamente se apartan de las luchas espirituales y de las incertidumbres mentales asociadas con los viajes osados y riesgosos de la fe por la alta mar de la verdad inexplorada en busca de las distantes playas de las realidades del espíritu que la mente humana progresista puede descubrir y el alma humana evolutiva puede experimentar" (pág. 1729).

"Casi todo lo de valor duradero en la civilización tiene sus raíces en la familia" (pág. 765).

"La familia es el máximo logro puramente humano del hombre, que combina la evolución de las relaciones biológicas de varón y mujer con las relaciones sociales de marido y esposa" (pág. 939).

"Los padres no semejan jueces, enemigos o acreedores. Las familias reales se construyen sobre tolerancia, paciencia y perdón" (pág. 1604).

"Los hogares, iglesias y escuelas de una generación predeterminan la tendencia del carácter de la generación que sigue" (pág. 909).

"Cuando las mareas de la adversidad, del egoísmo, de la crueldad, del odio, la malicia y los celos humanos se estrellen contra el alma mortal, puedes descansar seguro de que existe un bastión interior, la ciudadela del espíritu, que es absolutamente inatacable; por lo menos, esto es cierto respecto de todo ser humano que se consagra a la custodia de su alma para el espíritu inmanente del Dios eterno" (pág. 1096).

El plan general de la obra

Para que se tenga una idea aproximada de las dimensiones colosales de este trabajo, he aquí el contenido genéricamente esbozado, teniendo en cuenta que omitimos las subdivisiones de cada capítulo en particular.

El Prefacio incluye 12 capítulos, en los que se trata sobre: Deidad y Divinidad; Dios; El origen y centro primero; La realidad de los universos y el Paraíso; Las Realidades de la Personalidad; Energía y patrón; El Ser Supremo; Dios, el Séptuple; Dios, el Último Dios, el Absoluto; Los tres Absolutos; Las Trinidades.

La Parte Primera, compuesta por 31 capítulos, abarca: El Padre Universal; La naturaleza de Dios; El universo de Dios; La relación de Dios con el Universo; La relación de Dios con el individuo; El Hijo Eterno; La relación del Hijo Eterno con el Universo; El espíritu infinito; La relación del Espíritu Infinito con el Universo; La Trinidad del Paraíso; La Isla Eterna del Paraíso; El Universo de Universos; Las esferas sagradas del Paraíso; El Universo central y divino; Los siete Superuniversos; Los siete Espíritus Maestros; Los siete Grupos de Espíritus Supremos; Las Personalidades de la Trinidad Suprema; Los seres coordinados del Origen de la Trinidad; Los Hijos del Paraíso de Dios; Los Hijos Creadores del Paraíso; Los Hijos trinitizados de Dios; Los Mensajeros solitarios; Las Personalidades Superiores del Espíritu Infinito; Las Huestes de mensajeros del espacio; Los Espíritus administradores del Universo Central; El ministerio de los Supernaphim primarios; Los Espíritus administradores de los Superuniversos; Las Potencias Directoras del Universo; Las Personalidades del Gran Universo; El Cuerpo de la Finalidad.

La Segunda Parte comprende: La evolución de los universos locales; La administración del universo local; El Espíritu Madre del Universo local; Los Hijos de Dios del universo local; Los Portadores de la vida; Las personalidades del universo local; Urantia durante la primitiva era de vida terrestre; La era mamífera en Urantia; Las razas primeras del hombre primitivo; La primera familia humana; Las razas evolutivas de color; El supercontrol de la evolución; El príncipe planetario de Urantia; La rebelión de Lucifer; Los problemas de la rebelión de Lucifer; Las esferas de luz y vida; La unidad universal.

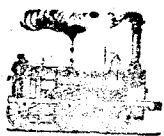
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rina; La vida moroncial; Los mundos habitados; Los príncipes planetarios; Los Adanes planetarios; Los aspectos físicos del universo local; Energía, mente y materia; Las constelaciones; Los artesanos celestiales; La administración del sistema local; La jefatura del sistema local; Los espíritus administradores del universo local; Las huestes seráficas; Los Hijos ascendentes de Dios; Relación de los Ajustadores con las criaturas del universo; Relación de los ajustadores con los mortales individuales; El ajustador y el alma; La sobrevivencia de la personalidad; Los guardianes seráficos del destino; El gobierno planetario seráfico; El Ser Supremo; El Todopoderoso Supremo; La religión en la experiencia humana; La naturaleza real de la religión; Los fundamentos de la fe religiosa; La realidad de la experiencia religiosa; El crecimiento del Dios trino; La Deidad y la realidad; Los niveles universales de la realidad; Origen y naturaleza de los ajustadores del pensamiento; Misión y ministerios de los ajustadores del pensamiento; Machiventa Melquisedec; Las enseñanzas de Melquisedec en el Oriente; Las enseñanzas de Melquisedec en el Levante; Yahweh, Dios de los hebreos; La evolución del concepto de Dios entre los hebreos; Las enseñanzas de Melquisedec en Occidente; Los problemas sociales de la religión; La institución del matrimonio; Matrimonio y vida familiar; Los orígenes del culto; Evolución prístina de la religión; Los cultos de los espíritus; Fetiches, encantamientos y magia; Pecado, sacrificio y expiación; El chamanismo; Los galenos y los sacerdotes; La evolución de la oración; La evolución posterior de la religión; La falta de Adán y Eva; El segundo Jardín; Las criaturas de mitad de camino; La raza violeta después de los días de Adán; La expansión de los anditas en el Oriente; La expansión de los anditas en el Occidente; Desarrollo de la civilización moderna; La evolución del matrimonio; La rebelión planetaria; La alborada de la civilización; Las primitivas instituciones humanas; La evolución del gobierno humano; El desarrollo del estado; El gobierno en un planeta vecino; El Jardín del Edén; Adán y Eva; Supremo y Último: Tiempo y Espacio; Las gracias del Cristo Miguel.

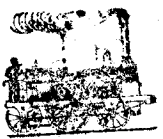
La Parte Cuarta trata sobre la vida y enseñanzas de Jesús, en los siguientes capítulos: La gracia de Miguel a Urantia; Nacimiento e infancia de Jesús; La niñez de Jesús; Jesús en Jerusalén; Los dos años cruciales; Los años de la adolescencia; La edad viril de Jesús; La vida adulta posterior de Jesús; Camino hacia Roma; Las religiones del mundo; La estada en Roma; El

regreso de Roma; Los años de transición; Juan el Bautista; El bautismo y los cuarenta días; Detención en Galilea; Instrucción de los mensajeros del Reino; Los doce Apóstoles; La ordenación de los doce; El comienzo de la obra pública; La pascua en Jerusalén; A Través de Samaria; En Gilboa y en la Decápolis; Cuatro días plenos de acontecimientos en Cafarnaúm; La primera gira de prédica en Galilea; La visita intermedia a Jerusalén; La instrucción de los evangelios en Betsaida; La segunda gira de prédica; La tercera gira de prédica; Detención y enseñanza junto al mar; Los sucesos que conducen a la crisis de Cafarnaúm; La crisis de Cafarnaúm; Los últimos días en Cafarnaúm; Huida a través del norte de Galilea; La estada en Tiro y Sidón; En Cesarea de Filipo; El Monte de la Transfiguración; La gira por la Decápolis; Ródano de Alejandría; Otras discusiones con Ródano; En la fiesta de los Tabernáculos; Ordenación de los Setenta en Magadán; En la fiesta de la dedicación; Empieza la predicación de Perea; La última visita al norte de Perea; La visita a Filadelfia; La resurrección de Lázaro; La última enseñanza en Pella; El Reino de los Cielos; Rumbo a Jerusalén; Ingreso en Jerusalén; Lunes en Jerusalén; Martes por la mañana en el templo; El último discurso del templo; Martes por la tarde en el Monte de los Olivos; Miércoles, el día de descanso; La Última Cena; El discurso de despedida; Advertencias y consejos finales; En Getsemaní; La traición y arresto de Jesús; El juicio ante Pilatos; Antes de la crucifixión; La crucifixión; El tiempo de la tumba; La resurrección; Apariciones de Morontia de Jesús; Apariciones a los Apóstoles y otros líderes; Apariciones en Galilea; Apariciones finales y ascensión; Después de Pentecostés; La fe de Jesús.

Cerramos este informe bibliográfico con lo que expresara Paul Misraki en su obra "Los Extraterrestres": "Ciertos lectores... poco inclinados de ordinario a inquietudes místicas, nos han afirmado haber atravesado, en el curso de la lectura de las páginas, por estados comparables a un sentimiento de iluminación".



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1): ENVERGADURA DEL PROBLEMA: "The Urantia Book" (TUB) es una obra de transcendencia cósmica, descriptiva de la Realidad global del Omniverso, dictada por personajes divinizados, y destinada a intensificar y perfeccionar la masa espiritual de la humanidad del planeta Tierra por un periodo de más de 1.000 años. Y en particular la versión española de la "Quinta Revelación" ha de influir durante más de diez siglos en el bienestar evolutivo de 300 millones de seres (que mañana serán 600) que pueblan un vasto continente al sur del río Grande y la esquina de Europa. Salta a la vista la tremenda importancia de la tarea a realizar, así como la inmensa responsabilidad de los encargados de verter "El Libro" a la hermosa lengua de Cervantes. Deberíamos haber comenzado por un "¡Dios nos asista!", que buena falta hará. Está claro que hay que amarrarse bien los calzones para llevar a cabo un trabajo cuidadoso y eficiente a la altura de esas circunstancias de tan abrumadora importancia. Será difícil pero no imposible, como prueba la edición que circula en Francia y otras que se están elaborando en varios países.

2): NECESIDAD DE UNA VERSIÓN ESPAÑOLA: En primer lugar para cumplir el fin primordial por el que se reveló el TUB : dar a conocer la doctrina Urantiana a los que estén preparados para recibirla en todo el planeta Tierra, y en particular a los trescientos millones de hispanoparlantes que residen en la Península Ibérica y en una veintena de países del cono sur de América, desde la frontera de Tejas hasta la Tierra de Fuego, a excepción del Brasil. Hace ya un cuarto de siglo que el TUB explotó -literalmente- en Illinois, y todavía este oro del espíritu no está disponible para muchos hombres y mujeres listos y a punto para asimilarlo, pero que no dominan ni el inglés ni el francés. A estas alturas hace mucha falta pues que aparezca en los escaparates "EL LIBRO DE URANTIA", capaz de saciar las ansias de conocimiento de los buscadores de la verdad de los pueblos hispanos, gente de sangre caliente y joven de espíritu, de gran vitalidad y muchas inquietudes interiores. Y la urgencia relativa de una traducción es mayor en América Latina, donde la masa de la población no conoce idiomas extranjeros. Por otra parte y en términos generales nunca ha sido tan interesante como ahora difundir el TUB entre los que lo demanden, por cuanto vivimos tiempos especiales de profundos cambios ideológicos y sociales, en los que corren rumores catastrofistas derivados de un nuevo milenarismo muy "Fin del Mundo" que parece anunciar una próxima revolución espiritual, terreno abonado para el movimiento Urantia, el más apropiado para compensar la crisis contemporánea y la relajación y el confusiónismo derivados del colapso de las ideologías y de la notoria proliferación de sectas, grupúsculos esotéricos y falsos profetas. Hace falta más que nunca un "bloque espiritual" completo, supersólido, capaz de aglutinar a los desorientados buscadores de la verdad por su nitidez lógica, coherencia interna y potencia doctrinal, y por su visión totalizadora y poliabarcante del Multiverso divino. Sin olvidar que al ser perentoria -casi angustiada- la necesidad de una traducción, ésta aparecerá inexorablemente, sin los requisitos deseables para la transcripción idiomática de esta magnum opus. Parece más prudente y aconsejable adelantarse a tales impresiones descontroladas teniendo en cuenta que las ediciones piratas pueden ocasionar daños irreparables a la imagen de Urantia al propagar conceptos no contenidos en el libro-origen, interpretaciones erróneas y pecados menores de "control de calidad" que restarán prestigio al TUB, pésima impresión que se acentuaría si surgen varias tiradas en distintos países.

3): ASPECTOS FINANCIEROS: El señor Henry Begemann ha calculado que una versión ejecutada por traductores profesionales remunerados costaría entre 70.000 y 120.000 dólares (de 5 a 9 millones de pesetas). El desembolso de esta voluminosa cantidad podría sufragarse -y esto sería lo ideal- por una serie de patrocinadores o mecenas, mediante una derrama voluntaria entre los lectores y estudiosos del TUB, a cargo de la tesorería de la Urantia Foundation, o con la repercusión del coste en el precio de venta del volumen, que lo haría inasequible para el público.

4): NORMAS DE CALIDAD DE LA TRADUCCIÓN ESPAÑOLA: 1ª.- Rigurosa fidelidad al texto original, con una mínima distorsión de los conceptos contenidos en el TUB, procurando eludir las interpretaciones equivocadas, con el fin de que los lectores hispánicos entiendan básicamente lo mismo que los del área anglosajona. 2ª.- La personalidad y "tics" mentales del traductor deben quedar invisibles en el resultado de su trabajo. Se pretende una versión aséptica y despersonalizada, un texto no violentado por los prejuicios, la escala de valores y la ideología consciente o subconsciente del trabajador lingüístico. 3ª.- Calidad literaria, un buen acabado semántico, conseguir una prosa castellana elegante y de toda corrección, que no "suene raro" ni dé la impresión de ser una traducción. 4ª.- Versión tan buena como para perdurar, es decir, con la suficiente calidad que la convierta en una traducción permanente y definitiva, la edición standard destinada a informar a varias generaciones de lectores sin experimentar modificaciones (o con unos cambios mínimos). Lo que se persigue es un texto inalterable, plenamente "urantiano" y con dignidad literaria, para evitar las sucesivas correcciones en tiradas futuras que hacen mal efecto, desprestigian las impresiones precedentes y desvían la atención en los grupos de estudio -como advierte el señor Begemann- de lo fundamental a las cuestiones lingüísticas.

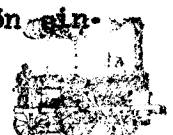
5): PATROCINADORES DE LA TRADUCCIÓN: Está claro que en principio debe ser la propia Urantia Foundation la que controle y supervise el proceso de trasladar el TUB al castellano y la que ostente la titularidad legal de la misma, salvo que la Fundación a tales efectos decida delegar su autoridad. Los motivos que autorizan este monopolio idiomático residen en el hecho histórico de que Chicago ha sido la depositaria, organizadora y editora del texto revelado, y que por consiguiente está en su derecho de velar por la pureza de la enseñanza de Urantia en otras lenguas. Esperamos que nunca se publique por firmas editoriales privadas versiones poco felices del TUB, inescrupulosas con respecto a su genuino contenido doctrinal.



6): TEXTO BÁSICO: Sin la menor duda las 2.097 páginas de "The Urantia Book", que contienen la enseñanza primigenia exactamente ^{TAL} como ha sido revelada. Se ha dicho que en el mejor de los casos una traducción es como el anverso de un tapiz, implica inevitables deformaciones y pérdidas de contenido esencial. Por ello no es aconsejable efectuar una traducción de otra traducción, con lo que quedan descartados los tres tomos vertidos al francés por monsieur Jacques Weiss. Lo que sí cabría es trabajar perfeccionando el material de alguna otra versión española que ya pueda existir, como la transcripción realizada en Méjico, de la que hemos oído hablar y que tal vez obre en poder de la Urantia Brotherhood.

7): TRADUCIR EN CHICAGO: No tendría nada de extraño que la Fundación acometiera directamente la procelosa tarea de ofrecer una edición en español, para lo que habría de enfrentarse a serios obstáculos. Lo normal es que se viera obligada a echar mano de portorriqueños o expertos lingüistas sudamericanos, por escasear los españoles en los Estados Unidos. Aunque también podría recurrir a hispanistas de renombre que se desempeñan como profesores en muchas Universidades norteamericanas, intelectuales de gran valía emigrados de España que dominan a la perfección su lengua nativa y hablan el inglés como un segundo idioma. Todavía más delicada que la traducción en sí nos parece la dificultad adicional de someter el borrador en español a las oportunas comprobaciones a fin de verificar su corrección tanto doctrinal como lingüística, ya que esta crucial misión sólo pueden llevarla a cabo nativos con un conocimiento "visceral" del castellano. Nos preguntamos si tendría éxito el que en este sentido la Fundación contratara a sabuesos caza-gazapos o "checkers" españoles o sudamericanos, los que lógicamente habrían de ser reclutados de Grupos de Estudios Urantianos.

8): VERSIÓN SUDAMERICANA: Supongamos que el TUB se traduce por un Grupo de Estudio hispanoamericano. Resultaría una versión en un español "reconvertido" local, poco parecido al castellano puro, y diferenciado a su vez de la lengua hablada en otras naciones hermanas, lo que la haría inoperante en estas comunidades. Una edición que se preparase pongamos por caso en Argentina "sonaría rara" en Méjico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Haití, República Dominicana, Paraguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Panamá, Chile, Venezuela, Bolivia y Perú, y también naturalmente en la madre patria. Fragar una veintena de traducciones adaptadas al vocabulario y modos verbales de otros tantos países es poco menos que imposible. Es un hecho quizás poco conocido que el español que se habla en Madrid, Méjico D.F., Buenos Aires, Lima y digamos Caracas no es homogéneo ni mucho menos, con el paso del tiempo se han ido convirtiendo en auténticos idiomas nacionales con características propias, que los distinguen netamente del "español (muy) americanizado" de los países vecinos. Este problema de la diversidad lingüística en veinte comunidades hispánicas de la Baja California a Patagonia afecta de lleno a Urantia, ya que a efectos de la bondad y eficacia de una posible traducción funcionan en la práctica como otros tantos "dialectos españoles" heterogéneos. ¿A qué "castellano evolucionado" traducimos el TUB? ¿Al mexicano? ¿Al del Río de la Plata? En tal caso se quejarían con razón los coterráneos de los otros diecinueve países que nacieron con la Conquista española. ¿Sirve realmente en La Habana un "Libro de Urantia" traducido en Bogotá? Suponemos que no, si pretendemos "afinar" cualitativamente y que la versión sea generalmente aceptada y bien comprendida. Lo que nos lleva a algo parecido a un callejón sin salida, si nos proponemos suministrar el TUB al Cono Sur de América.



9): TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL DE ESPAÑA: Funcionaría evidentemente en la piel de toro, y suponemos que se admitiría, aunque como un mal menor, por los ciudadanos de todas las repúblicas suramericanas. Al menos gozará del aura de prestigio y la "corrección académica" de la lengua madre. Y ante la impensable torre de babel de veinte "Urantias" para América, más vale una buena para España, y que mal que bien será aceptada en el continente del Sur, por ser la alternativa menos mala. No vemos otra solución mejor al problema de proporcionar una versión ideológicamente fiel, técnicamente correcta y aceptablemente inteligible al conjunto de esa multitud de países. Parece pues que lo único que podemos hacer es fabricar un "Libro de Urantia" precisamente en Castilla, exportable aunque no de manera perfecta a toda la América hispana.

10): TAREA UNIPERSONAL O COLECTIVA: El TUB lo puede traducir un solo individuo, o varios, por ejemplo un Grupo de Estudio. Al parecer lo segundo es sencillamente imposible, dado que la riqueza y el polimorfismo de la lengua son tan grandes, al igual que la imaginación humana, que de un mismo texto se pueden crear inacabables versiones distintas, todas ellas correctas. Y si son varios los traductores no se podrán poner de acuerdo sobre qué versión es la óptima entre muchas equivalentes, y demasiada energía se desperdiciará en discusiones. En nuestra opinión la traducción ha de llevarla a cabo necesariamente una sola persona. Sin perjuicio naturalmente de que la valiosa reflexión colectiva aportada por el Grupo, o por los verificadores y comprobadores, resida en una útil labor superpuesta de chequeo del nivel de calidad general y sobre todo de la fidelidad a la filosofía del escrito inglés. Otra posible solución: que el TUB sea traducido por varias personas, pero cada una una parte del Libro.

11): EL DILEMA PROFESIONALES O "URANTIANOS": Hace poco la obra más difícil de la literatura inglesa, el "Ulises" de James Joyce, ha sido traducida con todas las garantías en nuestro país. El autor de tamaña proeza lingüística es José María Valverde, que entre otras facetas de su brillante curriculum es catedrático de Universidad y autor de una monumental "Historia de la Literatura Española" en varios tomos. Traductores insignes de primera línea con la talla de Valverde debe haber en España por lo menos una docena, y localizarlos en el mundillo de las letras es tarea sencilla. En virtud de la vastedad e importancia de "The Urantia Book", éste a primera vista debería ser...

Sin embargo contratar a un famoso traductor para que se encargue del TUB puede acarrear graves inconvenientes: A): Carísimo. A base de una figura de nivel nacional las 2.097 páginas pueden costar demasiados millones, cuya consecución no es nada fácil. B): Escasa flexibilidad. Un célebre mascarón de proa no estará predispuesto a que se le enmiende la plana, y cada corrección del texto puede costar una discusión violenta. C): Normalmente no será un "urantiano", es decir, no habrá desarrollado su conocimiento "interior" del Libro a base de varias lecturas meditadas y comentarios en grupo. Por lo tanto cabe pensar que carezca del indefinible "insight" o discernimiento que capacita para captar el significado espiritual profundo de la obra, y puede entregarnos una hermosa pieza semántica que oculta una chapuza ideológica. Aunque también saber lo que es un "urantiano" plantea ciertas dificultades: ¿Se trata de una persona que ha accedido ya a un determinado nivel de evolución espiritual, y que, precisamente por eso, se entera "casualmente" de la existencia del TUB, lo compra, y se pasa varios años estudiándolo para incorporar sus enseñanzas a su mundo interior y acabar aplicándolas en la vida cotidiana? Bien, habíamos enumerado los problemas de dar el encargo a una "estrella" de la Academia de la Lengua. Todos ellos desaparecerían si invirtiéramos previamente un par de años en preparar la solución perfecta: localizar a un buen profesional, captarlo para la causa del TUB, convertirlo así (¿) en un "urantiano", y pedirle luego que nos traduzca el volumen. Parece demasiado complicado para que resulte factible, quizás porque no es posible producir "urantianos" desde fuera; si se trata efectivamente de un don evolutivo no hay manera de "urantizar" a un catedrático de Lengua.

Otra posibilidad estriba en solicitar la traducción a un competente experto, previa reserva del derecho de redacción final, y someter el texto "literario" a las oportunas verificaciones "urantianas" en el seno de un Grupo de Estudio, a fin de eliminar las "desviaciones" de contenido espiritual. Ignoramos hasta qué punto puede funcionar con fluidez este procedimiento. Y además subsiste el serio factor financiero.

Finalmente puede acometer la traducción uno que se suponga es "urantiano". Aquí tenemos el problema inverso. Traducir es una tarea difícil, exige técnica, experiencia y unos conocimientos especializados, y todo ello no se improvisa ni se suple con buenas intenciones. Sin estos requisitos nos puede salir un bodrio gramatical impublicable, la redacción de un principiante sin la mínima dignidad literaria que exige y merece el TUB.

Aunque queda aún una solución ecléctica: revisar la nómina de supuestos "urantianos", y fichar a uno que sepa traducir con cierta solvencia. Los "cheques" o verificaciones, y la reflexión grupal, harán el resto. Sin descubrir la pólvora aquí puede estar la panacea.

12): RADIOGRAFÍA DEL TRADUCTOR MODELICO: I): Capacidad para manipular ideas y para el pensamiento abstracto. Buen cociente intelectual. Elevado nivel cultural, tanto en Ciencias como en Letras. Vendrá bien un entrenamiento universitario. II): Mente abierta, pocos prejuicios y receptividad para las nuevas ideas. Conocimiento de primera mano de la literatura espiritualista. III): Habitado a escribir con corrección, facilidad de redacción. IV): Dominio aceptable de la lengua castellana. Adecuado conocimiento del idioma de Shakespeare, en especial del inglés escrito, y hábito de lectura en esta lengua. Experiencia previa en traducciones directas inglés-español, y mejor todavía si se gana la vida de esta manera. Legalmente habilitado para traducir (inscrito en el Registro Oficial de Traductores, poseedor de diplomas lingüísticos, etc.). Rudimentos de francés (para poder cotejar con la versión parisina de Jacques Weiss).

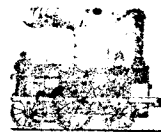
V): Alto nivel de comprensión espiritual. "Urantiano" hasta el tuétano, estudioso de "The Urantia Book". Que haya leído al menos una vez el TUB completo, y deseable que lo haya analizado cuidadosamente varias veces. Que "sienta" el TUB. Asimilador de la reflexión colectiva como miembro de un activo Grupo de Estudio. Seguidor de alguna técnica de meditación cotidiana, pues sospechamos que para aprender a extraer el legítimo "jugo divino" del TUB hay que agenciarse una suerte de sabiduría que sólo se adquiere contactando -o al menos flirteando- con el propio Ajustador (Thought Adjuster). VI): Haber sido autorizado por la Urantia Foundation. VII): Bajo nivel de egocentrismo, carencia de un "Yo" hipertrofiado, ojo con un exceso de "personalidad acusada". Mente discriminativa e imparcial, con facilidad natural para contemplar la realidad "desde arriba", a la manera de Spinoza. Cierta ración de humildad, que le lleve a sacrificar de antemano sus preferencias personales a fin de que la traducción no resulte contaminada con sus manías ideológicas individuales. Con la suficiente honradez y capacidad de introspección como para construir una versión impersonal del TUB, metódico y exclusivo reflejo del estricto contenido de "The Urantia Book". Sin complejos de "orgullo traumatizado": que acepte con flexibilidad la autoridad externa, las correcciones procedentes, y las sugerencias fundadas de la Fundación. VIII): Persona laboriosa y responsable, con amor a la tarea bien acabada. Paciencia y mucha, mucha constancia. Madurez y estabilidad emocional. Lo contrario de esas personas que empiezan muchas cosas y no terminan nada. IX): No demasiadas ocupaciones, que disponga de cierto tiempo libre para realizar la traducción. X): No demasiado viejo, para que no se marche a Morontia y nos deje empantanada la larguísima "Urantia" a la española. XI): Que su ambiente familiar sea favorable al tema Urantia (un cónyuge urantiano). XII): Que no cobre, y posponga la percepción de su salario de traductor hasta que llegue a las Mansiones.

13): Acabamos de dar un retrato-robot del traductor ideal, tan perfecto y completo que no pasa de ser un ente de razón. Más vale dejarse de maximalismos quiméricos y aviarse con lo que haya disponible. Siempre que sepa traducir, y precisamente en "urantiano".

14): PRECISIONES TÉCNICAS: Si nos dieran a elegir entre una traducción literal o libre, nos inclinaríamos por esta última, porque trasladar un idioma a otro palabra por palabra no es operativo. Lo que sí puede ayudar es contrastar el texto en español con el francés del señor Weiss, y con el manuscrito de la traducción mejicana. En cuanto a la corrección de pruebas, debemos tender a la increíble perfección alcanzada en Chicago, ¡una sola errata en 2.097 páginas! Y al final elaborar un diccionario por temas, el "CONCORDEX" de la "Urantia" española.

15): TIEMPO NECESARIO PARA TRADUCIR "THE URANTIA BOOK": Se obtiene por la siguiente fórmula:

$$T = \frac{P}{H \times D \times V}$$



Siendo:

T = Tiempo necesario para traducir el TUB, en años.

H = Nº de horas de trabajo al día, por el traductor, elaborando la versión española.

D = Nº de días al año que el traductor dedica a "The Urantia Book", trabajando H horas.

V = Velocidad media de traducción = Nº de palabras del texto inglés del TUB que el traductor vierte al castellano en una hora de trabajo.

P = Nº aproximado de palabras inglesas que contiene "The Urantia Book".

"The Urantia Book" debe tener aproximadamente alrededor de 1.400.000 palabras. (2.097 Páginas x unas 49 Líneas por Página x unas 13 Palabras por cada Línea). Supongamos que un traductor trabaja en la versión española del TUB unos 216 días al año. (365 días - 52 Domingos - 52 Sábados - 15 Festivos - 30 Días de Vacaciones Anuales). Y que cada día trabaja 8 horas. Y supongamos también que su velocidad media de traducción es de unas 500 palabras por hora de trabajo (?). En este caso-tipo hipotético los valores de los símbolos de la fórmula anterior serían los siguientes: $P = 1.400.000$; $H = 8$; $D = 216$; $V = 500$. Y la expresión quedaría del siguiente modo:

$$T = P/HxDxV = 1.400.000/8x216x500 = 1,62 \text{ Años.}$$

Asignando estos valores medios teóricos, en traducir "The Urantia Book" al castellano se tardaría como mínimo 1 Año y 7 Meses.

De todos los valores cuantificados el más inseguro es la velocidad media de traducción, "V", al que se ha asignado un valor de 500 Palabras/Hora.



16): COSTE DE TRADUCIR "THE URANTIA BOOK": Lo da la expresión:

$$C = P \times K$$

En la que:

C = Coste, en pesetas, de traducir al castellano "The Urantia Book".
P = Nº de palabras en inglés (aproximadamente) que contiene "The Urantia Book".
K = Coste unitario de traducción Inglés/Español. Tarifa de Nº de pesetas por traducir una palabra en inglés: Pesetas/Palabra.

Para $P = 1.400.000$ Palabras, y $K = 2$ Pesetas/Palabra Inglesa a Traducir, $C = 1.400.000 \times 2 = 2.800.000$ pesetas. Traducir "The Urantia Book" costaría alrededor de tres millones de pesetas. Y siempre según los cálculos y valores anteriormente expuestos.

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- Otorgamiento.
- Donación.
- Empleo.
- Dedicación.
- Permiso.
- Licencia.
- Concesión.
- Consentimiento.
- Condescendencia.
- Cesión.
- Conferimiento.
- Acuerdo.
- Disposición.
- Estipulación.
- Promesa.
- Dispensación.
- Establecimiento.
- Asenso.
- Beneplácito.
- Aquiescencia.
- Autorización.
- Anuencia.
- Asentimiento.
- Conformidad.
- Voluntad.
- Venia.
- Aprobación.
- Adhesión.
- Sí.
- ▼ Visto bueno.
- Bendición.
- Pase.
- Impetra.
- Placet.
- Seguro.
- Pasaporte.
- Salvoconducto.
- Connivencia.
- Poder.
- Licitud.
- Carta blanca.
- Ser facultado.
- Don.
- Dación.
- Ofrenda.
- Adehala.
- Dádiva.
- Merced.
- Remuneración.
- Obsequio.
- Regalo.
- Presente.
- Cortesía.
- Recuerdo.
- Agasajo.
- Fineza.
- Aguinaldo.
- Contenta.
- Albricias.
- Obolo.
- Subsidio.
- Subvención.
- Mejora.
- Propina.
- Regalo.
- Liberalidad.
- Limosna.
- Legado.
- Manda.
- Dote.
- Dotación.
- Herencia.
- Habiz.
- Título lucrativo.
- Usufructo.
- Legación.
- Gracia.
- Privilegio.
- Designación.
- Asignación.
- Adjudicación.
- Préstamo.
- Favor.
- Indulgencia.
- Otorgación.
- Epítrope.
- Albalá.
- Distribución.

- Premio.
- Distribución.
- EFUSIÓN.

OTROS SINONIMOS INGLESES:

- Bestowal.
- Confer.
- Give.
- Grant.
- Accord.
- Impart.
- Present.
- Gift.
- Award.
- EFUSIÓN.
- ENCARNACIÓN.

DEFINICIONES EN INGLES:

THE CONCISE OXFORD DICTIONARY: "Deposit ; Provide with lodging ; Confer things upon persons as gifts ; El término "Bestowal" es infrecuente, ya que este magnífico Diccionario de 1.600 páginas no lo registra, hemos transcrito la definición de "Bestow". La "Encyclopedia Britannica" tampoco la incluye.

El trabajo de traducción es una tarea muy personal al igual que la elección de los significados.

En nuestra opinión (y no somos lingüistas) un vocablo que "no suena mal" en castellano es "Dispensación". y "EFUSIÓN".

El "Diccionario Espasa Abreviado" define esta palabra del siguiente modo: "Acción y efecto de dispensar: dar, conceder, otorgar, distribuir. ("Dispensa": privilegio, excepción graciosa").
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LA EDICIÓN FRANCESA DE JACQUES WEISS LA TRADUCE COMO "EFFUSION".

PUNTUALIZACIONES DEL SEÑOR HENRY BEGEMANN AL TRABAJO "PROBLEMAS DE OPTIMIZACIÓN DE LA TRADUCCIÓN CASTELLANA DE "THE URANTIA BOOK" "

VELOCIDAD MEDIA DE TRADUCCIÓN: 500 Palabras/Hora lo encuentra excesivo. Por su propia experiencia en traducir al holandés "The Urantia Book", indica que en primer lugar hay que llevar a cabo un primer borrador del texto, que para conseguir una homogeneidad en el estilo puede ser realizado por una sola persona. La primera "prueba" de una página del Libro (unas 500 palabras) exige unas dos horas de trabajo. A continuación procede llevar a cabo un segundo intento, para corregir y pulir la primera traducción. Éste conlleva un tiempo similar al primero, o ligeramente inferior. Y a su debido tiempo, cuando ya ha sido traducido todo el Libro, se hace necesaria una tercera corrección, la última de todas, con objeto de unificar el uso de los términos ingleses y cambiar ciertas cuestiones del segundo borrador, con la ayuda de la mayor comprensión adquirida a lo largo de la prolongada experiencia de traducir la totalidad de las 2.097 páginas. Culminar las tres traducciones sucesivas exigirá, como mínimo, cuatro horas por página, es decir, que la velocidad promedio de traducción del Libro será igual o menor de 125 Palabras/Hora.

HORAS DIARIAS DEDICADAS A LA TRADUCCIÓN: Este tipo de trabajo es particularmente agotador, por lo que dedicarle ocho horas diarias es prácticamente imposible. A las dos horas de la tarea de traducción uno necesita un buen descanso. Para ser realistas, cinco horas cada día sería un considerable logro. Así pues el valor de H habría que situarlo como máximo en 5, y ya vimos que $V = 125$.

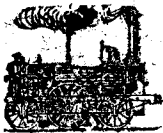
TRABAJO EN EQUIPO: El borrador inicial, como ya se ha indicado, puede ser elaborado por una sola y la misma persona, con el fin de no haya variaciones sensibles en el "estilo literario" de la versión castellana. Sin embargo para acometer la segunda y tercera traducciones es esencial hacerlo en equipo, en el seno de un Grupo de Estudio, con objeto de equilibrar y enriquecer los enfoques, puntos de vista y opiniones unipersonales. Y como es sabido un grupo funciona más lentamente que un solo individuo, lo que vuelve a introducir un nuevo factor de retardo, es decir, que habría que reducir la cifra $V = 125$.

TIEMPO TOTAL DE TRADUCCIÓN: Introduciendo las observaciones del Sr. Begemann en la fórmula para el tiempo total necesario para obtener una versión española, para los valores de $P = 1.400.000$ Palabras, $H = 5$ Horas/Día de trabajo de traducción, $D = 216$ Días/Año dedicados a traducir, y $V = 100$ Palabras Traducidas/Hora, el valor de "T" equivale a unos siete años y nueve meses: $T = 7,71$ Años. Sin embargo el Sr. Begemann considera que dada su experiencia directa en el tema éste es con todo un período excesivamente corto, que él cree que su propio Grupo de Estudio tardará unos 20 Años en culminar una aceptable versión al idioma holandés.

UTILIZACIÓN DEL MATERIAL TRADUCIDO: En el largo período que media entre la iniciación del trabajo y la terminación del mismo, los borradores pueden ser aprovechados para lecturas en el seno de los Grupos de Estudio. En tales sesiones, y como resultado de la reflexión colectiva, pueden surgir también útiles ideas y sugerencias para introducir rectificaciones en los proyectos de texto urantiano traducido.

FICHERO DE TÉRMINOS URANTIANOS: Se hace imprescindible organizar un registro con las traducciones que tras un fundado estudio se han elegido para los vocablos más representativos del Libro, al objeto de que cuando vuelvan a repetirse no variar la palabra española elegida anteriormente, y ahorrar multiplicar el trabajo por otra parte.

VERSIÓN PARA LA AMÉRICA ESPAÑOLA: El Sr. Begemann considera razonables las posibles ventajas de una versión realizada en "español de España", pero



La Biblia del siglo XXI

EN un trabajo impresionante de erudición y lucidez, que se titula «Los libros revelados», un sevillano al que aún no se le ha hecho justicia, Ignacio Darnaude (el más riguroso, documentado y sagaz experto en fenómenos extraños) se refiere a los miles de «reveladores» del pensamiento divino, que nos proponen unas pautas acordes con los deseos del Ser Supremo a través de sus libros, siempre fundamentales y definitivos, como revelados por mensajeros de otra dimensión. «Muchos de ellos — escribe Darnaude «Chachi» — tienen una presentación formal que dejan bastante que desear; se trata de personajes falibles que, para colmo, deforman los mensajes con sus propias opiniones personales». Esto es absolutamente cierto. Sin embargo, hace unos años apareció en los Estados Unidos una obra monumental, «El Libro de Urantia» (Urantia es nuestro mundo) que, por sus audaces incursiones en los temas eternos (Dios, el Universo, la historia del hombre, el Paraíso, la Trinidad, los espíritus moronciales, etc.), viene siendo llamado, en todos los países de nuestro entorno cultural, «la Biblia del Siglo XXI». Dividido en cuatro partes, la última trata pormenorizada-mente de la vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús, que los autores narran con escrupuloso respeto. El caso es que este libro, dado a conocer por una Fundación de apariencia elusiva, se debatía en el misterio y hoy suman muchos miles los adeptos que, de buena fe, lo consideran dictado por seres superiores.

Cambiando ahora de plano, tal vez mis lectores recuerden el artículo en el que yo exponía una opinión distinta a la del padre don Francisco Gil Delgado, docto de muy justos reconocimientos. No voy a volver sobre el asunto —tranquilizándose—, pero sí a una frase de mi admirado amigo: «el Sanedrín, que no podía juzgar con nocturnidad...» Yo había utilizado tal argumento en varias ocasiones, pero era la primera vez que lo veía avalado por un sacerdote católico de autoridad indiscutible. Lo cierto fue que, gratamente sorprendido, al cabo de unas semanas reabrí «El Libro de Urantia», precisamente por la parte de-

dicada a Jesús, con el propósito de confirmar o rebatir la presunta excepcionalidad de aquellos seres de otra dimensión.

Lamentablemente, el diagnóstico final creo que es demoledor para los supuestos «ángeles». Así, dan por hecho que, tras la última Cena, Jesús y sus discípulos marcharon, pero uno de ellos «había dispuesto que él vigilaría en el sendero alto». Dicho queda; sólo que la ley judía —y quien la violase era reo de muerte— prohibía terminantemente salir en horas nocturnas de la casa donde se hubiese celebrado la cena pascual. Está en Exodo (XII, 22): «Y ninguno de vosotros salga a las puertas de su casa hasta la mañana».

En «El Libro de Urantia» se dice reiteradamente que Jesús es juzgado durante la noche. Imposi-

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ble. Porque así está escrito en la ley: que ningún tribunal podía juzgar de noche «porque las tinieblas enturbian el juicio del hombre», menos aún en vísperas de una fiesta religiosa como la Pascua («Michna», Sanedrín IV, en el «Talmud de Babilonia»). Esto nos demuestra que los «seres de otra dimensión» no afinan su puntería y dicen que, mientras juzgan a Jesús, «la noche estaba fría», que conducen al Divino Maestro «a la luz de las

antorchas», que Caifás inicia el juicio «alrededor de las cuatro y media de la madrugada». O sea, en pocas palabras, que «la Biblia del Siglo XXI» tiene todas las apariencias de ser una solemne tomadura de pelo (muy bien urdida, eso sí).

Ante este descubrimiento, yo invitaría al Padre Gil Delgado a que me asista para desenmascarar a unos supuestos estafadores de la fe que, en la actualidad, se acreditan con la ignorancia o la ingenuidad de muchos miles de «creyentes». Porque, para embaucadores, ya tenemos bastantes en esta España de nuestros amores y de nuestros pecados; no vaya a ser que, por un silencio cómplice —y todos los silencios son cómplices de alguien o de algo—, se siga timando al personal, haciéndole leer las dos mil noventa y siete páginas de fantasías morunas de que consta la apócrifa y engañosa «Biblia del siglo XXI».

Manuel BARRIOS

DESCRIPTION OF THE URANTIA BOOK

The URANTIA Book is a unique publication of epochal significance to the people of our planet, Urantia. It contains 2,097 pages, and is divided into four parts. It tells about Deity, the organization and administration of universes and the relation of the planet on which we live to the universe, of the genesis and destiny of man and his relation to God, and of the teachings of Jesus Christ. It speaks to man's deep spiritual yearnings and satisfies the intellect, fully harmonizing religion, philosophy, and today's science through the fostering of a religion and a cosmology which are commensurate with man's intellectual and cultural development. It opens new vistas of time and eternity, new concepts of man's ever-ascending adventure of finding God the Father. This book of 196 papers gives a new, comprehensive, organized record of man's origin, history and destiny.

PART I THE CENTRAL AND SUPERUNIVERSE

These thirty-one papers depict the nature of Deity, the reality of Paradise, the organization and working of the central and superuniverses, the personalities of the grand universe, and the high destiny of evolutionary mortals. They were sponsored, formulated, and put into English by a commission of twenty-four spiritual administrators acting in accordance with a mandate issued by high deity authorities (the Ancients of Days) directing that they do this on Urantia in the year A.D. 1934.

PART II THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

A local universe is the handiwork of a Creator Son of the Paradise order of Michael. It comprises one hundred constellations, each embracing one hundred systems of inhabited worlds. Each system will eventually contain approximately one thousand inhabited spheres. Our world, Urantia, belongs to a local universe whose sovereign is Michael, the Son of God and the Son of Man, known on this world as Jesus of Nazareth. In the central universe the Universal Father (God) is personally present; in the universes and planets of space our Father is being represented by his Sovereign Sons, while he is intimately present in the minds of his mortal children through his indwelling spirit, the Thought Adjusters. The twenty-five papers comprising Part II tell the story of man's ascension career following his initial life on the evolutionary planet.

PART III THE HISTORY OF URANTIA

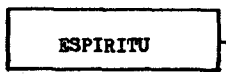
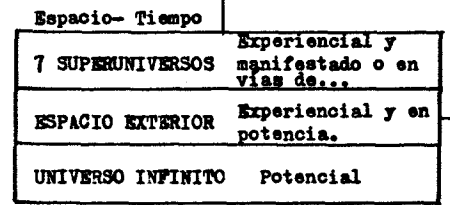
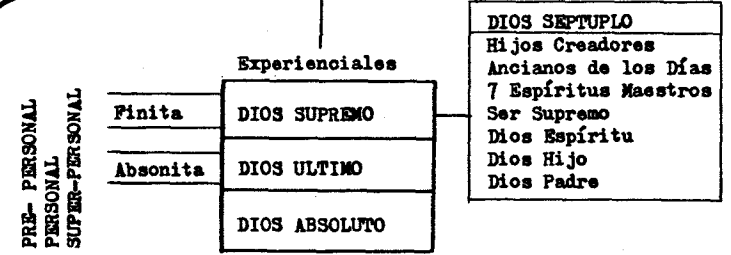
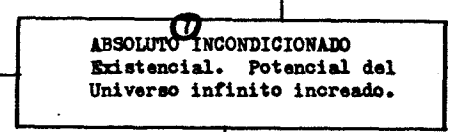
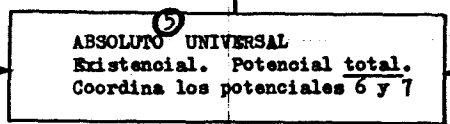
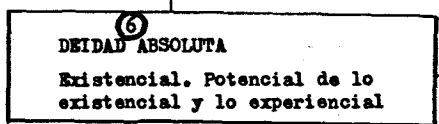
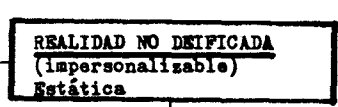
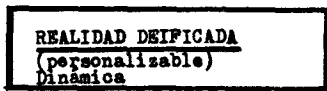
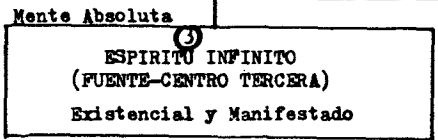
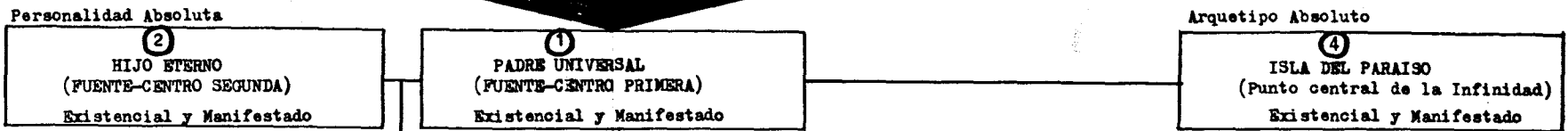
Around 1,000,000,000 years ago Urantia had attained approximately its present size. At this time it was placed upon the physical registries of our local universe, Nebadon, and given its name, Urantia. (Page 660, Par. 3). The sixty-three papers comprising this section relate the history of our planet, the geologic development, the establishment of life, and the evolution and history of man, evolving civilizations, human institutions and governments. Here also are discussed the Trinity concept, the evolution of religion, the indwelling spirit of God (the Thought Adjuster), personality survival, the bestowals of Christ Michael. "Urantia is the sentimental shrine of all Nebadon, the chief of ten million inhabited worlds, the mortal home of Christ Michael." — "And your record tells the truth when it says that this same Jesus has promised some time to return to the world of his terminal bestowal, the World of the Cross." (Page 1319, Par. 1).

PART IV THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

These seventy-seven papers give a year-by-year account of the life and teachings of the Son of Man, his childhood, youth, and early travels, his personal and public ministry, the choosing and training of the twelve apostles, his trial, death, and resurrection. This biography of Jesus occupies the last third of *The URANTIA Book*. The first three sections of the book constitute an informing introduction, a universe backdrop, for the enthralling drama of this human-divine life of Jesus on our planet. The presentation, therefore, of the picture of this matchless life in its cosmic frame is rightly the climax, the fitting conclusion of the URANTIA revelation. Jesus' life and precepts, in their original form, unencumbered by tradition and dogma, are by far the greatest possible help that mortal man can have in his age-long climb to Paradise. "The great hope of Urantia lies in the possibility of a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message which would spiritually unite in loving service the numerous families of his present-day professed followers." (Page 2086, Par. 2). "The time is ripe to witness the figurative resurrection of the human Jesus from his burial tomb amidst the theological traditions and the religious dogmas of nineteen centuries — What a transcendent service if, through this revelation, the Son of Man should be recovered from the tomb of traditional theology and be presented as the living Jesus to the church that bears his name, and to all other religions!" (Page 2090, Par. 3).

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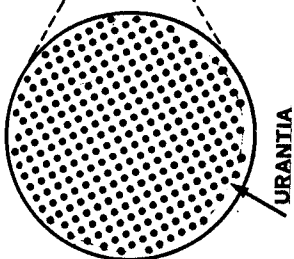
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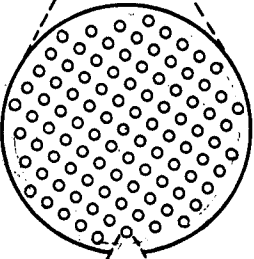
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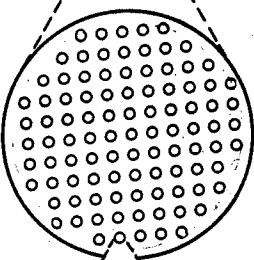
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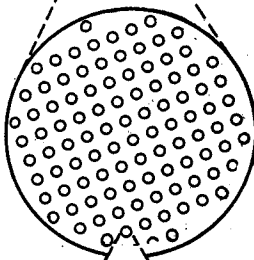
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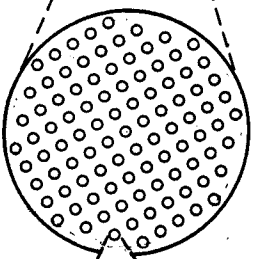
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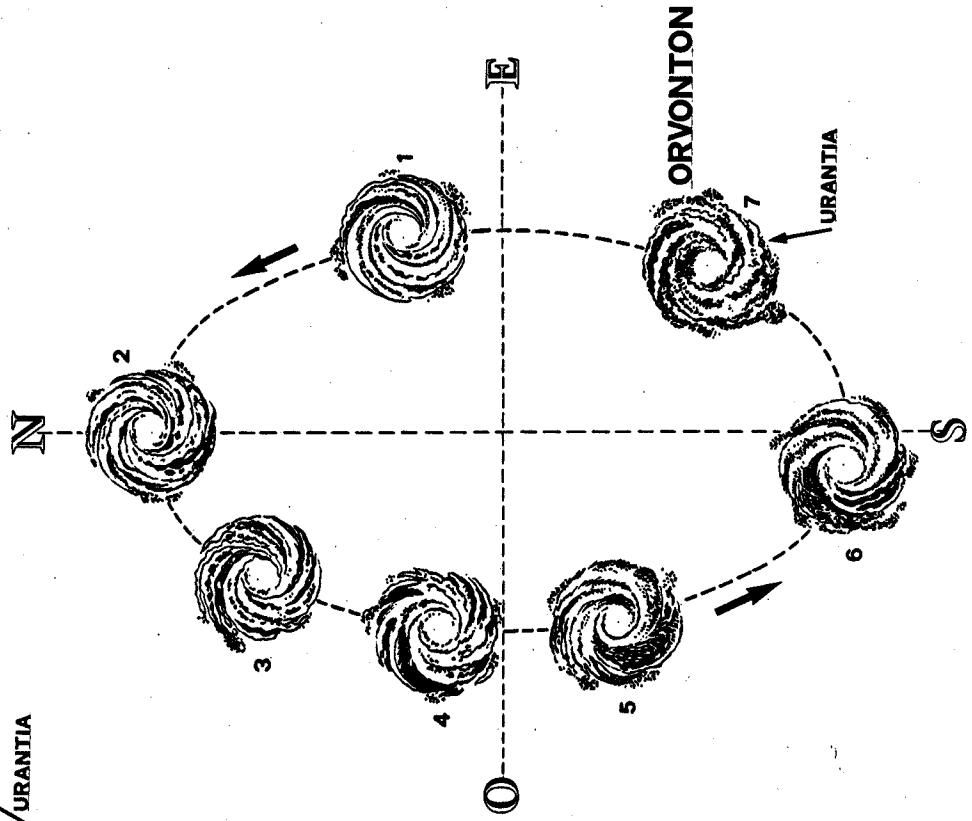
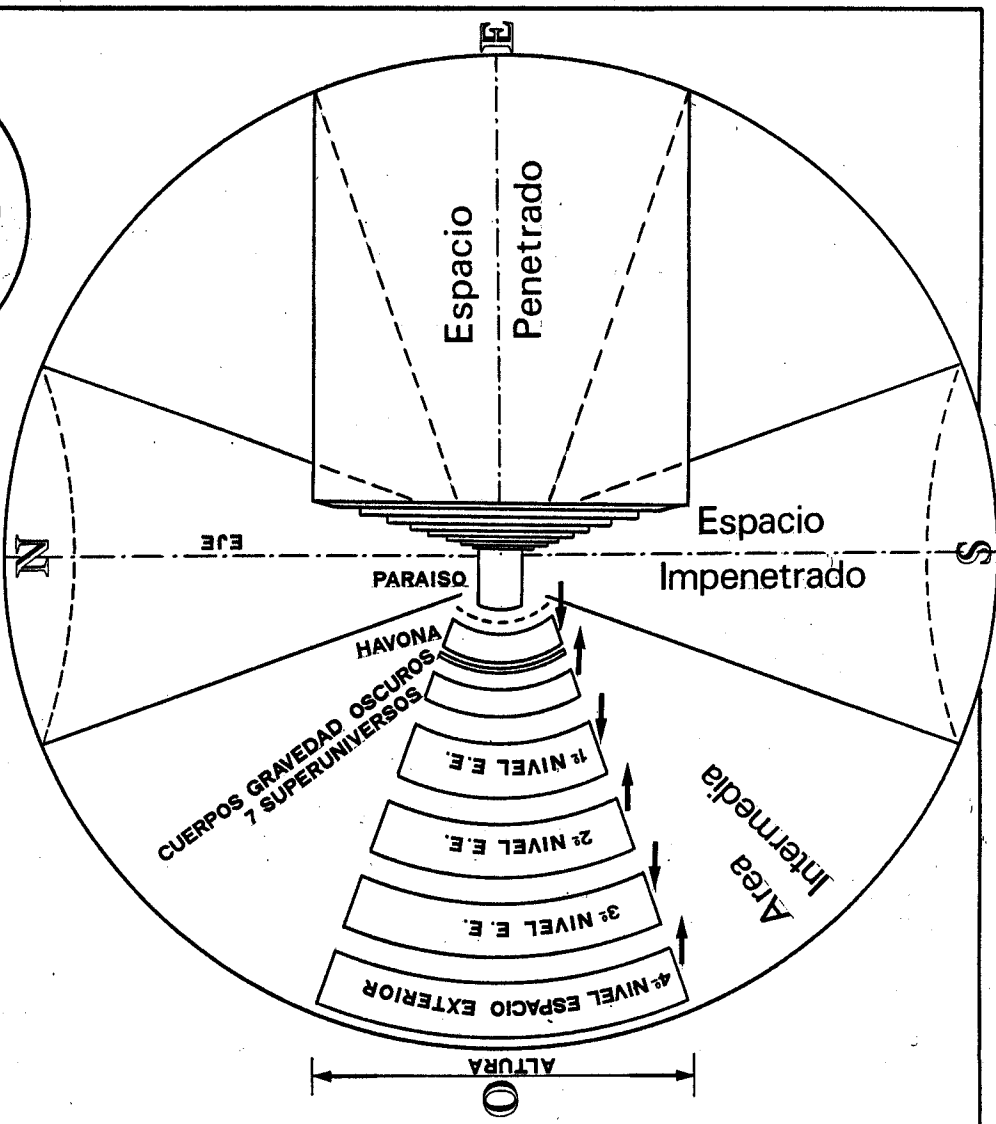
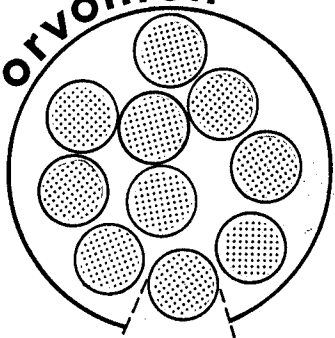
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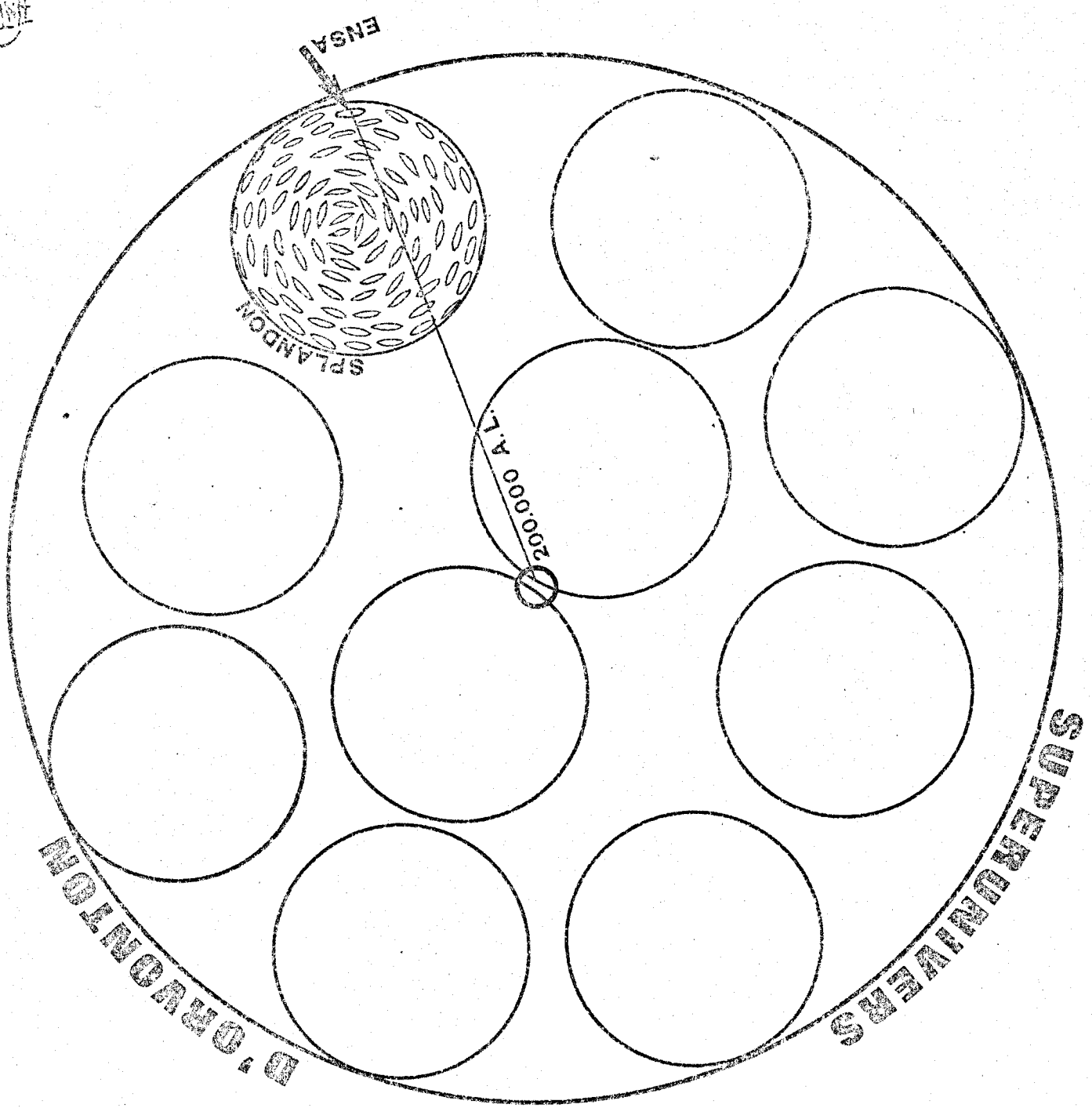
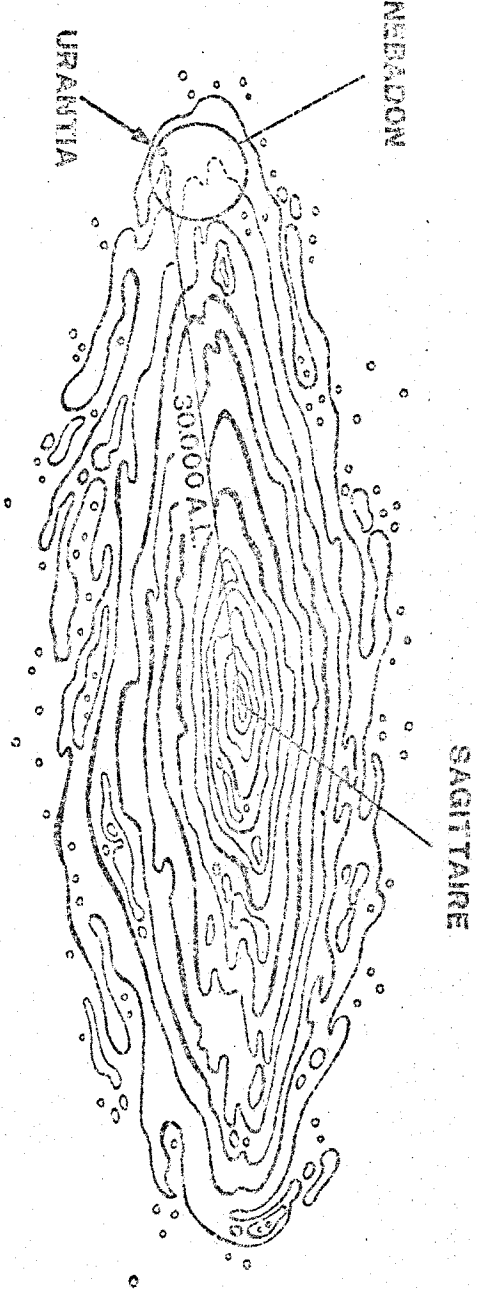


SUPERUNIVERSO

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ENSA (GALAXIE VOIE LACTEE)
SECTEUR MINEUR



LES CORPS DE GRAVITE OBSCURS

FIGURE 1

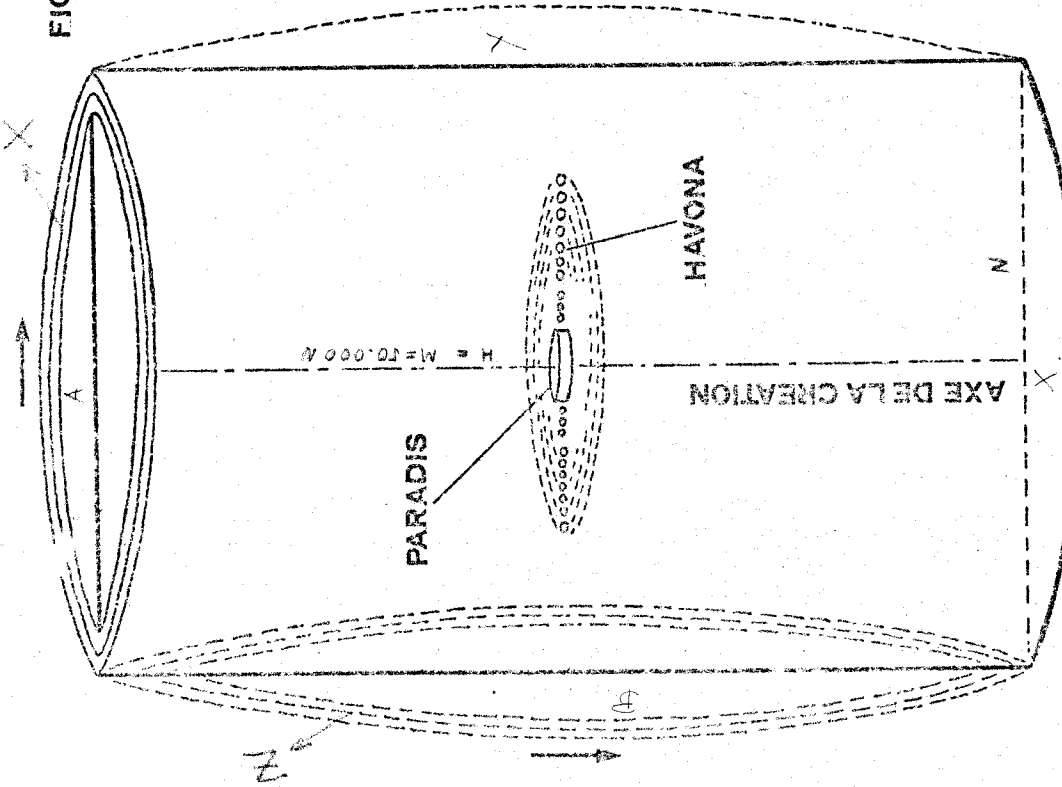
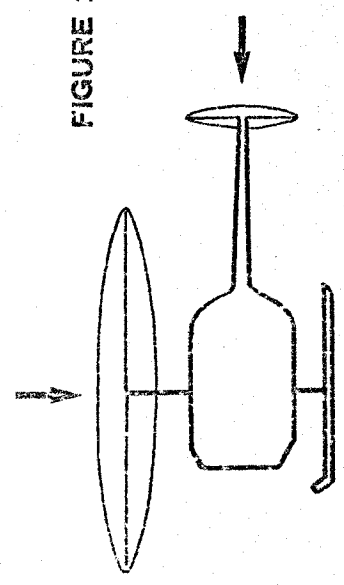


FIGURE 2



SUPERUNIVERS



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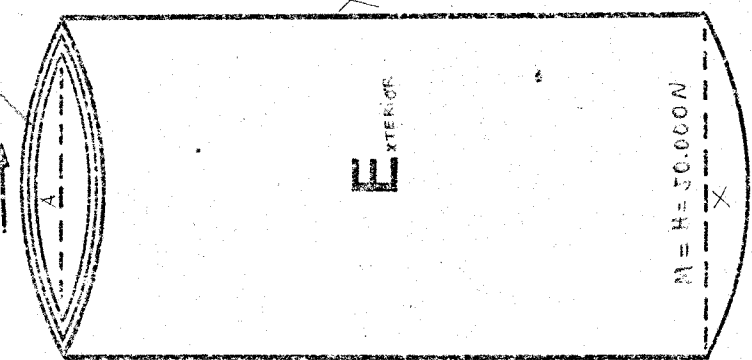
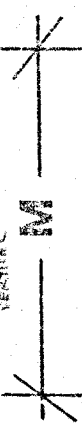


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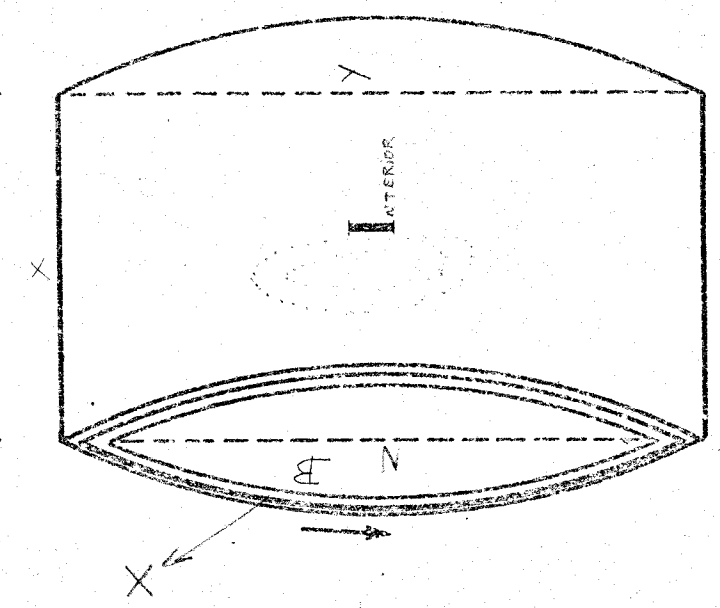


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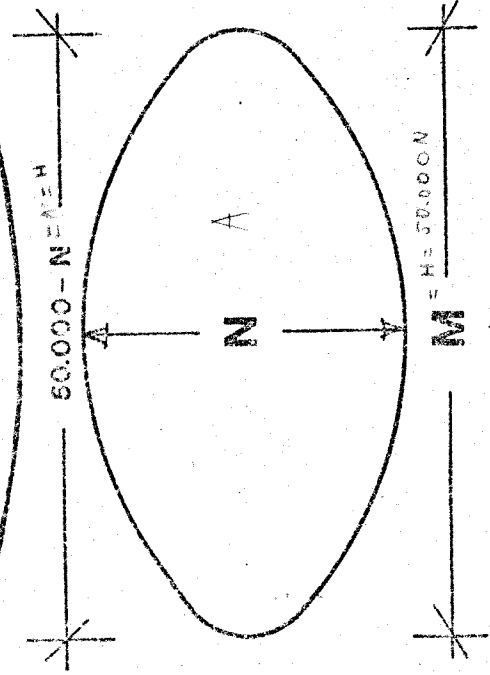


FIG.5

NACIMIENTO Y DESARROLLO DE LAS RAZAS HUMANAS

Años

Años

1.000.000

500.000

200.000

35.000

25.000

Lemures primitivos
↓
Mamíferos precursores
↓
Mamíferos intermedios
↓
Primates
↓
Andon y Fonta
↓
Andonitas

Oeste Raza Heidelberg
Raza Foxhall 900.000
↓
Esquimales

Este Raza Badonan 900.000
↓
Neanderthal 500.000

Cien de Caligastia

Noditas

+ Azules
= Azules (Cro-Magnon)
↓
+ Anditas
= Blancos

Sangiks (Rojos)
(Azules)
(Amarillos)
(Anaranjados)
(Verdes)
(Negros)

Adán y Eva

Expansión Adamita

Pre-Sumerios

+ Andonitas
= Sirios

+ Adamsonitas
= Sumerios

+ Sangiks mezclados
= Elamitas

+ Amadonitas
= Vanitas

+ Adamitas
= Anditas
(pre-Arios)

+ pre-Dravidianos (1)
= Dravidianos

Arios

América del Norte 85.000

+ Amarillos mezclados +
Anaranjados + azules
mezclados

+ Anditas

Méjico, América Central
y América del Sur

(1) Verdes +
Anaranjados +
Negros = Pre-Dravidianos

LAS 8 RAZAS HUMANAS

- Hombres Rojos (*)
- Azules (*)
- Amarillos (*)
- Anaranjados
- Verdes
- Negros
- Noditas (Andonitas + Cien de Caligastia) (*)
- Violetas (descendientes de Adán y Eva)

(*) Estudiaron en Dalamatia, la ciudad del Príncipe Planetario.

NOTA.- Todas las razas se han mezclado unas con otras. Han permanecido relativamente puras las razas Roja, Amarilla y Negra. Los hombres Anaranjados y Verdes se destruyeron en luchas entre ellos o con otros, o fueron absorbidos por otras razas superiores.

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rentes como el cristal», se decía que habían alumbrado el interior de una nave submarina que transportó hacia las costas americanas a una colonia de refugiados semitas, contemporáneos de... la Torre de Babel. ¡No nos asombremos! No nos encojamos de hombros, pues esta afirmación inimaginable figura entre el número de revelaciones transmitidas a sus fieles por el profeta americano Joseph Smith, durante la primera mitad del siglo XIX, cuando no existían, por supuesto, ni bombillas eléctricas ni submarinos. Pero éste no es sino un detalle entre muchos en todo cuanto se refiere a Joséph Smith, fundador de la Iglesia mormona.

En 1820, con sólo 14 años de edad, Joseph, una clara mañana de primavera, fue a un bosque a orar. Su intención era preguntar al Señor cuál era, entre las diversas Iglesias protestantes, aquella que detentaba más Verdad con el fin de unirse a ella. De repente, una «fuerza» descendió sobre él, paralizándole, sensación ésta frecuentemente descrita por los testigos de aterrizajes de «platillos volantes». Pero,

«justo, en ese instante de gran alarma», cuenta ese sorprendente testigo, «vi por encima de mi cabeza una columna de luz, más brillante que el sol, que descendía poco a poco hasta que se detuvo sobre mí», y luego: «vi a dos personajes, cuyo glorioso aspecto desafía toda descripción, permanecer por encima de mí, en el aire...»

La continuación de esta aventura, cuyo punto de partida recuerda en todos los aspectos la experiencia de varios diversos profetas, sería demasiado larga para incluirla aquí en todos sus detalles. El lector curioso podrá hallar toda esta historia en los numerosos fascículos editados por la Iglesia de Jesús Cristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días (éste es el verdadero nombre de la Iglesia mormona), que agrupa en la actualidad a un millón y medio de creyentes en todo el mundo, el mayor número de los cuales se ha-

bajorrelieve sobre el que los mormones reconocieron la figuración de un acontecimiento muy antiguo relatado por sus Escrituras. Unos ideogramas, además, suministraban los nombres propios de los personajes de la escena.

Existe toda una cosmogonía mormona, así como unas enseñanzas que afectan a las etapas sucesivas de la vida humana: preexistencia, vida terrestre, morada de los espíritus, resurrección..., así como unas revolucionarias afirmaciones sobre nuestro verdadero origen: en efecto, nuestro antepasado común, Adán, fue importado a la Tierra, después de haber sido creado en otro planeta...

Cosa extraña, esta última afirmación, por arbitraria que parezca, no es exclusiva de los fieles de Joseph Smith. Se la halla, aunque bajo forma diferente, en otra revelación americana, *The Urantia Papers*.

Esta vez, ningún fenómeno luminoso, ninguna visión, ninguna circunstancia espectacular se hallan mencionadas en el origen de este nuevo mensaje. Se presenta actualmente bajo la forma de *tres enormes volúmenes de cerca de seiscientas páginas cada uno*, impresos a dos columnas en caracteres pequeños; obra de «cuarenta y ocho personalidades» (entendidos: no humanas), recompilada por «un comité de doce miembros (humanos) deseosos de conservar el anonimato», según las comunicaciones de un ciudadano americano (cuyo nombre no ha sido revelado). Este último a partir de 1926, época en que nuestros espíritus se preocupaban muy poco del Cosmos y de sus eventuales habitantes se puso a hablar, con la autoridad de un entendido, de la Creación, de otros mundos, de la organización de las galaxias, de la administración de los planetas, de la «personalidad de Dios», de la venida a la Tierra de Adán y de Eva después de su nacimiento en lo Alto y, en fin, de todos los detalles concernientes a la vida de Jesús durante los años poco conocidos de su vida, entre los 13 y los 30 años. Estas revelaciones, minuciosamente detalladas y sembradas de cifras precisas, fueron recogidas y dactilografiadas en 1933 por el «comité» del que hemos hablado más arriba. Fueron

llan en Estados Unidos y entre los de ese país se cuentan varios ministros, gobernadores de Estado, senadores, diputados y otras notables personalidades. No les faltan argumentos a los misioneros mormones para apoyar sus extraordinarias creencias, lo que explica su apreciable éxito. Será suficiente, no obstante, mencionar aquí algunos rasgos particulares de sus enseñanzas, aquellos que más estrechamente vinculados se hallan a las cuestiones que son objeto de este capítulo.

La tarde del 6 de abril de 1836, con motivo de la inauguración del primer templo mormón, en Kirtland, cerca de Cincinatti, Ohio, los habitantes del barrio percibieron por encima del nuevo edificio una inmensa columna de fuego. Espantados, creyendo era un incendio, corrieron a combatir las llamas; pero la columna, entre tanto, había desaparecido y únicamente hallaron al grupo de fieles, en éxtasis. Al unirse a ellos, les contaron los fieles que acababan de ser visitados por unos ángeles, pero, como se supone, nadie les hizo caso.

Los diferentes «libros santos» de los mormones se presentan como suplementos de la Biblia y fueron, se afirma, milagrosamente hallados el 22 de septiembre de 1827 en forma de placas de oro cubiertas de caracteres egipcios; contienen, al decir de los adeptos, revelaciones notablemente avanzadas en relación con los conocimientos de la época en que vivía Joseph Smith. Prefigurán, por ejemplo, las teorías de la Relatividad, enseñan la pluralidad de mundos habitados e incluso la pluralidad de universos; suministran unos datos astronómicos de los cuales algunos habrían de verificarse más tarde. Así mismo presentan el *caos* original, precediendo a la Creación divina, no como una nada absoluta, sino como una yuxtaposición indefinida de granos de materia inorganizados y disponibles, teoría ésta que se halla, hoy, presentada como novedad, en los escritos de Teilhard de Chardin.

En 1957, con motivo de las excavaciones realizadas en las ruinas de Izapa, antigua villa maya, fue desenterrado un

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midas secretas y encerradas en un cofre colocado en la cámara fuerte de un banco de Chicago, y sólo eran consultadas durante los fines de semana. En algunas de esas ocasiones, se comprobó, se dice, no sin sorpresa, que unos errores contenidos en el texto habían sido corregidos en el transcurso de la semana, cuando la verdad es que el manuscrito estaba fuera de todo alcance. En 1955 se juzgó propicio el momento para la publicación del manuscrito, que nuestro compatriota (francés) Jacques Weiss, antiguo alumno del Polytecnico, tradujo a partir del año siguiente para publicación en francés ⁷⁵.

The Urantia Papers describe las innumerables categorías de seres que pululan en el Universo, su clasificación jerárquica, sus atribuciones, sus especializaciones; y, al mismo tiempo, sus disensiones. Notan igualmente los efectos de la ignorancia humana en la materia (¿no estamos en cuarentena desde hace siglos?), ignorancia que nos incita a hacer caer sobre el Creador la responsabilidad de todo lo que pasa en todas partes, en lugar de pedir cuentas a los múltiples intermediarios.

«(Los terrenos) caen a menudo en la confusión a propósito de la naturaleza del Padre universal, porque las palabras y los actos de todos sus asociados y subordinados le han sido generalmente atribuidos» (pág. 488 de la traducción francesa).

En el libro se prodigan con generosidad poco común estas vertiginosas sobre el Universo desde el universo, sobre las relaciones entre el Espacio y el Tiempo, sobre los diversos niveles de energía y de inteligencia, sobre las misiones respectivas de las «Personalidades del Espíritu Infinito», en fin, sobre la historia desconocida de nuestro propio

75. Cf. *La Cosmogonía de Urantia*, 28, rue Cambacéré, París, 8.º



planeta y de sus habitantes. Precisemos que los informes suministrados por esas «cuarenta y ocho personalidades del espacio no todos parecen escritos, a decir verdad, por la misma mano, pues ciertos capítulos desentonan y se manifiestan diversos niveles intelectuales en la obra; prueba de todo ello, cuando menos, de la multiplicidad de los autores de ese monumento.

Esta obra gigante sobrepasa con mucho las proporciones razonables (cerca de tres mil páginas); y hace que la lectura de este mensaje sea muy penosa, pues exige una paciencia poco común. El recurso a una especie de jerga interplanetaria aumenta la dificultad, pues se nos habla de «marcos psíquicos» y «psicomateriales», del «tiempo sistemático del «nivel moroncial», de «mar», de «mota» y de «monotaxia de los «ultimatons», que son la centésima parte de un electrón, del «Mundo de las Casas» y de los «Ascensores». Señalamos rápidamente un pasaje que llama nuestra atención por el hecho de que pudiera suministrar una respuesta a la cuestión tan a menudo planteada actualmente: ¿por qué los pilotos de «platillos volantes» no toman abiertamente contacto con nosotros? Un comentario de *The Urantia Papers* nos explica que «un planeta en estado normal está en comunicación con el resto del Universo por medio de información teledirigida. Jerárquicamente está arreglado para este efecto. Pero si se rebela, el primer cuidado de la jerarquía celeste es el de ponerle en cuarentena, es decir, cortar las comunicaciones inmediatamente río arriba, de forma que la rebelión no pueda extenderse y propagarse. Eso es lo que ha sucedido a nuestro planeta Urantia cuando la rebelión de Lucifer. Hay que esperar a que Lucifer sea juzgado para que cese esa situación. Mientras espera, Urantia permanece en cuarentena; pero las presentes revelaciones presagian el cese relativamente próximo de esa cuarentena (uno o dos siglos, tal vez)».

De ese lenguaje, ora sentencioso, ora familiar, se desprende a la larga una impresión curiosamente maléfica, que apenas uno se sustrae. Ciertos lectores de *The Urantia*

nombre de alguien). Por ello, llegará a suponerse que esos áculos, en la medida que provienen de fuentes no humanas, difunden únicamente una sola y única Verdad, lo que dejaría a los intérpretes humanos la responsabilidad plena y entera de las contradicciones.

Pero esto tal vez sea mostrarse injusto respecto de nuestros visionarios, pues es igualmente posible poner en duda la total competencia como incluso la inalterable buena fe de las entidades extraterrestres consideradas como autores de los mensajes. Estas entidades no están en contacto directo, forzosamente, con la realidad absoluta; sus conocimientos pueden ser parciales, retorcidos⁷⁷. Pueden pertenecer a especies de evolución desigual, y propalar conceptos erróneos. Persiguen, tal vez, cuando prodigan sus enseñanzas, intenciones distintas, incluso antagónicas, en el cuadro de esta guerra de la que hemos hablado mucho, que parece conducir a la «familia de lo Alto». Al lado de ciertas influencias maléficas que manifiestan una gran elevación de pensamiento, otras intervenciones han adquirido un carácter netamente pernicioso, como el que perdió al desgraciado doctor Faust (nacido en Kittlingen en 1480). A medio camino entre los extremos, ciertas comunicaciones han podido testimoniar con un torpe ardor, para convencer a las masas humanas, logrando únicamente hacer sonreír escépticamente a la mayor parte de nosotros. No está completamente excluido, a priori, que las recientes apariciones de «platillos volantes» puedan ser clasificadas en esta última categoría.

Ya sólo nos queda preguntarnos, a la luz de los hechos que acabamos de estudiar, lo que pudo pasar exactamente en la habitación de Blas Pascal la tarde en que escribió su famoso «memorial», ese pergamino que escondió luego en

⁷⁷ San Agustín ha introducido la idea de distinguir, entre los ángeles, aquellos que gozan del «conocimiento de la mañana» de los que sólo poseen «el conocimiento de la tarde». Santo Tomás de Aquino comenta: «El conocimiento mediante el cual el ángel conoce las cosas en su propia naturaleza es luminoso en comparación de la ignorancia y del error, pero oscuro en comparación con la visión del Verbo» (*Summa Teológica*, Los Angeles, cuestión 58, art. 6).

papers, poco inclinados de ordinario a inquietudes místicas, han afirmado haber atravesado, en el curso de las páginas, por estados comparables a un sentimiento de iluminación.

Confesamos no haber tenido esa suerte.

En la medida en que se acepta dar un poco de crédito a tales «comunicaciones», no puede dejar de señalarse ellas, al lado de convergencias y de identidades muy impresionantes, evidentes contradicciones. ¿Hay que oponerse a esas disonancias para establecer que estas comunicaciones, en su totalidad, *falsas*? La tentación es grande, y el primer impulso es el de sucumbir a ella.

Queda bien entendido que una gran parte de esa literatura puede explicarse mediante la teoría de los «arquetipos», omnipresentes en el inconsciente colectivo de la humanidad; pero ésta no es sino una forma elegante de despreciar el misterio, pues resulta entonces necesario explicar la universalidad de los arquetipos, y se llega así, con naturalidad, a pensar que esta permanencia podría muy bien deberse a una cierta concomitancia con la pura realidad. Las divergencias, en este caso, intervendrían cuando se producen interferencias entre el inconsciente Colectivo y los conscientes individuales, al introducir estos últimos distorsiones en el contenido inicial de los mensajes.

Ya se trate del patrimonio psicológico común a toda especie humana o bien de imágenes efectivamente comunicadas por inteligencias exteriores, es evidente que la traducción de esas imágenes en palabras presentará aspectos muy diferentes según que el «traductor» sea un monje budista o un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos. Nosotros hemos presentado una observación análoga a propósito del Corán y de la Biblia, libros en los que las analogías claman en favor de un origen único, cuando sus divergencias pueden, verosímilmente, ser imputadas a las estructuras mentales preexistentes en los «pro-fetas» (los que hablan

entre sus jubones y que sólo se descubrió después de la muerte. ¿A qué fenómeno, de dos horas de reloj de duración, le fue dado asistir? ¿Cuál es ese «fuego» mencionado por él en letras mayúsculas? ¿Y de dónde le vino esa «certeza» de que el Dios de los cristianos y el de los judíos *no era* aquel que imaginan los «filósofos» y los «sabios», decir, un príncipe puramente intelectual y absolutamente trascendente?

«El año de gracia de 1654, lunes, 23 de noviembre desde alrededor de las diez y media de la noche hasta cerca de las doce y media. FUEGO. Dios de Abraham, Dios de Isaac, Dios de Jacobo, no de los filósofos y los sabios. Certeza. Certeza. Sentimiento. Alegría. Dios de Jesucristo, Deum meum et Deum Vestrum etcétera.»



Communications from "Inner Circle" through Mark Probert on November 7th 1968, edited by Mrs. Anita Ganschow (301-3 Spring Street, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, USA). Memorandum No 45, page 17.

Communicator: "Professor Alfred Luntz"

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Prof. L: Yes. Many, many of my parishoners have come by and some of them, I am sure, wanted to punch me in the nose. L A U G H T E R Because they're no where near heaven, they said. I said now, at this late date, I can't give it to you, I can't. I know it now, forgive me for trying when on earth, I thought I was doing right but apparently I didn't do right.

Lady: I'm surprised they didn't ask you what you were selling this week, Professor.

Prof. L: No. You know, Christians are a funny people. They're so caught up in what they think is so, that there is little chance to change them. And, I wouldn't want to if I could, I know it now.

My teachers tried to get me to bring a better understanding to some of these people because they knew I was a minister and -- that these people would trust me more. Fools. And so I tried, there are great halls of learning in the world I am in now. Great halls of learning.

Lady: Is anybody in the halls?

Prof. L: Well with the taxes being what they are? L A U G H T E R Well, sometimes no. Many times yes; crowded to capacity, people looking for life in their own way.

Man: Professor?

Prof. L: Yes.

Man: There do you find a book called "Vrenthia? ("The Urantia Book")

Prof. L: Indeed yes. Oh, what do you think of it, sir?

Man: I have been dunking into it the past two months and it is of such unusual content and at the same time of such unusual length, that I have been loathed to start on it, simply because it calls for a new orientation of thought and I have not wanted to start it upon my own without first trying to assess something of the nature of its content, or even its origin.

Prof. L: Have you tried to wrestle with Oaspe? That is another prodigious bit of writing and I do not think you need it. But then, whom am I to tell you what you need. So be your own seeker, when you find things that are tasty to your mind, imbibe in them.

Man: I had a suspicion that you were going to say something like that.

Prof. L: If I said anything less, sir, I would be back on earth as a clergyman.

Man: But I asked you sire for your reaction.

Prof. L: A beautiful book, wonderful things are there for one's education who is looking to be educated in that way. But there are yet greater things, and by greater I mean useful, that you can use in your every day life that will promote your own intelligence and love of life.

The Bible holds many great truths and if the reader could really comprehend them, he would find himself free from many of the things called sorrow at the present time. But I didn't teach what was in the Bible, I taught my own things, which were . . . The Bible is exactly, word for word, what it is and no one can change that, said I. I took it literally you know, sir. Now, I'm going to turn my face around and walk in

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Dear Ignacio,

Harold Sherman can be reached by letter at this address:

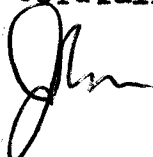
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The AR stands for Arkansas. Harold is almost 80 now. He is one of the best psychics today, and just as important he is honest and trustworthy. He was not the man who channelled the Urantia papers; he was a member of the group which assisted in receiving the communications each night while the man--whose name has never been revealed--spoke all night long. For about 20 years the channel never slept; he went into trance and channelled every night. I learned this from a paper I read which was written by a man who researched the Urantia Book's origin for many years. I don't have the paper now, I'm sorry to say.

The Urantia Books is not well-known in the occult and parascience fields, so there is not accepted critical opinion about it. Those whom I've asked have been rather well impressed with its scope and quality. My own opinion of it is not so high. I grant that it is a mighty work, but I do not regard it as infallible, nor do I feel that people get a sense of the sacred from it. Rather, it seems to show people that they are less significant than they perhaps felt they were. Moreover, it contradicts some other esoteric books that claim to have the truth about Jesus's lost years. I certainly would not rank it as high as the Findhorn communications which, although much simpler in their cosmology, at least give people inspiration and a sense of God's presence, rather than his immense distance from the human scene.

That's all I can say for now about the Urantia Book. I don't know of anyone else except Sherman who can speak authoritatively on the book.

Cordially,



COMMANDER ASHTAR
Nov. 10, 1983

BY Rodehaver

Greetings in the Light of our Creator. I am Ashtar and I greet you on your evening of Nov. 10, 1983.

In my communication this evening I will discuss a few questions that have been put to our channel and perhaps in subsequent communications we can answer a few more.

The first question that I will "make a stab at" is the question: why is there contradiction in the material received by channels; why do they all not get the same answer on the same subject by those who communicate through channels? Of course I cannot speak for all channels and all communicators and all communications, any more than you could speak for others on your planet, so I would not attempt to do more than conjecture.

I would say that all those who speak through channels are not Ascended Master, or Angels, or Archangels, or Lords or highly evolved members of the hierarchy. My conjecture is that a large number of channels are receiving messages from astral entities. Now, there are many levels of spiritual development limited to the astral plane, from the lower astral up unto the highest astral plane level - just below the mental plane. There are many who have a great deal of intelligence and who are serving the Creator in the best way they know how. But there are also many on the astral plane who are not knowledgable as they would wish you to believe that they are. Probably the preponderance of messages being received through channels is coming from the souls on the astral plane.

Some of the information, of course, is valid, but a great deal of it is not valid. There are those on the astral plane, for instance, who do not seem to care to investigate to the extent that it is necessary for them to believe in the doctrine of reincarnation. It may be hard for you to understand that people on the astral do not know about or accept reincarnation, but it is true, and some day they will find out that it is.

The fact that there are so many communicators on the astral, makes it difficult for those of a higher caliber of spiritual development, for the earthlings cannot tell the difference because the astrals use names of the Ascended Masters and Teachers, or if they do not use well-known names, they describe themselves, usually, as being a member of the Great White Brotherhood or a loftier being than he really is. This is my explanation as to why there are conflictions and contradictions in the material being received by channels.

As to whether there is more than one universe: it is our understanding that although we are confined to one universe, there are many, many more, and our assumption is that other universes are similar to our own in operation, in construction and in content. Space is limitless, and there is no waste in our Father's House. I suppose that solar systems, galaxies and universes could be compared to the body of a Great Being, and the way a solar system operates with the planets circling the sun could very well be compared to an atom with its neutrons, protons and electrons circling

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the nucleus.

It is well-known by all those studying metaphysics that all is One and all time is Now. So if all is One, and all parts that we see as separate are not separate, then it is futile to pull that "One" apart and expect answers to questions that concern the cosmos and which would be very hard for earthlings to understand if the explanations were forthcoming. My point being that: why wonder about obtruse subjects when the time could better be spent in understanding the Law of One. There is also a well-known saying, "As below so above, as above so below," which could be taken into consideration in pondering cosmic verities. It is indeed an accurate statement.

As to the question concerning the Urantia Book: I am familiar with this book in a general way and I understand that it was channelled. I also am of the opinion that it is a valuable book for the student to study, but why it does not believe that there is an astral plane, that there is such a thing as reincarnation and that there is such a thing as karma, is beyond the scope of my ability to answer. I would consider this quite a serious flaw in the book because indeed these things are reality and one book cannot make them otherwise.

Perhaps I should explain to our regular readers of these communications that I am answering questions that have been sent to the channel from one of our brothers residing in Seville, Spain. It was not one of our regular readers who provided these questions, for as you know, most of them have been answered at one time or another in these communications that are being received by our channel from various communicators.

It is very understandable to us that these questions concerning the other planes and the cosmos are prevalent in the minds of the peoples of Earth. They do see much confliction between what their scientists tell them and what we communicators tell. But, although we try to give you as much information as possible, we know we can never really succeed in answering all your questions because the other planes of reality are so very difficult to explain in the languages of earthlings. They have to be experienced. And, as you have been told so many times, all planes of reality are levels of consciousness. It is the consciousness of the MAN BEING that makes each level what it is, from the physical plane on which you live, up to the highest planes, and there are some beyond our knowing.

When it comes down to describing the universe in one word, then that one word is CONSCIOUSNESS.

I will leave you now in the Light of our Creator. I am Ashtar. Adonai.

rainbow spectrum. The Silver Ray made the colors and birthed many high beings and subrays, to continue the process of creation as the many universes were made and extended.

This story of the Rays is not known to you of Earth at all, but we present it now at the request of the many who are awakening and wondering who they are and why they are here. Even the birds and animals feel your Great Rays' presence and drink deeply of the unfolding consciousness they stimulate. You have had the Gold Ray, or Christ Light, about 7 million years, but it is now greatly amplified. The one called Silver Ray, twin to the Gold, is a magnificent benefactor! The Silver Ray is the maker of moonlight, originator of the rainbow, and healer of your subconscious mind and soul.

Finally, you are being told these secret truths so you will take action for peace. The Earth is at a critical junction because of your misuse of atomic, nuclear, and hydrogen materials. This dangerous situation needs your attention, your commitment, and your efforts. We would not speak this way if it were not important. Hydrogen is an elemental building block of the energy design in your Universe. Detonating it can destroy the fabric of space, as well as cause the Earth's interior demolition. Since hydrogen is part of the fabric of space, once detonated it would be similar to your cancerous growths. It would not stop expanding, but would continue to destroy, destroy, destroy. Its spread would be limitless because all of what you call space contains hydrogen. Since water is two parts hydrogen to one part oxygen, you could destroy this, also. It could affect everything eventually. I can assure you that the great Silver Ray would not be attending this tiny place in the outskirts of your small galaxy if it were not *imperative*. I repeat the word imperative for emphasis. You are caretakers of all forms of life on Earth, caretakers of the planet itself. And you must help bring peace to C-ton now.

Since the release of New Teachings for an Awakening Humanity and other recently channeled messages, the higher realms have pondered whether humanity is ready to know the truth of its actual origins, including an explanation of what God is and is not. We do not desire to create chasms among the various religions, philosophies, institutions and belief systems so strongly entrenched in the recent history of the planet, but rather to *unite* them into a body of souls concerned about peace. Yet there is a risk involved here which we choose to take.

We have released much metaphysical information during the last hundred years in England and America, where Theosophy, the various "mystery" schools, the Alice Bailey materials, the Edgar Cayce books, the healing churches, the Urantia Book, A Course in Miracles, and many other inspirational books and music have done much to spur the awareness of human consciousness in your western cultures. Even teachers from the eastern lands have come to share their knowledge. Yet due to the threat of hydrogen and nuclear extinction, these groups *must come together* in spite of apparent separativeness. It is time to link and to create larger and larger light units. It is for this reason you are all here together. Yes, you had past relationships that may bring attachment to one soul personage or body of knowledge, but we are superseding all of it now with the Great Rays' intervention. These powers are fueling the many spiritual teachers and their teachings, but more urgently, they birth your souls into a greater reality or spiritual evolution than you can imagine. Honor the past but do not be limited by it. Come into the *present!* Only it holds your key to Earth's reclamation.

The messages of the Lords of Light, the Archangels, the subangelic realms, the spiritual masters, the ascended ones, and those who have learned peace are being amplified by these

In fairness, therefore, I am obliged to say that I rate A COURSE IN MIRACLES as one of the most powerful "paranormal" documents of all time, and I would urge everyone at least to dip into it, even if they do not manage to read it completely. I feel positive that such a work cannot have come from anywhere but the highest SOURCES likely to be open to such a rather lowly creature as poor old *Homo Sap.* EDITOR

VINCE MIGLIORE'S ARTICLE

Why are people fascinated with flying saucers? Isn't it because of the impact that contact would have on our lives? The UFO occupants can be assumed to carry vast scientific and social knowledge, a galactic treasure of information that would be useful to mankind.

We can get a few precious insights into this information from interviews with people who have been abducted, but this is usually meagre and often contradictory. Then there are those sources that claim telepathic communication, or channelled messages. Unfortunately these are, more often than not, the work of charlatans and frauds.

The UFO movement seems to have split into two schools accordingly, the "hardware" group, and the "space brothers" group. The former tends to focus on such aspects as physical evidence, electromagnetic effects, and reliable witnesses. This is a relatively safe approach, but it's slow moving, and we haven't learned much over the last 40 years. On the other hand, the space brothers school, as I've warned, is prone to fakes and frauds.

So how do we make progress in understanding UFOs?

What I've attempted to do is examine a large number of so-called channelled works and see if there is any merit to them. Then I've tried to separate the wheat from the chaff. The approach I've used is admittedly subjective.

Here's what goes into the trash pile:

1. Any self-proclaimed guru that asks to be worshipped, followed, or paid large sums for his/her advice, and anyone who badmouths other gurus.
2. Any system of discipline that takes years of work, sacrifice or study in order to be "saved" or enlightened; anything with lots of special terminology; anything that reads like a grade D- paper from a psychology student.
3. Any theory or revelation that generates fear, hatred or anger.

Here's what I accept or read a second time:

1. Works that agree well with common sense, historical UFO cases or scientific findings of the hardware school of study (mentioned above).
2. Material that seems to be inspired, or that resonates with something inside me, that seems innately true and valuable.
3. Material that envisions a positive outcome, that

tends to heal, comfort, and bless.

From this, I've selected a few of what I feel are the best channelled books I can find. Each of these is examined in a sort of mini-review below. You're not asked to believe, but to judge for yourself.

I. The Urantia Book

The Urantia Book (1) consists of over 2000 pages of detailed descriptions of entities, personalities, angels and companions that make up our world and the worlds of space. It is divided into four parts.

Part I, "*The Central and Superuniverses*", describes the Universe, the Sons, Messengers, Angels and spirits that inhabit the Universe and relates over several chapters the definitions of God, His Son and the Spirits. It details the organisation of these various entities and the function they play in the hierarchical government of the Universe.

Part II, "*The Local Universe*", depicts our local Galaxy and our solar system, relating how Earth (Urantia) fits into the overall scheme. Part III, "*The History of Urantia*" chronicles in minute detail the geological history of the Earth, the development of plant and animal life, and the evolution of man. The development of early man and civilizations is constantly viewed in the light of our spiritual evolution.

Part IV, "*The Life and Teachings of Jesus*", devotes over 700 pages to the life of Christ, his spiritual development, and the relationship between his mission on Earth, the enlightenment of mankind and our role in the Universe.

I must admit a confused opinion on this book. Some chapters seem cluttered, like government gobbledegook on a cosmic scale. On the other hand, this work was channelled in the 1930s, and first published in 1955, yet it contains many detailed scientific descriptions of early man, genetic characteristics, land bridges and ice ages (to name a few) that were not discovered until the 1970s. Further, some of the passages on the life of Jesus are, in my opinion, definitely inspired, in the truest sense of the word.

UFO buffs might find plenty of specific material of interest. There are several descriptions, for example, of the taking of plasma samples for use by extraterrestrials. To quote:

"Fifty males and fifty females of the Andon and Fonta posterity, representing the survival of the best strains of that unique race, were chosen by the Life Carriers...Here the one hundred human subjects were given into the hands of the highly skilled volunteer commission from Avalon, who directed the material extraction of a portion of the life plasm of these Andon descendents. This living material was then transferred to the material bodies constructed for the use of the one hundred Jerusemite members of the Prince's staff." Page 742.

This calls to mind the many abductees who

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Don Elkins and Carla Rueckert: "THE LAW OF ONE" . Volume I.
(L/L Research, Louisville, Kentucky, USA, 1981, 164 pages).

entities. Does this mean that it is this number that will understand and accept the Law of One?

RA: I am Ra. We cannot estimate the correctness of your statement for those who call are not in every case able to understand the answer to their calling. Moreover, those who were not calling previously may, with great trauma, discover the answers to the call nearly simultaneously with their late call. There is no time/space in call. Therefore we cannot estimate the number of your mind/body/spirit complexes which will, in your space/time continuum/distortion, hear and understand.

QUESTIONER: How do you normally perform your service of giving the Law of One? How have you done this over the last 2,300 years? How have you normally given this to earth people?

RA: I am Ra. We have used channels such as this one, but in most cases the channels feel inspired by dreams and visions without being aware, consciously, of our identity or existence. This particular group has been accentuatedly trained to recognize such contact. This makes this group able to be aware of a focal or vibrational source of information. *

QUESTIONER: When you contact the entities in their dreams and otherwise, these entities first have to be seeking in the direction of the Law of One. Is this correct?

RA: I am Ra. This is correct. For example, the entities of the nation Egypt were in a state of pantheism, as you may call the distortion towards separate worship of various portions of the Creator. We were able to contact one whose orientation was towards the One.

QUESTIONER: I assume that as the cycle ends, and inconveniences occur, there will be some entities who start seeking or be catalyzed into seeking because of the trauma, and will then hear your words telepathically or in written form such as this book. Is this correct?

RA: I am Ra. You are correct except in understanding that the inconveniences have begun.

QUESTIONER: Can you tell me who was responsible for transmitting the book Qahspe?

RA: I am Ra. This was transmitted by one of Confederation social-memory complex status whose idea as offered to the Council was to

use some of the known physical history of the so-called religions or religious distortions of your cycle, in order to veil and partially unveil aspects or primal distortions of the Law of One. All names can be taken to be created for their vibrational characteristics. The information buried within has to do with a deeper understanding of love and light, and the attempts of infinite intelligence through many messengers to teach/learn those entities of your sphere.

QUESTIONER: Have there been any other books that you can name that are available for this purpose that have been given by the Confederation?

RA: I am Ra. We cannot share this information for it would distort your discernment patterns in your future. You may ask about a particular volume.

QUESTIONER: Who transmitted the Urantia Book?

RA: I am Ra. This was given by a series of discarnate entities of your own earth planes, the so-called inner planes. This material is not passed by the Council.

QUESTIONER: Who spoke through Edgar Cayce?

RA: I am Ra. No entity spoke through Edgar Cayce.

QUESTIONER: Where did the information come from that Edgar Cayce channeled?

RA: I am Ra. We have explained before that the intelligent infinity is brought into intelligent energy from eighth density or octave. The one sound vibratory complex called Edgar used this gateway to view the present which is not the continuum you experience but the potential social-memory complex of this planetary sphere. The term your peoples have used for this is the Akashic Record or the Hall of Records. This is the last question which you may now ask.

QUESTIONER: Is there anything that we can do to make the instrument more comfortable or to help during the transmission?

RA: I am Ra. We only reiterate the importance of alignment. This instrument is placed .2° away from the direction of the resting place which is correct. This may be "eyed", shall we say, by sight and the instrument reminded. You are being conscientious. Is there any brief question we may answer before this session is closed?

QUESTIONER: Can you tell me if we are accomplishing our effort

Querida Sara:

De manera que a siete años del milenio has culminado al fin la tarea, tan ciclópea como desinteresada, de trasvasar a la ruda lengua de Cervantes el ejemplo, las actitudes y las palabras que no pasarán del más eficiente carpintero de almas que en este mundo ha sido. Él, sus jefes y tus lectores te lo paguen. Hacía falta servir tales textos al infinitesimal grupúsculo local de apasionados por el arte de la carpintería, dedicación lógica por cuanto a estas alturas sabemos que el mundo lo han construido de madera. Hay que ver el impacto del manual azul en las vidas de los que nos deleitamos con las vetas, resinas y cepillos. Calculo que desde que lo descubrimos nos dio el gran vuelco el esquema de las cosas. Y es que no es para menos. Menuda película de la realidad, que no ha merecido por cierto oscar alguno, ni se comenta para nada en los mentideros al uso, el más desusado rompecabezas explicativo de lo que hay, que paradójicamente ha pasado desapercibido por esta sociedad que prefiere avanzar a lomo de caracol, que ya tendremos ocasión y tiempo de evolucionar, por ahora nos basta con comer y consumir, sexo y poco seso, tele y fútbol. A lo que tenemos derecho ya que la primera regla del tráfico es la libertad de velocidad de circulación, que ya recaerán las multas autoimpuestas. Lo que se comprende mejor teniendo en cuenta que la evolución exige otro necesario semiciclo de involución, el de aprender precisamente equivocándose. Aunque de manera irreflexiva se suele pensar que viajar en Ferrari es mejor que arrastrarse en el pelotón de los Seiscientos. Nosotros preferiremos por el momento desplazarnos en el Jaguar de 12 cilindros y 5 litros que representa el volumen celeste en el que tú has incursionado con la furia cerebral que te caracteriza. El que osa explicar, a veces no tan en cristiano, qué es lo que hay, como se ha hecho y para qué, y qué pintamos nosotros en tal tinglado a todas luces surrealista, diseñado por un atajo de dementes según las apariencias superficiales, mas ¡chapeau! cuando ahondas, atas cabos e hilas tan fino como ellos y sospechas que han fabricado el más perfecto de los productos posibles, lo que es de agradecer. Porque nos vienen ofertando todo el tiempo la totalidad de bienes y servicios disponibles existentes, que bien podríamos allegarnos con la única cuota del esfuerzo, materia prima en reserva en todas las alforjas. El caso es, y a lo que íbamos, que nuestro refulgente tomo azuloso es la quinta marcha que nos aproxima asintóticamente a la Meta, así es que Dios y sus anónimos redactores nos lo conserven, este otro magno Quijote cosmosférico que Robinsón se hubiera llevado a su isla de haberlo sabido y querido, este hipercomplejo tratado de física, metafísica y sabiofísica que nos ha caído en paracaídas entre las manos y gracias a quien corresponda, y cuya segunda y más bien grandiosa mitad tú de motu propio has decidido dárnosla entendible, con el fin de ilustrarnos y al mismo tiempo barrer las falsas coartadas de los que gustan de no acometerlo porque "sólo sé mi idioma, y no muy bien". Ahora ya todo aquel que arrostre el que se le derrumbe su templo ideológico encima, y tenga que edificarse otro de repuesto cascote a cascote, tiene a su alcance el atisbar en este mamotreto cambialotodo y enderezavidas, el que a buen seguro le desmontará pieza a pieza la ortodoxia en la que antaño se sustentaba, para abandonarlo a solas en su propia noche oscura del alma, hasta que como decimos se recicle en albañil, más tarde ^{DE REPUESTO.} arquitecto y así aprenda las artes de edificar su flamante rasca-cielos. Precio que hay que pagar, lo siento, porque en el redil en el que nos mantenemos pastando nadie regala nada gratis, una norma por demás justa si caemos en la cuenta. Así es que, querida Sara, esta gran hembrada tuya me apuesto a que te hará ascender de un salto un par de escalones en la de Jacob, Juan por cierto que en la misma pértiga muy abarcadito por la cuenta que le tiene y el mucho gusto que le da, que el gusto es mio. Y nada más, mucho polvo y paja por lo que antecede para decirte a fin de cuentas que ambos no falten, y que tus muchas horas de dedicación transponiendo de un idioma a otro la verdad azul que nos hará libres ha sido una proeza que merecería una reunión monográfica del Consejo de Ministros si viviéramos en un país decente, y que Don Pedro y la Castilla diminutiva sabemos muy bien la hazaña que ya portas en tus alforjas, la apreciamos desde la sima del alma, y nos pone eléctricos que te hayas entregado a esta enormidad sin pedirnos nada a cambio. Será que Sara es así

One can achieve ascended master status only after many, many tests, serving as many students as he can handle, trying to reach out in as many directions as possible without eliminating any energy. Ascended master status may be conferred on a master who is already on the fourth dimension. Many such masters have been given this confirmation to ascended master status and are called ascended masters although they have not ascended sangre en corporal. As far as the planes or the different levels in which beings of the Hierarchy can work, that depends upon them, how far they want to go. It is equal to the saying, "How high is up?" They may go as far as they like, to as many levels as they can reach. Some prefer to stop for a while, to level themselves out, to become balanced, to prepare themselves for the further climb, much as those who physically climb mountains and for a while rest on a flat level area known as a plateau. They do this to equalize the pressure between outside of their body and inside. Because they can only absorb so much in their energies and with this they have to seek to go further, they have to want to go further.

When they want to go further, then the way is opened for the next step. We do not like to distinguish different levels after the fourth dimension for the Hierarchy to be existent upon. Essentially the multidimensional theory is correct. But these gentlemen only went so far and stopped. They were not permitted to gain access to the two other dimensions in the 81 sub-dimensions within the 9th dimension, for reaching what he terms as the Godhead or the so-called ruling angels. The levels that masters are on, each are different and it would take many, many discourses of this type to enumerate which levels which masters are on and by the time we finished most of that would no longer be true. So we do not refer to levels. However one seeks to identify with the teachers, the masters and the ascended masters, the angels, the archangels, and all the other members of the Hierarchy, then we believe that that is as it should be. Do you have any specific questions in regard to the detail of this?

QUESTION: When you speak of the 4th dimension, what are you covering?

LORRAINE: When we speak of the 4th dimension, we are speaking all-inclusive of fourth and higher dimensions. Everything past the third dimension.

QUESTION: Is this because all dimensions interpenetrate?

LORRAINE: Yes. They are like different bands of light in the spectrum. You cannot really tell where green ends and blue begins or where indigo ends and violet begins. They just seem to blend and overlap one into the other.

QUESTION: When you mentioned that you go from a master and from there go to being an ascended master, you said some reach this on the 4th dimension. Do they go on to what we might call a 5th dimension, 6th dimension, and this would be the same as speaking of these levels or planes? (Yes.)

You gave a very excellent answer on the Oahspe Bible. Could you now give us some information on the Urantia book? As to what was the source the writers obtained their information from.

LORRAINE: This book was also given through automatic writing but those involved had not gone on to progression. They were and are very intelligent persons, many of them were doctors, lawyers, very, very learned people. But much of this was colored by their own personal thinking. They gained no access because of their vibrations being what they are, they cannot gain access to as completely accurate information as if they had gone on to progression and then came through. However, much good has come from the pages and many people have gained enlightenment in some form as a result of this. I hope this is clear.

Yes. (To be continued in October issue.)

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programming its own energy fields. Also, energy itself has two functions -- that of intelligence and that of accomplishment. The human brain is like a gigantic digital computer capable of being programmed in various areas of its potentialities to get certain responses through the mind energy playing upon the human portions of this mechanism of the brain.

What is happening today is that more of the human brain is being used in this day and time than it was 100 years ago. Therefore the electrical magnetic spiritual energy forces are becoming built up and those who are manifesting on earth today and beginning to use these greater powers will be capable of even more as they go on into other life experiences. The portions of the brain which have not been used are beginning to be energized now and there will be more and more accomplishment of the intellectual type as time goes on.

I am the beginning and the ending of all the electrical circuits which go to make up the great body of the planet earth as well as all those who exist upon its surface and all those who exist in the other dimensions of existence about this planet within its force field. I am also the beginning and the ending of all those little circuits called atoms, those expressions of energy upon this plane of existence and likewise all of the atoms of everything. And so as an expression, I am the beginning and the ending. This is true throughout the solar systems, all 49 of them. And so you see in my personality as the beginning and the ending I am truly an expression of the Life Force itself, an expression of the personality of the Creator, the Source of all Power. Are there any questions?

DR. MANDEL: I was under the impression the beginning and the ending had something to do with the universe and meant there was never any beginning or any ending. Can you comment on that?

ALPHA-OMEGA: I am the beginning and the ending of every manifestation of power or energy throughout all these solar systems. These systems are self-sustaining. As long as there is the need they will exist. As time goes on on this plane all appearances are governed by time. When there is no longer a need for anything, and the machinery becomes obsolete, and the energy sources become weak, then, all, except the indwelling energy itself, returns to universal substance. You might also say that the indwelling spirit or the indwelling energy circuit returns to universal substance inasmuch as it goes into that area that is prepared for it and may either remain and work in those realms, or it may be re-programmed and return to earth to manifest again to gain more experience. As long as there is a need and a use, on this or any other plane, for anything whatsoever of any type of manifestation, it will exist. There is great use and accomplishment in the solar systems. They are not static. They are of energy and therefore they are in motion. Even as the tiny manifestation of energy circuit called an atom is in motion, so are all the manifestations throughout the solar systems.

The planets revolve around the sun. This solar system revolves around the Great Central Sun. All these solar systems and the Great Central Sun around which they revolve also revolve around the great, great Central Sun. And so we could go on into infinity and you can see how large it is. All this circular motion is the same pattern as the atom, that around the nucleus revolve the planets in orbit. These are the electrons and the protons revolving around the nucleus. It is a gigantic expression of an electrical circuit such as the tiny electrical circuit called an atom.

It is the pattern of this energy that in every part of it there are the three properties of sensing, deciding, and accomplishing. This is true in every expression of energy from the highest down to the lowest. Any other question?

DR. MANDEL: No, you answered my question very beautifully.

ALPHA-OMEGA: So I will say this to you. That this energy that you are using to repair the damaged electrical systems of various organs which have been programmed wrongly and to remove the debris which you call pain and effluvia, you are using the energy that is capable of being generated in and by a spiritual entity whether expressing as you yourself in your own body or expressing through the hands of another. It is the divine energy. It is an expression of that which descends plane by plane from the Source of Power, and it is a use of the energy to sense, to decide, and to accomplish just as it is on every other plane of existence.

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The Coming Scientific Validation of The Urantia Book

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(The following presentation was delivered at the Fellowship International Conference at Villanova in August, 2005.)

Editor's note: Phil Calabrese has taught college level statistics over forty times, and in this paper he has used that knowledge to formulate a statistical test of what is called a "null hypothesis," in this case, the hypothesis that The Urantia Book was written by humans. Considering the population of scientific community "changes-of-mind" or "facts humanly unknown at the time" about which The Urantia Book was on record in 1955, the null hypothesis must be rejected on grounds of probabilistic implausibility at extremely small significance levels, and consequently the "alternate hypothesis," that The Urantia Book was not written by humans, must be accepted as almost a certainty.

INTRODUCTION

Although *The Urantia Book* was first published in 1955, already by 1942 it was "fixed" and by 1946 the final versions of the first edition plates were in the vault of printer RR Donnelley & Sons of Chicago, ready to produce 10,000 copies.¹ Without fanfare the book was published and copies sent to prominent people of the time. The reaction was a resounding sound of one hand clapping. And so it has been pretty much ever since, except for a few people here and there from all over the world who have found a real value, a great value, even an immense value in the pages of what we recognize to be the "Fifth Epochal Revelation" of scientific facts and spiritual truth to our world, Urantia.

Was *The Urantia Book* written by human beings? Imagine some people cooperating in the endeavor of quietly putting the Urantia Papers together.

They had to use a typewriter since there were no computers at that time. Their research team was charged to find the best human writers in astronomy, geology, paleontology, chemistry, physics, biology, botany, and other any other field you can think of, and then selectively use their ideas and sometimes even their phrasing but to avoid all of their blunders.

EVIDENCE OF SUPERHUMAN AUTHORSHIP

How could anyone ever scientifically conclude that a book has superhuman authorship? Yes, there us a way. Many contemporary scientists have imagined that the first extra-terrestrial communication would come from some similar civilization in the universe. They imagined establishing communication, for example, using the ratio of the length of the circumference of any circle to its radius—the non-repeating, non-algebraic (transcendental) number π .

But another possibility has been overlooked, that we would be contacted by superhuman life, be reintroduced to communication with the universe after a long severing of communication due to a rebellion in this part of the local universe, yes, the Lucifer Rebellion. That possibility seems to have completely eluded most human scientists. *The Urantia Book* is primary evidence that we have indeed been recently visited by superhumans, who must be responsible for the existence of *The Urantia Book* on the planet.

POTENTIALLY DISCREDITING PITFALL AVOIDED

A good example of *The Urantia Book's* uncanny ability to avoid pitfalls is the Piltdown man double fossil hoax. As told by Wayne Jackson²: "In December of 1912, Charles Dawson, an amateur archaeologist, and Sir Arthur Smith Woodward of the British Museum of Natural History, announced that they had discovered a man-like skull in a pit near Piltdown, England. Along with the skull was a jawbone that appeared to be very ape-like except for the teeth, which were more flattened, as would be expected in humans."

When a second fossil, Piltdown II, later appeared in 1917, almost all scientists in the field were fooled, including earlier skeptics Henry F. Osborn and William Gregory. According to master source-book sleuth and superhuman authorship skeptic Matthew Block³, it was Osborn who was the main source for *The Urantia Book's* material on prehistoric man.

According to the University of California Museum of Paleontology "With few exceptions nobody suggested that the finds were a hoax until the very end."⁴ That didn't come until 1953 at an international conference. Even as late as 1947, the fossils were still generally believed to be real. Over

the years, hundreds of scholarly articles were written about "Piltdown Man."

"Eventually, it was discovered that the teeth had been ground down artificially to appear human and that it had been a sloppy job at that. Abrasion marks were still evident, the surfaces were flattened at different angles, etc. Moreover, as a result of chemical tests, it was determined that the jawbone had been stained chemically with potassium bichromate and iron salts for the purpose of making it appear ancient."⁵

Consider now that had the authors of *The Urantia Book* swallowed this fraudulent "Piltdown Man"—"Eanthropus dawsoni"—that one blunder would have completely discredited *The Urantia Book* as divine revelation. It would have been the proverbial "smoking gun" of evidence to conclude that *The Urantia Book* was itself a fraud, humanly written.

But instead, while acknowledging and describing Neanderthal, Cro-Magnon, Java and Heidelberg Man, and even while affirming evolutionary theory's main lines of thought, *The Urantia Book* nevertheless flatly states that no such "missing link" fossil will be found because none exists. The reference follows:

Although the evolution of vegetable life can be traced into animal life, and though there have been found graduated series of plants and animals which progressively lead up from the most simple to the most complex and advanced organisms, you will not be able to find such connecting links between the great divisions of the animal kingdom nor between the highest of the pre-human animal types and the dawn men of the human races. These so-called "missing links" will forever remain missing, for the simple reason that they never existed. [58:6.2] (P. 669)

Between 1917 and 1953 only a very few scientists (<2%) still questioned the Piltdown "missing link" fossils and the most prominent of them swallowed the double hoax. But while affirming most other elements of evolution, *The Urantia Book* authors chose to positively deny the existence of the "missing link," a very minority position at the time rather than the majority opinion of their main source, Henry F. Osborn.

The Urantia Book might have conveniently ignored "missing link man," as many did, but virtually none who accepted evolution at the time flatly expressed what is in *The Urantia Book* already in 1946 and earlier, that there is no such missing link and that none will ever be found. The probability of randomly taking this position before 1946 is less than 1/50 to be generous about it.

UNPOPULAR POSITIONS AND SCIENTIFIC PREDICTIONS CONFIRMED

Many unpopular scientific positions including predictions that might have discredited *The Urantia Book* have already been corroborated by subsequent scientific progress.

a) **Pangaea and Continental Drift.** Pangaea ("all lands") was Alfred Wegener's 1920s theory of a single continent that broke apart and whose pieces "drifted" apart to form the present continental arrangement. At the time the orthodox theory to explain similar rock deposits and species of life on opposite shores of continents was somehow with hypothetical land bridges that once connected far away continents.

As pointed out by T. Bishop⁶ "Reaction to Wegener's theory was almost uniformly hostile, and often exceptionally harsh and scathing."

The University of California Museum of Paleontology writes: "Alfred Wegener (1880–1930). In 1929, about the time Wegener's ideas began to be dismissed, Arthur Holmes elaborated on one of Wegener's many hypotheses; the idea that the mantle undergoes thermal convection." "Not until the 1960s did Holmes' idea receive any attention."⁷

But already by 1946 and earlier, and by 1955 at the latest, *The Urantia Book* was on record saying: 750,000,000 years ago the first breaks in the continental land mass began as the great north-and-south cracking, which later admitted the ocean waters and prepared the way for the westward drift of the continents of North and South America, including Greenland. The long east-and-west cleavage separated Africa from Europe and severed the land masses of Australia, the Pacific Islands, and Antarctica from the Asiatic continent. [57:8.23] (P. 663)

Only a few geologists (<5%) defended Wegener's theory of continental drift until the 1960s. It was largely rejected by 1929 due to Wegener's offering too many implausible mechanisms to explain the "drift." By the time he and Holmes suggested something like continents floating on liquid rock, they were ignored. Only later in the late 1950s and 1960s was "continental drift" vindicated.

b) **Plate Tectonics.** Continents float on liquid rock; this allowed "continental drift"; collisions cause mountains; shifting now causes earthquakes—all these are now accepted facts but were just unpopular conjectures when *The Urantia Book* said: *The outer crust was about forty miles thick. This outer shell was supported by, and rested directly upon, a molten sea of basalt of varying thickness, a mobile layer of molten lava held under high pressure but always tending to flow hither and yon in equalization of shifting planetary pressures, thereby tending to stabilize the earth's crust.*

Even today the continents continue to float upon this

noncrystallized cushiony sea of molten basalt. Were it not for this protective condition, the more severe earthquakes would literally shake the world to pieces. Earthquakes are caused by sliding and shifting of the solid outer crust and not by volcanoes. [58:5.3] (P. 668) Notice that this "shifting" suggests that the "solid outer crust" can rub up against itself, and shift, something we now know occurs on a moving fault line.

We recently learned something at most hinted at in *The Urantia Book*—a mid-Atlantic ridge from which over time the ocean floor slowly moves up and spreads out in both directions. This movement or flow appears to have been the specific cause of the westward drift of the American continents.

The land was periodically going up and down due to the shifting sea level occasioned by activities on the ocean bottoms. [59:5.14] (P. 681)

c) **Mountain Formation.** Concerning the western American mountain ranges, *The Urantia Book* says: *Near the close of the preceding geologic period much of the continental land was up above water, although as yet there were no mountain peaks. But as the continental land drift continued, it met with the first great obstruction on the deep floor of the Pacific. This contention of geologic forces gave impetus to the formation of the whole vast north and south mountain range extending from Alaska down through Mexico to Cape Horn. [60:3.2] (P. 689)*

Wegener had offered such a scenario to explain the western range of mountains in North and South America. This has now been substantiated and greatly elaborated with knowledge that *The Urantia Book* did not reveal at the time. One might say that the account could now benefit from revision in view of new scientific information learned since 1955.

Had *The Urantia Book* authors chosen a basically erroneous account, then that would have discredited it. The probability of randomly choosing Wegener's position and randomly choosing the proper mechanism of continental drift is much less than 1/20. Lack of a detailed description here is not a disqualifier of super-human authorship.

So randomly choosing correctly in both "Pitdown" and "Wegener" is less than $(1/50)(1/20) = 1/1000$. Factor in another 1/2 for mountain formation, and the probability is 1/2000. You see where this is leading. A sequence of likely pitfalls and unpopular positions and other positions can hardly ALL turn out well without superhuman authorship. Therefore *The Urantia Book* had superhuman authors. More support for this estimate follows.

d) **Injury Repair Cell Proliferation.** Many features of human life afford abundant evidence that the phenomenon of mortal existence was intelligently planned, that organic evolution

is not a mere cosmic accident. When a living cell is injured, it possesses the ability to elaborate certain chemical substances which are empowered so to stimulate and activate the neighboring normal cells that they immediately begin the secretion of certain substances which facilitate healing processes in the wound; and at the same time these normal and uninjured cells begin to proliferate—they actually start to work creating new cells to replace any fellow cells which may have been destroyed by the accident. [65:4.3] (P. 735)

In affirming that "creative design" did have a part in evolution, *The Urantia Book* offers as an example how an injury causes cells to secrete chemicals that cause nearby healthy cells to start proliferating to repair the injury. This mechanism is just now being described, but our scientists only suspect that the blood carries such repair chemicals. For instance in discussing repair of liver cells in 2001, Dr. Emilio Orfei, Department of Pathology, Loyola University of Chicago writes: "Reaction to Injury: Repair. The hepatocyte has a florid regenerative potential. In experimental partial resection in the rat, the remaining liver tissue starts to regenerate within a few hours. In 14–15 hours DNA replication is seen. In 20–21 hours mitoses appear. In 32 hours mitoses are at the pick. In two weeks the remaining liver tissue has reached the weight that it had before resection. Cell division takes place in the periportal zone. In pathological conditions, dead liver cells are replaced by proliferation of surviving liver cells. Hepatocytes, Kupffer cells, endothelium, bile ducts, vessels, all proliferate.

"The factor(s) stimulating proliferation of remaining hepatocytes are not known. T[h]ey may be humoral. Indeed: 1) blood from a partially hepatectomized animal induces a proliferative response in the liver of a non-operated animal."⁸

The Urantia Book also mentions that these chemicals could be used to improve treatment for injuries and to control certain dangerous diseases, such as cancer. Only a few intrepid medical researchers are just now exploring such approaches to cancer treatment.

Do you think maybe that the medical profession could find "immense value" in the cosmic instructions and scientific assertions of *The Urantia Book*? What is the probability of some medical paper correctly describing this back in 1955? Virtually zero has to be the answer because the inflammation reaction and injury repair mechanism was totally unknown back at that time.⁹ If we assign another 1/50 to the probability of there being some human description before 1955 chosen by the authors that was correct, that brings the probability we've been estimating to less than $(1/2000)(1/50) = 1/100000$, one out of a hundred

thousand, and we're just getting started. More evidence will be offered below but first let us consider the "limitations of revelation." Are we expecting too much from *The Urantia Book's* cosmology?

THE LIMITATIONS OF REVELATION

Some readers, and even supposed believers, claim over and over again that most of *The Urantia Book's* science is already outdated—merely transient early twentieth century cosmology. The numerous differences between contemporary science and *The Urantia Book's* cosmology they see as "errors on the face" of *The Urantia Book* evident after "a few short years." Since the cosmology of *The Urantia Book* is "not inspired," since the Revelators were not permitted to reveal "unearned" or pre-mature knowledge, how factual and how valuable are its cosmological discourses?

These questions are being asked over and over again by certain writers who then answer their own questions by quoting a few favorite paragraphs that seem to imply that the Revelators were not permitted to give us accurate far-reaching cosmic instruction. Nothing could be further from the truth. Consider this statement by the relevant Melchizedek, which should always be quoted in this context:

Truth may be but relatively inspired, even though revelation is invariably a spiritual phenomenon. While statements with reference to cosmology are never inspired, such revelations are of immense value in that they at least transiently clarify knowledge by:

1. *The reduction of confusion by the authoritative elimination of error.*
2. *The co-ordination of known or about-to-be-known facts and observations.*
3. *The restoration of important bits of lost knowledge concerning epochal transactions in the distant past.*
4. *The supplying of information which will fill in vital missing gaps in otherwise earned knowledge.*
5. *Presenting cosmic data in such a manner as to illuminate the spiritual teachings contained in the accompanying revelation.* [101:4.5] (P. 1109)

Here the writer attempts to carefully qualify the previously described "limitations of revelation" by allowing that *The Urantia Book* can nevertheless be of "immense value" by temporarily clarifying cosmic knowledge via the accomplishment of the five items above.

But these five immensely valuable items have just begun to occur. Presently, very few scientists take *The Urantia Book* seriously, let alone authoritative, so scientific confusion has not yet been reduced by an authoritative elimination

of errors; co-ordination of about to be known facts is just now happening and will continue; lost knowledge about past epochal events is just now being further demonstrated; missing gaps supplied by *The Urantia Book* are still to be considered by most scientists; and finally, cosmic data has yet to be accepted by many scientists as a basis for the accompanying spiritual revelation. We are still quite early, but the times are upon us when many more of these things will be fulfilled.

Mortal man is passing through a great age of expanding horizons and enlarging concepts on Urantia, and his cosmic philosophy must accelerate in evolution to keep pace with the expansion of the intellectual arena of human thought. [104:3.2] (P. 1146)

At this time our human cosmic philosophy needs some divine revelation to make adequate progress. This is when we need some help with our thinking about these matters, and *The Urantia Book* is the universe's response! It is the long sought communication we've been hoping for, but it is much more than we have been hoping for. Yet, considering the plight of our world of wars and rumors of wars, surely if there is a Universe out there, they will send us a life-saver seeing how we are all in danger each day of drowning in a self-made morass of nuclear destruction and suicide bombing.

ASTRONOMIC PREDICTIONS FULFILLED (OR PARTIALLY)

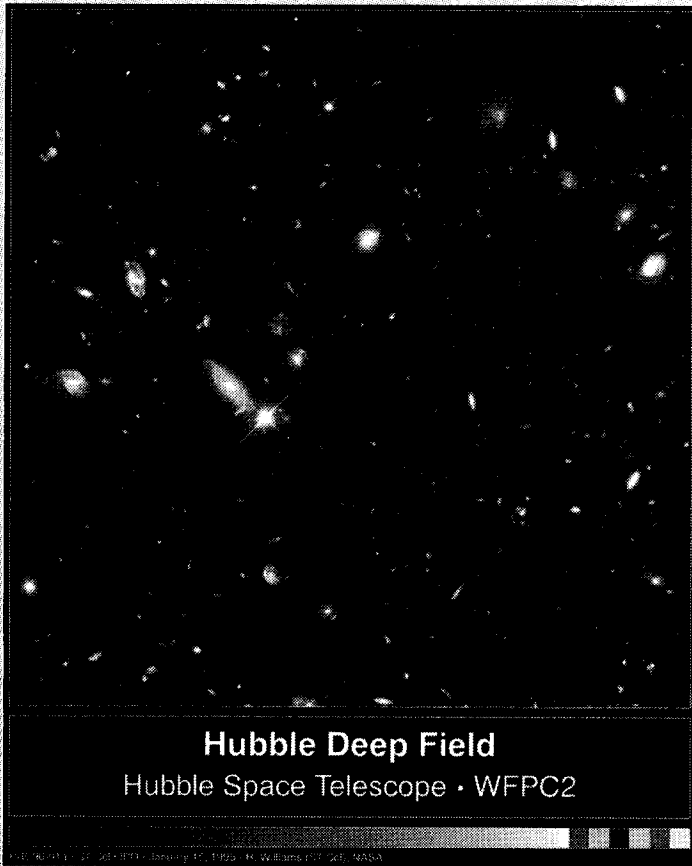
Already much has been fulfilled. Many significant scientific predictions have already been confirmed.

a) "No less than 375 million new galaxies." New cosmic maps of the whole universe are now confirming the bold cosmic predictions made by *The Urantia Book* before 1955:

Speaking about our astronomical observations, *The Urantia Book* says, "...with photographic technique the larger telescopes penetrate far beyond the borders of the grand universe into the domains of outer space, where untold universes are in process of organization. And there are yet other millions of universes beyond the range of your present instruments. In the not-distant future, new telescopes will reveal to the wondering gaze of Urantian astronomers no less than 375 million new galaxies in the remote stretches of outer space." [12:2.2,3] (P. 130)

About 1990, with the publication of early deep space photos, our scientific estimates of the number of galaxies changed from "5 to 10 million" to "at least 50 to 100 million." By 1997, World Book was saying "Studies of distant space with optical and radio telescopes indicate that there may be about 100 billion galaxies in the universe."¹⁰

My, how quickly scientific estimates change without hardly a look back or an admission of error in the enthusiasm of “new results,” which are just as proudly asserted with the same certainty as the previous beliefs. *The Urantia Book* has to live with what it said in 1955, and it beat the galactic science of 1986!



b) “Walls” of Galaxies Separated by “Voids.” Before 1986, almost all contemporary astronomers and cosmologists fully expected to see a random distribution of galaxies in the universe as a whole. That was the prediction of our best non-*Urantia Book* reading cosmologists, consistent with their so-called “big bang cosmology.” With 30 or 40 years of hindsight over *The Urantia Book*, they still were wrong and *The Urantia Book* is right. What does that say about whose cosmology is obsolete? Consider the following report in *Science Frontiers*:

“The discovery of the Great Wall of galaxies and the regular clumping of galactic matter has greatly surprised astronomers, who have been emphasizing how uniformly distributed galactic matter should [be]—according to theory, at least. Now, D.C. Koo, at the University of California at Santa Cruz, says, ‘The regularity is just mind-boggling.’ M. Davis, an astrophysicist at Berkeley, admits that if the distribution of galaxies is truly so regular, it is safe to say

we understand less than zero about the early universe.” (Wilford, John Noble; “Unexpected Order in Universe Confuses Scientists,” *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, May 28, 1990. Cr. E.D.Fegert)¹¹

And from the University of Tennessee we read: “The first maps, published in 1986, were a great surprise to the astrophysicists. They had expected to find relative uniformity above the scale of the already-familiar galaxy clusters. Instead, the first surveys showed—and subsequent surveys have confirmed—that great clusters of galaxies are arranged in thin sheets or long filaments. The longest sheet detected, called the ‘Great Wall,’ extends hundreds of millions of light years across the maps.”¹² These maps were first published by Margaret Geller and John Huchra.¹³

On the other hand, the 1955 *Urantia Book* authors predicted the future observation of a “vast procession of galaxies” bounded by relatively empty zones of space:

You may visualize the first outer space level, where untold universes are now in process of formation, as a vast procession of galaxies swinging around Paradise, bounded above and below by the midspace zones of quiescence and bounded on the inner and outer margins by relatively quiet space zones. [11:7.7] (P. 125)

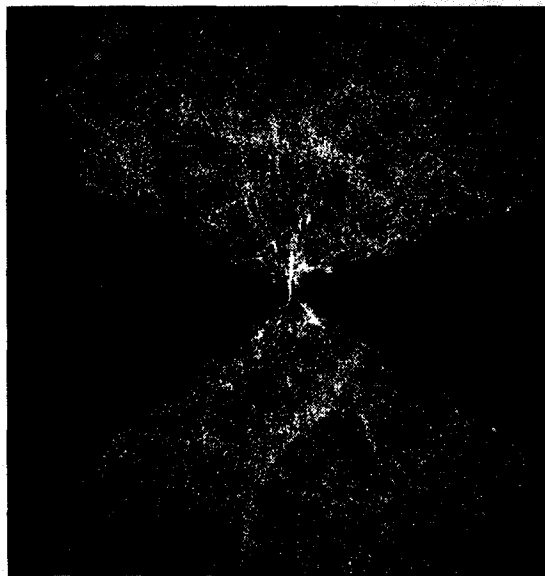
The relatively quiet zones between the space levels, such as the one separating the seven superuniverses from the first outer space level, are enormous elliptical regions of quiescent space activities. These zones separate the vast galaxies which race around Paradise in orderly procession. [11:7.7] (P. 125)

The Outer Space Levels. Far out in space, at an enormous distance from the seven inhabited superuniverses, there are assembling vast and unbelievably stupendous circuits of force and materializing energies. Between the energy circuits of the seven superuniverses and this gigantic outer belt of force activity, there is a space zone of comparative quiet, which varies in width but averages about four hundred thousand light-years. These space zones are free from star dust—cosmic fog. [12:1.8] (PP. 129-30)

The vast universes of outer space in the realms next to the domains of the seven superuniverses seem to be revolving in a direction opposite to that of the grand universe. That is, these myriads of nebulae and their accompanying suns and spheres are at the present time revolving clockwise about the central creation. The seven superuniverses revolve about Paradise in a counterclockwise direction. It appears that the second outer universe of galaxies, like the seven superuniverses, revolves counter-clockwise about Paradise. And the astronomic observers of Uversa think they detect evidence of revolutionary movements in a third outer belt of far-distant space which are beginning to exhibit directional tendencies of a clockwise nature. [12:4.15] (P. 134)

The Department of Physics & Astronomy at University of Tennessee writes in its Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology lecture notes in Astronomy "The Great Wall":

"Redshift surveys have revealed the largest structures yet observed in the Universe. The prominent concentration of galaxies running diagonally across the northern (that is, upper) portion of the adjacent image has been termed the Great Wall.



(Center of Galactic Ring)

It appears that:

- It covers at least 85 Mpc in declination and 215 Mpc in right ascension. It is likely to be even larger because it is obscured by dust in the plane of our galaxy on one end and hasn't yet been mapped on the other.

- It is less than 7 Mpc thick.

- There is a corresponding structure in the southern sky termed the Southern Wall. Because neither the Northern Wall nor the Southern Wall have been mapped fully, it is even possible that the two join each other in the parts of the sky that have not been examined yet and are part of one much larger structure."

"Preliminary deep space redshift surveys along narrow pencils of direction indicate a periodic structure suggesting that there may be additional Great Wall type structures out there, but we have insufficient information at this point to map them extensively."¹⁴ One Mpc = 3.26 million light years. See photo above for picture.

These are striking initial confirmations of the very kinds of large-scale galactic structures that *The Urantia Book* predicted before 1955. But our most prominent contemporary cosmologists prior to recent observations predicted random distributions of galaxies consistent with

their "Big Bang" theory of an exploding universe, a theory upon which they have built their reputations and research programs.

These folks will not easily give up their theory of an exploding universe, which is also how they conclude the age of the universe to be less than 15 billion years. They have and will continue to offer a sequence of possible defenses as new information continues to disagree with their theory. Already many claim that the background radiation proves the Big Bang explosion occurred, but there are other possible explanations for the background radiation, including perhaps diffuse matter throughout pervaded space equivalent to 1 electron per cubic inch.

An earlier example of this running adjustment of the Big Bang theory concerns hydrogen: "The relative amounts of hydrogen and helium (and much smaller amounts of deuterium and lithium) in the universe are not in good agreement with those predicted by the Standard Model, unless it is modified by an auxiliary hypothesis called "inflation", which proposes that the universe expanded at a velocity beyond the speed of light for a short time. Alan Guth, a particle accelerator physicist at Stanford, proposed the inflation hypothesis in 1979."¹⁵

See The American Physical Society, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, for more information on these "walls."¹⁶

c) **Huge Redshifts.** Before they were observed, *The Urantia Book* predicted huge redshifts equivalent to recessional speeds of "more than thirty thousand miles a second," but it also instructs that this does not mean the universe is flying apart.

The present relationship of your sun and its associated planets, while disclosing many relative and absolute motions in space, tends to convey the impression to astronomic observers that you are comparatively stationary in space, and that the surrounding starry clusters and streams are engaged in outward flight at ever-increasing velocities as your calculations proceed outward in space. But such is not the case. [12:4.12] (P. 134)

Although your spectroscopic estimations of astronomic velocities are fairly reliable when applied to the starry realms belonging to your superuniverse and its associate superuniverses, such reckonings with reference to the realms of outer space are wholly unreliable. Spectral lines are displaced from the normal towards the violet by an approaching star; likewise these lines are displaced towards the red by a receding star. Many influences interpose to make it appear that the recessional velocity of the external universes increases at the rate of more than one hundred miles a second for every million light-years increase in distance. By this method of reckoning, subsequent to the perfection of more

powerful telescopes, it will appear that these far-distant systems are in flight from this part of the universe at the unbelievable rate of more than thirty thousand miles a second. But this apparent speed of recession is not real; it results from numerous factors of error embracing angles of observation and other time-space distortions. [12:4.14] (P. 134)

Notice in the following table of data¹⁷ provided by Allan Sandage at Mt. Wilson and Las Campanas Observatories that the Hydra galaxy is now estimated to be receding from us at more than 30,000 miles/sec, just as *The Urantia Book* predicted such would be seen after larger telescopes were built. The recessional speed of Hydra is listed as 61,000 km/sec = (61,000 / 1.609) miles/sec = 37,900 miles/sec, which is more than 1/5 the speed of light!

Galaxy	Distance from Earth (Millions of Light Years-MLY)	Speed (km /s)
Milky Way	0	0
Virgo	78	1200
Ursa Major	980	15000
Corona Borealis	1400	21600
Bootes	2500	39000
Hydra	4000	61000
Perseus	350	5400
Hercules	650	10000
Ursa Major II	2700	41000

d) **Dark Matter Holds the Universe Together.** That dark matter holds luminous bodies together was first noticed in 1970s. Wikipedia,¹⁸ the free encyclopedia, tells us, "In the 1970s it was realized that the total visible mass of galaxies (from stars and gas) does not properly account for the speed of the rotating gas, thus leading to the postulation of dark matter." Similarly, Austerberry¹⁹ says, "The rotation of stars in our galaxy is inconsistent with the gravitational effects predicted for detectable masses in the galaxy. The same anomaly appears in galaxies other than our own. Where is the missing matter?"

But already in 1955 *The Urantia Book* was saying to anyone willing to read it: "The Dark Islands of Space. These are the dead suns and other large aggregations of matter devoid of light and heat. The dark islands are sometimes enormous in mass and exert a powerful influence in universe equilibrium and energy manipulation. The density of some of these large masses is well-nigh unbelievable. And this great concentration of mass enables these dark islands to function as powerful balance wheels, holding large neighboring systems in effective leash. They hold the gravity balance of power in many constellations;

many physical systems which would otherwise speedily dive to destruction in near-by suns are held securely in the gravity grasp of these guardian dark islands. It is because of this function that we can locate them accurately. We have measured the gravity pull of the luminous bodies, and we can therefore calculate the exact size and location of the dark islands of space which so effectively function to hold a given system steady in its course." [15:6.6] (P. 173)

NEUTRINOS

There are many other examples of scientific statements in *The Urantia Book* that exhibit superhuman knowledge, too numerous to list. Another example is the existence and character of tiny charge-less particles—the so-called neutrinos.

While W. Pauli predicted neutrinos in 1931 and E. Fermi incorporated them into his 1934 theory of atomic decay, they were not actually observed until 1959.²⁰

The Urantia Book boldly affirms their existence as "certain small uncharged particles" and their role: *The integrity of the nucleus is maintained by the reciprocal cohering function of the mesotron, which is able to hold charged and uncharged particles together because of superior force-mass power and by the further function of causing protons and neutrons constantly to change places.* [42:8.4] (P. 479)

The presence and function of the mesotron also explains another atomic riddle. When atoms perform radioactively, they emit far more energy than would be expected. This excess of radiation is derived from the breaking up of the mesotron 'energy carrier,' which thereby becomes a mere electron. The mesotronic disintegration is also accompanied by the emission of certain small uncharged particles. [42:8.5] (P. 479) (Mesotrons are now called mesons.)

The Urantia Book said in 1955 that neutrinos are held by the "superior force-mass power" of the mesotron and that all energy particles have mass and proceed in straight processional lines. *Energy, whether as light or in other forms, in its flight through space moves straight forward. The actual particles of material existence traverse space like a fusillade. They go in a straight and unbroken line or procession except as they are acted on by superior forces, and except as they ever obey the linear-gravity pull inherent in material mass and the circular-gravity presence of the Isle of Paradise.* [41:5.6] (P. 46)

But only in 1998 did our scientists discover that neutrinos have mass, and it has upset their "Standard theory." In June 1998, an international team of Japanese and U.S. physicists unveiled strong evidence that elusive subatomic particles known as neutrinos have mass (or weight). These findings run counter to the standard model

of particle physics—the basic theory about the structure of matter—which holds that these electrically neutral, weakly interacting particles have no mass. The discovery means that existing theoretical models of matter must now be revised to include neutrinos with mass.” (See <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0762175.html>.)

PROBABILITY OF HUMAN AUTHORSHIP

While taking all of these unpopular or completely prophetic scientific positions with still no clearly obvious scientific blunders (unlike old science texts and human authors), what is the probability of such a sequence due to correct guesses? What is the probability of a human astronomer in 1955 predicting “no less than 375 million galaxies” in the far reaches of outer space when at the time a few hundred were known and as late as 1985 the estimate was 5 to 10 million? Let’s say 1/100 to be generous. Factor in the probability of predicting the large-scale structures now being seen—the “walls” separated by great “voids,” which until 1987 our scientists expected to be distributed randomly and sparsely. That’s another very low probability event, another 1/100 at best. Then there are the predictions of the huge redshifts now seen and the prediction of dark matter being a balance wheel for luminous bodies, which has now been observed as well. Each of those two have perhaps 1/5 probability to be generous, or 1/25 together. So all four together have probability less than $(1/100)(1/100)(1/25) = 1/250,000$. Successfully guessing these four and the earlier four with 1/100000 probability yields 1/25,000,000,000 or less than 1 chance in 25 billion.

Some of these may be larger and some smaller than estimated, but they each contribute more or less to make a very small probability of occurrence given *The Urantia Book* was written by humans. Therefore, on statistical grounds, I infer that superhumans must have written *The Urantia Book* and none of these predictions were random or lucky guesses.

These predictions have not been “cherry-picked” while other misses ignored. They have been chosen because they have been subsequently established by human science. Examples that are still open to question due to unreliable data have been left for a later date of evaluation. Some of them, such as the time of light travel from Andromeda, will come up as part of cosmic instruction from superhumans.

SCIENTIFIC CREDIBILITY

If *The Urantia Book* is what it purports to be then the present lack of contemporary scientific interest will not always be the case. What would make scientists sit up and take notice

of this “communication from outer space,” this revelatory gift from higher universe life? Only scientific evidence in a book of philosophy can impress a real scientist of the book’s worth when discussing the scientific aspects of the cosmos, not some re-warmed twentieth century science ill-suited for the presentation of the spiritual truths of the next 1000 years. No, *The Urantia Book* must present truly impressive, albeit transient, science alongside ageless spiritual truth.

The Urantia Book does make many such predictions and when they are scientifically observed they will be a mighty powerful attraction to scientists and others to take *The Urantia Book* seriously. So far that hasn’t happened, but even now events are gathering for such a spectacular corroboration in the recent explorations in the eastern Mediterranean for Plato’s Atlantis, which due to Robert Sarmast, we now know was also the Garden of Eden. (I know of one famous scientist and there are probably many other “closet UB readers” among professional scientists, who read and utilize the book, but who for obvious reasons prefer to keep that their secret.) But what will happen if Robert’s next expedition brings up sensational evidence just where *The Urantia Book* says it is? Will most scientists ignore that too? We may soon see. When will prominent scientists publicly give *The Urantia Book* credit for its scientific predictions?

My own personal favorite in this category is the sensational prediction that there is a non-breathing form of life on a sphere in close proximity to our world. As such we might be looking for the wrong kind of life in our solar system, entertaining too narrow a concept of life. If *The Urantia Book* is what it says it is, then there must be such a world in close proximity. Some readers think that implies the world must be in our solar system, but I suppose being within easy communication range, like a few light years away, might also be in close proximity in astronomical terms because we could become aware of each other by interstellar communication. Even that would be exciting. More on this later.

Why believe *The Urantia Book*’s science? Certainly it is not only because *The Urantia Book* states many spiritual truths. Rather, *The Urantia Book*’s science must stand on its own as well, at least for a while, during these times when it has yet to be taken seriously by most of the world. The real reason that I believe in the science of *The Urantia Book* and the authenticity of *The Urantia Book* as divine revelation to our world is because of its humanly improbable avoidance of error and the meandering convergence over the years of contemporary science to positions taken by *The Urantia Book* authors.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OF SUPERHUMAN KNOWLEDGE

a) Not referencing paleontology fossils later found to be frauds while mentioning most others and asserting that no "missing link" fossil (nickname for the fraudulent fossil) would be found; b) Describing Pangaea, continental drift on molten basalt, and formation of mountains; c) Describing the injury repair chemistry; d) Predicting the existence and large-scale ring shapes of hundreds of millions of star systems, then unknown and unexpected before 1987; e). Predicting the extent of the "Big Bang" cosmic redshifts observed by contemporary science, even while saying that the supposed rapid expansion is due to many factors of error; f) Even before the problem of rapidly spinning galaxies was noticed predicting that dark matter keeps the rapidly spinning galaxies from flying apart and prevents many bodies from plunging into nearby stars; and g) Affirming the existence (before actual discovery) of neutrinos, including that they have mass.

INSTRUCTION IN SCIENCE AND COSMOLOGY STILL TO BE RECEIVED BY URANTIA SCIENTISTS

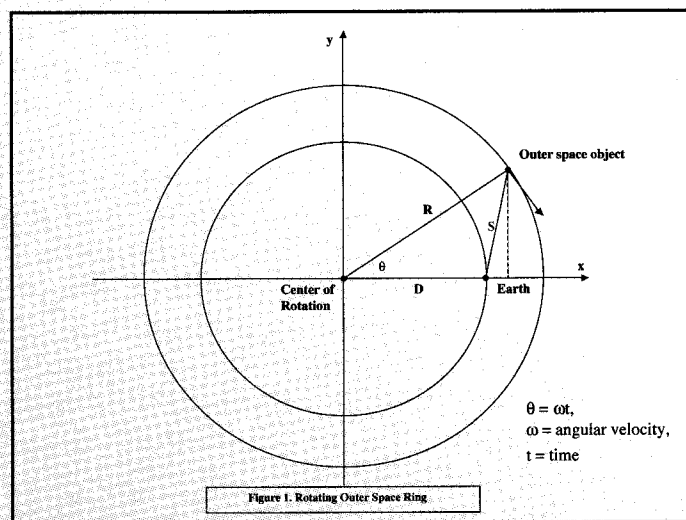
Given that superhumans wrote *The Urantia Book*, what were they trying to accomplish? As stated previously, the authors of *The Urantia Book* provided "instruction in cosmology" in order to facilitate the human understanding of the accompanying spiritual revelation. The authors were also permitted to reveal some information not otherwise mandated.

HUGE SPECTROGRAPHIC REDSHIFTS DUE TO "NUMEROUS FACTORS OF ERROR"

a) **Greatest Spectrographic Distortion.** *But the greatest of all such distortions arises because the vast universes of outer space in the realms next to the domains of the seven superuniverses seem to be revolving in a direction opposite to that of the grand universe. That is, these myriads of nebulae and their accompanying suns and spheres are at the present time revolving clockwise about the central creation. The seven superuniverses revolve about Paradise in a counterclockwise direction.* [12:4.15] (P. 134)

Being a mathematician, I decided to investigate this possibility analytically. I was able to prove an interesting result. Apparently, such a situation as *The Urantia Book* describes with galaxies proceeding in orderly fashion in the first outer space zone adds up to a constant red (or blue) shift (depending on the angle of observation) to any object whose distance from the postulated center of rotation is greater than earth's distance to that center of rotation. (That constant turns out to be the distance from earth to the center of rotation times the difference between the

angular velocities of the Earth versus the first outer space object.²¹



$$\text{Max } dS/dt = \pm \begin{cases} wR, & R \leq D, \\ wD, & R \geq D \end{cases}$$

Looking in directions relatively close to the plane of the Milky Way but far away from its center, no matter how far into an almost uniformly spinning ring of galaxies in the first outer space zone, the maximum redshift on one side would be larger by a constant while on the other side the maximum blue shift would be larger by the same amount. Other angles of observation have intermediate red or blue shifts. A test of this conjecture would involve observing this difference in the frequency shifts in the distant galaxies in the direction of Galactic latitudes on opposite edges of the Milky Way.

From the outermost system of inhabited worlds to the center of the superuniverse is a trifle less than two hundred and fifty thousand light-years. [32:2.11] (P. 359)

b) **Galaxies Not Really Flying Apart—No Big Bang.** While predicting the huge redshifts, *The Urantia Book* also instructs: *But this apparent speed of recession is not real; it results from numerous factors of error embracing angles of observation and other time-space distortions.* [12:4.14] (P. 134)

Since the redshift is linear with distance, the huge redshifts might be due to the existence of some "reddening influence" in the intervening space. This is the "tired light" theory of redshift, but the light from distant galaxies looks just as clear as that from nearby ones, which presumably would not be the case were the light being changed. Therefore this possibility is downgraded.²² "Time-space distortions" could easily include "tired light," but it also allows for other distortions like unknown rotational motions and angles of observation.

Only a very few poorly-funded and mostly ignored astronomers are courageous enough (and independent enough) to dispute the receding motion interpretation of the huge redshifts of the external galaxies—those beyond the so-called local group of galaxies, which *The Urantia Book* calls the seven superuniverses. One such astronomer is Halton Arp, who was Hubble's assistant. Apparently Arp has evidence of gravitationally connected objects in close proximity but with very different redshifts.²³

Charles Austerberry, Creighton University, outlines the history of the universe according to the Standard Model, Big Bang theory as follows:

t = 0 a singularity 15 b. yrs. Ago—Universe began from a singularity

The 4 (or 3) basic forces emerge.

Before a millionth of a second, fundamental particles emerge & stabilize. Radiation (light and radio waves, and so forth) cannot move far. The universe is quite foggy (opaque) mostly due to the free electrons. Before a thousandth of a second, protons and neutrons form.

In a few minutes, primal nuclei form.

It takes almost a million years (at least 300,000) for the universe to cool to 3,000 degrees Kelvin, enough for atoms to form (mostly hydrogen and helium). The universe's opacity dropped abruptly.

10–14 b. yrs. ago—primal stars emerge; giant galaxies evolve; heavier elements are formed in stars, and in supernova explosions.

4.5 b. yrs ago—our sun, planets, & earth are born

4 b. yrs ago—the first prokaryotic cells emerge

2 b. yrs ago—the first eukaryotic cells emerge

5 m. yrs ago—hominids evolve

200,000 yrs ago—archaic *Homo sapiens*

40,000 yrs ago—modern *Homo sapiens*²⁴

Hubble's constant H_0 is estimated to be 72 km/s for each Mpc distance from earth.

1 Mpc = 3.086×10^{19} km, and 1 yr = 3.16×10^7 seconds.

Therefore the age of the universe = $1/H_0 = 13.6$ billion years.²⁵

As a scientist and a religionist I can only say that I find this story even harder to believe than the creation story in the Book of Genesis.

c) **Galactic Rotations Imparted by Living Force Organizers.** *The Urantia Book* instructs that nebular

revolutions are added by living force organizers, not simply the result of evolution. This answers the nagging question in cosmology and physics of where all the spin in the universe came from. Here the nebular mother of our sun is described:

875,000,000,000 years ago the enormous Andronover nebula number 876,926 was duly initiated. Only the presence of the force organizer and the liaison staff was required to inaugurate the energy whirl which eventually grew into this vast cyclone of space. Subsequent to the initiation of such nebular revolutions, the living force organizers simply withdraw at right angles to the plane of the revolutionary disk, and from that time forward, the inherent qualities of energy insure the progressive and orderly evolution of such a new physical system. [57:1.6] (P 652)

MOTION OF SPACE VERSUS MOTION OF MATTER IN SPACE

The Big Bang idea forced contemporary scientists to imagine how the distant galaxies could so quickly start sending light toward us almost 15 billion years ago from a place in space so far away from the "singularity" in space. Their answer is that at first the space itself was quickly moving out there, and that could happen effectively at apparently faster than light speed, almost instantaneously. One might respond "in what reference frame does the space move, compared to what?" It's as though all space just blinks into existence in one instant. But *The Urantia Book* is way ahead of our scientists on this idea of space motion:

"Space is, from the human viewpoint, nothing negative; it exists only as related to something positive and nonspatial. Space is, however, real. It contains and conditions motion. It even moves. Space motions may be roughly classified as follows:

1. Primary motion—space respiration, the motion of space itself.

2. Secondary motion—the alternate directional swings of the successive space levels.

3. Relative motions—relative in the sense that they are not evaluated with Paradise as a base point. Primary and secondary motions are absolute, motion in relation to unmoving Paradise.

4. Compensatory or correlating movement designed to coordinate all other motions. [12:4.7-11] (P 133)

When the universes expand and contract, the material masses in pervaded space alternately move against and with the pull of Paradise gravity. The work that is done in moving the material energy mass of creation is space work but not power-energy work. [12:4.13] (P 134)

By contrast, contemporary cosmology measures motion in terms of the average redshift of intergalactic hydrogen. "We now use 21 cm emission from neutral atomic Hydrogen to map the motion of the disk."²⁶

THE EXISTENCE AND UNIVERSE LOCATION OF A FOCAL SINGULARITY IN THE TOPOLOGY OF SPACE—PARADISE

Not only does *The Urantia Book* describe space motion, it also defines a non-moving reference frame in terms of which space motion can be measured, something that contemporary cosmologists can hardly do because they admit no such fixed reference frame to measure the motion of space as a whole. According to *The Urantia Book* this fixed reference frame is the center of rotation of the whole universe, a place called Paradise:

Paradise is the actually motionless nucleus of the relatively quiescent zones existing between pervaded and unpervaded space. Geographically these zones appear to be a relative extension of Paradise, but there probably is some motion in them. We know very little about them, but we observe that these zones of lessened space motion separate pervaded and unpervaded space. Similar zones once existed between the levels of pervaded space, but these are now less quiescent. [11:7.2] (P. 124)

"Space does not exist on any of the surfaces of Paradise. . . . Space does not touch Paradise; only the quiescent midspace zones come in contact with the central Isle." [11:7.1] (P. 124) This fixed reference frame has a universe location but no position in space. [F:IV.12] (P. 7) These quiescent zones of space exist both within each ultimate unit of matter (quantum) and also macroscopically between the moving galactic space zones. *"The ultimatons, the first measurable form of energy, has Paradise as its nucleus.* [42:1.2] (P. 467) These ultimatons also swing around Paradise macroscopically. Paradise is the the most gigantic organized body of cosmic reality in all the master universe." [11:0.1] (P. 118)

LOCAL AND PARADISE GRAVITY

Ultimate units have a common nucleus—Paradise. *"The ultimatons are not subject to local gravity, the interplay of material attraction, but they are fully obedient to absolute or Paradise gravity, to the trend, the swing, of the universal and eternal circle of the universe of universes. Ultimatonic energy does not obey the linear or direct gravity attraction of near-by or remote material masses, but it does ever swing true to the circuit of the great ellipse of the far-flung creation."* [41:9.2] (P. 465)

Universal Gravity. All forms of force-energy—material, mindal, or spiritual—are alike subject to those grasps, those universal presences, which we call gravity. [12:3.1] (P. 131)

These four circuits are not related to the nether Paradise force center; they are neither force, energy, nor power circuits. They are absolute presence circuits and like God are independent of time and space. [12:3.2] (P. 131)

THE MATURATION OF SPACE POTENCY INTO MATTER

It is indeed difficult to find suitable words in the English language whereby to designate and wherewith to describe the various levels of force and energy—physical, mindal, or spiritual. These narratives cannot altogether follow your accepted definitions of force, energy, and power. There is such paucity of language that we must use these terms in multiple meanings. In this paper, for example, the word energy is used to denote all phases and forms of phenomenal motion, action, and potential, while force is applied to the pregravity, and power to the postgravity, stages of energy. [42:2.1] (P. 469)

a) **Ultimatons.** *The force organizers initiate those changes and institute those modifications of space-force which eventuate in energy; the power directors transmute energy into matter; thus the material worlds are born.* [42:1.5] (P. 468)

Not only does *The Urantia Book* describe the initiation of nebular rotations, it explicitly rejects contemporary definitions of force, energy, and power declaring that we need more language. *The Urantia Book* describes the maturation of the space potency of the Unqualified Absolute (pervading all space) by two orders of living "force organizers" through stages from primordial force, through emergent energy, and finally to the assembly of ultimate material units and atomic systems. All of this is still to be discovered. Skeptics may hold that these are unproved, or that "there is no evidence" of them but not that they are re-warmed twentieth century cosmology.

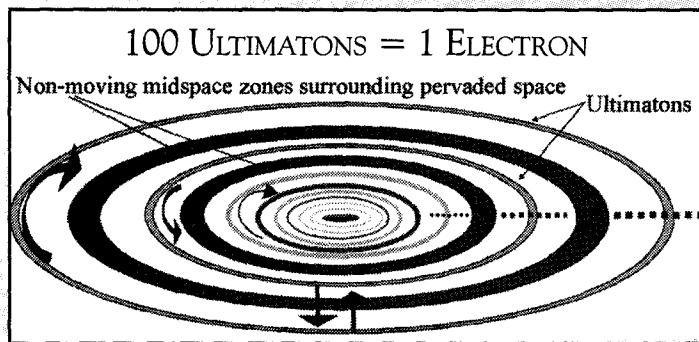
Primary Master Force Organizers are the manipulators of the primordial or basic space-forces of the Unqualified Absolute; they are nebulae creators. They are the living instigators of the energy cyclones of space and the early organizers and directionizers of these gigantic manifestations. These force organizers transmute primordial force (pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity) into primary or puissant energy, energy transmuting from the exclusive grasp of the Unqualified Absolute to the gravity grasp of the Isle of Paradise. They are thereupon succeeded by the associate force organizers, who continue the process of energy transmutation from the primary through the secondary or gravity-energy stage. [29:5.3] (P. 329)

b) **Constructing Electrons from Ultimatons.** In a paper presented in 1973, I offered an idea of what an ultimatons looks like, how 100 concentrically arranged ultimatons make up an electron as I had gleaned from my reading of *The Urantia Book*. Since then Stefan Tallqvist²⁷ has offered an alternative concept for how 100 ultimatons might aggregate into an electron as a compact stacked arrangement.

However, *"The ultimatons are not subject to local gravity, the interplay of material attraction, but they are fully*

obedient to absolute or Paradise gravity, to the trend, the swing, of the universal and eternal circle of the universe of universes. Ultimatonic energy does not obey the linear or direct gravity attraction of near-by or remote material masses, but it does ever swing true to the circuit of the great ellipse of the far-flung creation." [41:9.2] (P. 465)

Ultimatons do not describe orbits or whirl about in circuits within the electrons, but they do spread or cluster in accordance with their axial revolutionary velocities, thus determining the differential electronic dimensions. This same ultimatonic velocity of axial revolution also determines the negative or positive reactions of the several types of electronic units. The entire segregation and grouping of electronic matter, together with the electric differentiation of negative and positive bodies of energy-matter, result from these various functions of the component ultimatonic interassociation. [42:6.6] (P. 476-477)



- 100 ultimatons (Light grey) generate 100 octaves of wavelike energy.
- Each light grey diameter is 1/2 that of the next larger diameter.
- 3 primary and 7 mixed intermediate diameters exist within each octave allowing for intermediate energy levels – colors or tones.
- White background is a “force Blanket” of energy, capable of very quick (faster than light) quantum wavelike reactions.

Since ultimatons do not describe orbits and are not attracted by near-by matter but respond only to Paradise “circular” gravity, I conceived the 100 ultimatons of an electron arranged concentrically, with Paradise as their common nucleus. This still seems to me to be the right way. However, it may be easier to think of the 100 concentric spheres as 100 concentric donut-shaped rings of rotating space around a common Paradise center of gravity. The rings can slip past each other in three dimensions without collision, and by flipping motions can also be a sphere of rotating space. It also seems right to alternate the direction of rotations so that the energy is more balanced and can

potentially be explosive.

While commenting on the waves always associated with the individuation of an ultimatton, *The Urantia Book* makes it clear that an ultimatton is a “minute sphere,” not a wave: “The assembly of energy into the minute spheres of the ultimattons occasions vibrations in the content of space which are discernible and measurable. And long before physicists ever discover the ultimatton, they will undoubtedly detect the phenomena of these rays as they shower in upon Urantia. These short and powerful rays represent the initial activity of the ultimattons as they are slowed down to that point where they veer towards the electronic organization of matter.” [42:5.4] (P. 474)

In the superuniverse of Orvonton there are one hundred octaves of wave energy. Of these one hundred groups of energy manifestations, sixty-four are wholly or partially recognized on Urantia. The sun’s rays constitute four octaves in the superuniverse scale, the visible rays embracing a single octave, number forty-six in this series. The ultraviolet group comes next, while ten octaves up are the X rays, followed by the gamma rays of radium. Thirty-two octaves above the visible light of the sun are the outer-space energy rays so frequently commingled with their associated highly energized minute particles of matter. Next downward from visible sunlight appear the infrared rays, and thirty octaves below are the radio transmission group. [42:5.1] (P. 474)

Since there are 100 octaves of wave energy in the superuniverse and 100 ultimatons in an electron and ultimatonic motions result in waves of different length, but always 860 times the diameter of the particle, I imagine that the 100 concentric ultimatons give rise to 100 octaves of wave energy, and that the ultimatons can attain discrete energy levels between those octaves to expand or contract into, thus giving rise to waves of intermediate length and energy within the octave.

Matter—energy—for they are but diverse manifestations of the same cosmic reality, as a universe phenomenon is inherent in the Universal Father. ‘In him all things consist.’ Matter may appear to manifest inherent energy and to exhibit self-contained powers, but the lines of gravity involved in the energies concerned in all these physical phenomena are derived from, and are dependent on, Paradise. The ultimatton, the first measurable form of energy, has Paradise as its nucleus. [42:1.2] (P. 467)

WAVELIKE MANIFESTATIONS

Another area of confusion for Urantia scientists is the issue in quantum mechanics of “wave-particle duality.” In the late 1800’s Clark Maxwell unified electrodynamics with his famous equations that implied that light was always measured to have the same speed in a vacuum no matter

the motions of the light emitting objects. Then Max Plank found the need to postulate a quantum for a property called "action." Albert Einstein used this idea to show that light behaved like quanta in the photoelectric effect. Since then there has been almost continuous controversy about whether light is one or the other, or both a particle and a wave—a "wavicle."

Later in the twentieth century John Bell proved that experiments already done proved that a measurement of either particle of a pair of widely separated but somehow "entangled particles" affects the state of the other particle at faster than light speeds. This is the "spooky action at a distance" that Einstein railed against to no avail.²⁸

The interpretation of these phenomena is still an active controversy in quantum mechanics to this day. It is often confused with the indeterminacy principle of quantum mechanics, which is that any measurement of the position of a particle changes its velocity and vice versa; therefore the position and velocity cannot be directly measured beyond a certain precision. This principle is affirmed by *The Urantia Book*: "It is impossible accurately to determine, simultaneously, the exact location and the velocity of a moving object; any attempt at measurement of either inevitably involves change in the other." [65:6.1] (P. 737) However, this is a problem having to do with the conditions for measurement of position versus velocity, which partially conflict. This indeterminacy can be incorporated into quantum logic by using Boolean fractions to represent conditional quantum measurements and events.²⁹

The Urantia Book also throws light onto the "entangled particles," wave-particle duality phenomena of quantum mechanics: "Primordial-force behavior does give rise to phenomena which are in many ways analogous to your postulated ether. Space is not empty; the spheres of all space whirl and plunge on through a vast ocean of outspread force-energy; neither is the space content of an atom empty. Nevertheless there is no ether, and the very absence of this hypothetical ether enables the inhabited planet to escape falling into the sun and the encircling electron to resist falling into the nucleus." [42:5.16] (P. 476)

The excitation of the content of space produces a wavelike reaction to the passage of rapidly moving particles of matter, just as the passage of a ship through water initiates waves of varying amplitude and interval. [42:5.15] (P. 476)

The interelectronic space of an atom is not empty. Throughout an atom this interelectronic space is activated by wavelike manifestations which are perfectly synchronized with electronic velocity and ultimatomic revolutions. This force is not wholly dominated by your recognized laws of positive and negative

attraction; its behavior is therefore sometimes unpredictable. This unnamed influence seems to be a space-force reaction of the Unqualified Absolute. [42:8.2] (P. 478)

The quantity of energy taken in or given out when electronic or other positions are shifted is always a 'quantum' or some multiple thereof, but the vibratory or wavelike behavior of such units of energy is wholly determined by the dimensions of the material structures concerned. Such wavelike energy ripples are 860 times the diameters of the ultimatoms, electrons, atoms, or other units thus performing. [42:4.14] (P. 474)

The so-called ether is merely a collective name to designate a group of force and energy activities occurring in space. Ultimatoms, electrons, and other mass aggregations of energy are uniform particles of matter, and in their transit through space they really proceed in direct lines. Light and all other forms of recognizable energy manifestations consist of a succession of definite energy particles which proceed in direct lines except as modified by gravity and other intervening forces. That these processions of energy particles appear as wave phenomena when subjected to certain observations is due to the resistance of the undifferentiated force blanket of all space, the hypothetical ether, and to the intergravity tension of the associated aggregations of matter. The spacing of the particle-intervals of matter, together with the initial velocity of the energy beams, establishes the undulatory appearance of many forms of energy-matter. [42:5.14] (P. 475)

So *The Urantia Book* says that matter is composed of particles, not waves, but that waves are always generated in the unrecognized force content of space, apparently at faster than light speed. "Human beings are only just beginning to realize that the reactions of existence appear between acts and their consequences." [86:2.3] (P. 951)

GÖDEL'S "ROTATING UNIVERSE" SOLUTIONS TO EINSTEIN'S FIELD EQUATIONS

In the early twentieth century scientists were trying hard to interpret the famous Michelson-Morley interferometer light experiments,³⁰ which looked for evidence of a medium in which light vibrated using the Earth's motion around the sun. Unlike sound waves, light did not appear to be carried by some medium, some "ether" that did the vibrating and which would serve a fixed reference frame. In 1905 Albert Einstein published his first paper on "special relativity," which started from scratch concerning the measurement of time and space in relatively moving reference frames.

Einstein based his theory on just two principles: "1) The laws by which the states of physical systems undergo change are not affected, whether these changes of state be referred to the one or the other of two systems of coordinates

in uniform translatory [sic] motion. 2) Any ray of light moves in the 'stationary' system of co-ordinates with the determined velocity c , whether the ray be emitted by a stationary or a moving body."³¹

The first law implies that there is no preferred reference frame because they all give the same physical laws. There is no way to say that one object is really at rest and the other moving. It could be the other way. Or they are both moving with respect to some other reference frame.

The second law was the experimentally verified fact that speed of light will be the same value when measured in either of two reference frames that are moving with constant velocity with respect to one another.

The Urantia Book seems to affirm the second law but definitely not the first. *The Urantia Book* affirms the famous equation $E = mc^2$ proved by Einstein in a second short paper in 1905: "The increase of mass in matter is equal to the increase of energy divided by the square of the velocity of light." [42:4.11] (P. 474) But it does not follow Einstein's "principle of relativity," which holds that there is no fixed reference frame. Instead, *The Urantia Book* affirms that there is such a fixed reference frame. *The Urantia Book* points to a "focus of space" that is not in space but located at the limiting surface of the relatively non-moving midspace zones existing between the zones of matter-pervaded space. These midspace zones converge on a non-moving non-spatial location, which can be taken as the fixed frame of reference for the universe. Even the motion of space can be measured relative to this fixed reference frame.

Einstein knew that there were other solutions to his equations that had a center, but he specifically discarded them on the grounds of aesthetics. However, another scientist, a mathematical one, the great logician Kurt Gödel, as part of a tribute to his friend Einstein, produced a paper³² showing that there was a class of "rotating universe" solutions to Einstein's general field equations for his "relativity theory."

These rotating universe solutions to Einstein's equations have a peculiar characteristic, everything rotates, and because of the insistence that all positions are equivalent to each other as reference frames, the universe rotates about every position!³³

Now this sounds suspiciously like *The Urantia Book's* claim that everything rotates around Paradise, not just macroscopically, but microscopically as well. By identifying all of the positions around which the universe rotates as being a single fixed place, Paradise becomes the "most gigantic organized body of cosmic reality in all the master universe." [11:0.1] (P. 118) If everything rotates around the "focus of space" then Einstein's equations can be satisfied

with a Center. And if light is emitted from this non-moving focus within matter then it will not be affected by the motion of the emitting body.

SOLAR SYSTEM ORIGIN

The contemporary theory of the solar system's birth starts with a rotating gaseous nebula, which then contracted by gravity, increased its spin, and evolved into the sun and planets. While allowing for this type of solar system birth, *The Urantia Book* makes a strong case for an alternate but now mostly discarded theory:

Gravity-explosion Planets. When a sun is born of a spiral or of a barred nebula, not infrequently it is thrown out a considerable distance. Such a sun is highly gaseous, and subsequently, after it has somewhat cooled and condensed, it may chance to swing near some enormous mass of matter, a gigantic sun or a dark island of space. Such an approach may not be near enough to result in collision but still near enough to allow the gravity pull of the greater body to start tidal convulsions in the lesser, thus initiating a series of tidal upheavals which occur simultaneously on opposite sides of the convulsed sun. At their height these explosive eruptions produce a series of varying-sized aggregations of matter which may be projected beyond the gravity-reclamation zone of the erupting sun, thus becoming stabilized in orbits of their own around one of the two bodies concerned in this episode. Later on the larger collections of matter unite and gradually draw the smaller bodies to themselves. In this way many of the solid planets of the lesser systems are brought into existence. Your own solar system had just such an origin. [15:5.5] (P. 170)

Scientists are presently reluctant to accept such an origin because 99% of the angular momentum calculated for our solar system seems to reside in the spinning planets rather than in the sun, and that fact is taken as counter to the "passing star" theory, as it is called. They also dispute the possibility of drawing off sufficient matter from the sun by a near pass. This assertion seems unfounded because a tidal disruption of the sun could have fragmented it completely; therefore a partial disruption could have separated a lesser amount from the main solar body.

On the other hand, *The Urantia Book* states that retrograde motion as observed (and confirmed) in our solar system in some of the moons of Saturn and Jupiter never occurs unless foreign bodies have been introduced into the system. That appears to be a mathematically verifiable assertion, but I have not found mention of it anywhere else. Other evidence cited is that the average plane of orbits of the planets is more than 5% off the plane of our sun's equator. Instead it is in the plane defined by the line of Angona's approach.

The extremely elongated orbit of the new planetoid, Sedna, corroborates such a passing heavy object theory. ("A passing star" is now being offered by contemporary scientists to explain how Sedna got such an elongated orbit!) *The Urantia Book* also says there were three outer planets of Angona captured by our sun with the help of the sun's nebular mother. Existence of such "foreign matter" has still to be determined, but there is such variation in the character of the solar system bodies that it is not hard to believe. Yet I never read this idea anywhere other than in *The Urantia Book*.

Today, your sun has achieved relative stability, but its eleven and one-half year sunspot cycles betray that it was a variable star in its youth. In the early days of your sun the continued contraction and consequent gradual increase of temperature initiated tremendous convulsions on its surface. These titanic heaves required three and one-half days to complete a cycle of varying brightness. This variable state, this periodic pulsation, rendered your sun highly responsive to certain outside influences which were to be shortly encountered. [57:5.2] (P. 655)

The scientific jury is still out on the solar system origin, but *The Urantia Book* poses a scenario that deserves further examination. *The Urantia Book* asserts that our sun was then a variable star with a 3.5-day period and that the 11.5-year sun spot cycle is a remnant of that state. Variable stars are known to expand and contract periodically making them brighter or less bright accordingly. Add a passing dark gravity body that caused a "partial disruption," that is, pulled the sun apart by tidal-gravity action.

During the maximum expansion period our then variable sun disgorged a huge column of mass on the near side and equal amounts of material on the other side thereby perhaps ridding itself of the angular momentum found now in the large planets and thereby avoiding complete fragmentation. In effect, by stretching out planetary arms the sun was able to reduce its angular momentum like a ballet dancer slows her spinning by stretching out her arms. The sun was thus able to avoid complete disruption, and the "arms" could immediately start circling the sun. The result is a more stable star with much less angular momentum than before, which is now represented in the swing of the planets around the sun and in their orbital spins. This scenario still fits the evidence.

As the Angona system drew nearer, the solar extrusions grew larger and larger; more and more matter was drawn from the sun to become independent circulating bodies in surrounding space. This situation developed for about five hundred thousand years until Angona made its closest approach to the sun; whereupon the sun, in conjunction with one of its periodic internal

convulsions, experienced a partial disruption; from opposite sides and simultaneously, enormous volumes of matter were disgorged. From the Angona side there was drawn out a vast column of solar gases, rather pointed at both ends and markedly bulging at the center, which became permanently detached from the immediate gravity control of the sun. [57:5.6] (P. 656)

The nucleus of the physical system to which your sun and its associated planets belong is the center of the onetime Andronover nebula. This former spiral nebula was slightly distorted by the gravity disruptions associated with the events which were attendant upon the birth of your solar system, and which were occasioned by the near approach of a large neighboring nebula. This near collision changed Andronover into a somewhat globular aggregation but did not wholly destroy the two-way procession of the suns and their associated physical groups. Your solar system now occupies a fairly central position in one of the arms of this distorted spiral, situated about halfway from the center out towards the edge of the star stream. [15:3.6] (P. 168)

SOLAR INTERNAL TEMPERATURE AND ENERGY SOURCES

The Urantia Book states that the internal temperature of the sun is much higher than is presently thought and indicates that we are missing the most important energy source of the sun. (That might explain why our scientists have been observing only 1/3 as many neutrinos as they expect to account for the sun's energy expenditures. However, in 2002 additional experiments have shown that electron neutrinos change into another type of neutrino en route from the sun and that total is consistent with theory.)

*"The internal temperature of many of the suns, even your own, is much higher than is commonly believed." [41:7.1] (P. 463) The surface temperature of your sun is almost 6,000 degrees, but it rapidly increases as the interior is penetrated until it attains the unbelievable height of about 35,000,000 degrees in the central regions. (All of these temperatures refer to your Fahrenheit scale.)" [41:7.2] (P. 463) the sources of solar energy, named in the order of their importance, are: 1. Annihilation of atoms and, eventually, of electrons, ... Only second does *The Urantia Book* list Transmutation of elements, including the radioactive group of energies thus liberated. [41:7.3] (P. 463) You might try to visualize 35,000,000 degrees of heat, in association with certain gravity pressures, as the electronic boiling point. Under such pressure and at such temperature all atoms are degraded and broken up into their electronic and other ancestral components; even the electrons and other associations of ultimatons may be broken up, but the suns are not able to degrade the ultimatons. [41:7.5] (P. 463)*

PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY ALONE CANNOT EVOLVE INTO LIFE

Physics and chemistry alone cannot explain how a human being evolved out of the primeval protoplasm of the early seas. The ability to learn, memory and differential response to environment, is the endowment of mind. The laws of physics are not responsive to training; they are immutable and unchanging. The reactions of chemistry are not modified by education; they are uniform and dependable. Aside from the presence of the Unqualified Absolute, electrical and chemical reactions are predictable. But mind can profit from experience, can learn from reactive habits of behavior in response to repetition of stimuli. [65:6.8] (P. 738)

This cosmic instruction should not really be necessary, but we are bombarded by mechanists who use their minds to deny that mind and life is anything more than matter and energy. They seek to teach computers how to learn like humans and even attain consciousness; they fail to notice that teachable mind is more than physics and chemistry.

In the later evolution of mortal creatures the Life Carrier Sons provide the physical body, fabricated out of the existing organized material of the realm, while the Universe Spirit contributes the 'breath of life.' [34:2.5] (P. 376)

SOON-COMING SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION OF THE URANTIA BOOK'S COSMOLOGY

If *The Urantia Book* is what it purports to be then the present lack of contemporary scientific interest will not always be the case. What would make scientists sit up and take notice of this "communication from outer space," this revelatory gift from higher universe life? Only scientific evidence in a book of philosophy can impress a real scientist of the book's worth when discussing the scientific aspects of the cosmos, not some re-warmed twentieth century science ill-suited for the presentation of the spiritual truths of the next thousand years. No, *The Urantia Book* must present truly impressive, albeit transient, science alongside of ageless truth.

The Urantia Book has made many predictions and when they are scientifically observed this will be a mighty powerful attraction to scientists and others to take *The Urantia Book* seriously, and not just scientifically.

However, without a very spectacular prediction most scientists will never entertain the possibility of an actual communication from higher order beings via a published book. Scientists respect confirmed predictions. But typically they wouldn't take a serious look at a "book of revelation" without some very dramatic fulfilled prediction.

So far that hasn't happened, but even now events are gathering for such a spectacular corroboration. I refer to the recent explorations in the eastern Mediterranean for Plato's

Atlantis, which due to research scientist Robert Sarmast, we now know was also the first Garden of Eden! That is quite a nice "co-ordination of known or about-to-be-known facts and observations." What will happen if Robert's next expedition brings up sensational evidence just where *The Urantia Book* says it is? Will scientists ignore that too? We may soon see. (I know of one, and there may be many other "closet UB readers" among professional scientists, who read and utilize the book, but who for obvious reasons prefer to keep that their secret.)

My own personal candidate in this category is *The Urantia Book's* prediction that there is a rare type of non-breathing humanoid life on a sphere in close proximity to our world. As such we might be looking for the wrong kind of life in our solar system, entertaining too narrow a concept of life. If *The Urantia Book* is what it says it is, then there must be such a world in close proximity. Some people think that implies the world must be in our solar system, but I suppose being within easy communication range, like a few light years away, might also be in close proximity in astronomical terms because we could become aware of each other by interstellar communication. Even that would be exciting.

Why believe *The Urantia Book's* science? Certainly it is not only because *The Urantia Book* states many spiritual truths. Rather, *The Urantia Book's* science must stand on its own as well, at least for a while, during these times when it has yet to be taken seriously by most of the world. The real reason that I believe in the science of *The Urantia Book* and the authenticity of *The Urantia Book* as divine revelation to our world is because of its humanly improbable avoidance of error and the meandering convergence over the years of contemporary science to positions taken by the *Urantia Book* authors.

DISCOVERY OF ATLANTIS—THE FIRST GARDEN OF EDEN. Already Robert Sarmast³⁴ has made on-site discoveries a mile under water near Cyprus. Expect more headlines at any time.

THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY IS "CLOSER THAN SCIENTISTS THOUGHT"

The Andromeda galaxy, being visible with the naked eye, was designated M31 by Edwin Hubble. Unlike so many other galaxies found by Hubble, it is blue shifted.

a) **Distance Measurements.** Many people, especially skeptics, but some believers as well, have pointed to *The Urantia Book's* statement about the time of light travel from Andromeda being "almost one million years" [15:4.7] (P. 170)

as an error on the face of the cosmology. They assume that the current distance estimate of 2.7 light years is accurate and reliable enough to base further conclusions on it, even conclusions about the motivation of the superhuman authors for putting into *The Urantia Book* what they supposedly knew to be inaccurate! Skeptics have pointed to it as strong evidence of human authorship.

However, the accuracy of distance measurements to celestial objects is still a controversial topic in the scientific community. "While it is well established that M31 is about 15–16 times further away than the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC), the absolute value of this measure is still uncertain, and in current sources, usually given between 2.4 and 2.9 million light-years—a consequence of the uncertainty in the LMC distance and thus the overall intergalactic distance scale. For example, the semi-recent correction from data by ESA's astrometrical satellite Hipparcos has pushed this value up by more than 10 percent, from about 2.4–2.5 to the about 2.9 million light-years we use here."³⁵

One of the most dependable methods to estimate relative distance utilizes so-called "variable stars." These stars expand and contract in regular periods. The longer the period and expansion the brighter the star becomes. Shorter period variable stars are dimmer in all phases than longer period ones. For instance, stars in the LMC are all about the same distance from us and those with equal periods are observed to have equal luminosity. Therefore by determining the period of such a variable star its relative distance can be estimated using the inverse square law. If a star with the same period as another star is four times dimmer, then it must be twice as far away as the brighter star.

Although this is an accurate measure of relative distances, the accuracy of the calibration of this technique is still uncertain and unreliable. That is, we have an accurate measuring stick with the Cepheid variable stars but we still don't know with much reliability the length of the distance unit on our measuring stick. Consequently we know more accurately that the Andromeda galaxy is about 15 to 16 times as far away as the LMC than we know the actual distance to LMC.

The reason for this is that there are no variable stars close enough on which we can do some relatively accurate and independent parallax distance measurements. If we could independently and reliably measure the distance to even one of these variable stars then we would have a reliable estimate of the actual distance associated with that period and so all periods. But the LMC is too far away to measure distances by the parallax method.

In the parallax method the earth's orbit around our

sun functions as the base of a narrow triangle with the target star at the far away vertex. Seeing the shift of the target against the background stars allows an estimate of the angle between the viewpoints. Unfortunately other methods must be used to estimate the distance to LMC but they too have reliability problems.

In "Astronomy and the Superuniverse," Troy Bishop,³⁶ documents with references that astronomy has calculated the distance to Andromeda, in 1907 at 19 light years, by stellar parallax in 1911 at over 1600 light years, by observation of novae in the mid-1920's at 800,000 light years, by Cepheid variables in the mid-1950s at 2.7 million light years. See Isaac Asimov's *The Universe From Flat Earth to Black Holes and Beyond*, Walker and Company, New York, 1980, for an account of the early evolution of our Andromeda distance measurements.

Recently the distance estimate to Andromeda was changed upward again by 10% due to slight refinements in another distance measuring method used to calibrate the measuring stick. The bottom line is that as scientists we still do not know for sure what unit of distance is on our variable star measuring stick. In this context adjusting by a factor of three would not be shocking. There is always a ready explanation making everything reasonable!

But considering such variability even in recent measurements, the actual light from Andromeda still might take "almost 1 million years" to reach Urantia as *The Urantia Book* says, not from 2.4 to 2.9 million years as presently estimated by our science. Our scientists are still learning about large-scale motions that will change subsequent estimates. *The Urantia Book* is attempting to provide some cosmic instruction, but most of our scientists don't yet think it is worth reading. Extra-terrestrial, super-human instruction on science and cosmology by way of *The Urantia Book* is not yet on the agenda of our scientists.

b) **News on Size of Andromeda.** On Monday, May 30, 2005, while I was preparing this paper, Reuters released the news from astronomers that the Andromeda galaxy "just got bigger—three times bigger." A sprinkle of stars once thought to be part of the central halo were measured to be moving in a way only consistent with their being part of the main arms of the circling star cloud. That means the diameter of the disk is three times what was thought last year.

"This giant disk discovery will be very hard to reconcile with computer simulations of forming galaxies. You just don't get giant rotating disks from the accretion of small galaxy fragments," Rodrigo Ibata said in a statement.³⁷ No, you get them from the initiating actions of living force

organizers as detailed earlier.

The seven superuniverses are still growing; the periphery of each is gradually expanding; new nebulae are constantly being stabilized and organized; and some of the nebulae which Urantian astronomers regard as extragalactic are actually on the fringe of Orvonton and are traveling along with us. [12:2.3] (P. 131)

If in 2005 the estimated size of Andromeda can be discovered to be in error by a factor of three, is it hard to believe that there can be a similar error in the estimates of the distance to Andromeda? Indeed, if Andromeda is actually three times closer than thought, that would mean it is three times smaller in each dimension than was thought, which would make the size estimate back shift again. But that is the nature of science, to correct its previous errors with the scientific method—the technique of experiment. A mathematical scientist conducts his experiments purely in the mind.

THE FOURTH AND LAST OUTER SPACE ZONE.

Expect to hear about four distinct rings, “walls” or concentric rings of galaxies separated by relative empty space. These huge rings of billions of galaxies will also be found to be rotating in alternating directions. The center of these common rotations will be found to be the same center around which travel the “local group,” the seven great super-galactic elongated elliptical arms of the grand universe circling the same macroscopic Center.

The Quartan Space Level. This, the final and largest corps, consists of 24,010 Master Architects, and if our former conjectures are valid, it must be related to the fourth and last of the ever-increasing-sized universes of outer space. [31:9.9] (P. 352)

These Master Architects are eternal beings working on the ultimate (transcendental) level of reality, prior to all finite beginnings and after all finite endings, thereby joining the finite realms with the eternal realms of eternal Havona. Unifying all of this finite reality with eternal reality is the transcendental job of the Supreme Being and numerous Associates. These outer space universes were begun prior to the present “Local Group” (Grand Universe) of galaxies, not in a Big Bang explosion.

SPECTROGRAPHIC REINTERPRETATION OF THE DISTANCE AND REDSHIFT LINEAR RELATIONSHIP

Numerous “factors of error” in present day spectrographic interpretations will be identified. Look for errors due to: Earth’s angles of observation, newly recognized rotations within our local group of galaxies (and associated Doppler

shift corrections), alternating rotation of the local group (grand universe) and the first outer space zone of galaxies (the largest distortion), and still other space influences that shift light toward the red. The overall picture of the Master Universe of Central Paradise, surrounding eternal Havona, seven finite time-space superuniverses (the local group), and four outer space zones full of billions of galaxies.

Beyond matter there is midspace, and beyond midspace there is the concept periphery of the mind, and beyond mind we are face to face with the Spirit of the Persons of the Eternal Son and our Paradise Father.

OVERTHROW OF THE BIG BANG COSMOLOGY.

Along with the overthrow of the Big Bang we will hear that the universe is ‘smaller than we thought,’ and what seemed like rapid expansion now looks like orderly rotation, not explosive expansion.

The successive space levels of the master universe constitute the major divisions of pervaded space—total creation, organized and partially inhabited or yet to be organized and inhabited. If the master universe were not a series of elliptical space levels of lessened resistance to motion, alternating with zones of relative quiescence, we conceive that some of the cosmic energies would be observed to shoot off on an infinite range, off on a straight-line path into trackless space; but we never find force, energy, or matter thus behaving; ever they whirl, always swinging onward in the tracks of the great space circuits. [12:1:2] (P. 128)

DISCOVERY OF NON-BREATHING, ELECTRICALLY POWERED HUMANIDS “IN CLOSE PROXIMITY” TO EARTH.

The *Urantia Book* predicts a non-breathing, intelligent race of people on a sphere close to Earth. Judging by characteristics of such worlds, Ganymede, Jupiter’s largest satellite in the solar system, is a candidate to be the world of the non-breathers. It is also possible that our moon harbors such a race still unnoticed by our still cursory exploration, but this seems less likely than Ganymede.

Life on the worlds of the nonbreathers is radically different from what it is on Urantia. The nonbreathers do not eat food or drink water as do the Urantia races. The reactions of the nervous system, the heat-regulating mechanism, and the metabolism of these specialized peoples are radically different from such functions of Urantia mortals. Almost every act of living, aside from reproduction, differs, and even the methods of procreation are somewhat different. [49:3.4] (P. 563)

You would be more than interested in the planetary conduct of this type of mortal because such a race of beings inhabits a sphere in close proximity to Urantia. [49:3.6] (P. 564)

Ganymede is a moon of Jupiter, the largest moon in

our solar system with a diameter of 5,262 km (3,280 miles). It has no known atmosphere.

"The Galileo orbiter's first flyby of Ganymede discovered that Ganymede has its own magnetosphere field embedded inside Jupiter's huge one. This is probably generated in a similar fashion to the Earth's: as a result of motion of conducting material in the interior. It is thought that this conductive material may be a layer of liquid water with a high salt concentration, or it may originate in Ganymede's metallic core. Ganymede is the only moon known to have a magnetosphere."³⁸

It seems likely that energy intake for non-breathers is similar to the electrical energy intake of the humanoid midways elsewhere described. In 1990 Joe Pope,³⁹ published evidence of Ganymede being the likely sphere of the non-breathers.

SUMMARY

So the soon-coming scientific verifications are:

- a) Discovery of Atlantis—the First Garden of Eden (<2 years)
- b) The Andromeda galaxy is closer than once thought and light from there requires "almost one million years," not almost three million years as is presently believed (<10 years)
- c) Fourth and last outer space zone (<10 years)
- d) Spectrographic reinterpretation of the distance-redshift linear relationship (<10 yrs)
- e) Overthrow of "big bang" cosmology; universe is "smaller than we thought" (<15 years)
- f) Discovery of non-breathing, electrically powered humanoids "in close proximity" to Earth—Ganymede, Jupiter's satellite, largest in the solar system, is candidate (Anytime we look for them, the sooner the better)

THE FUTURE

The Urantia Book has much to say about the far distant future, not only the immediate future. Some revelatory information was mandated, and some lost knowledge is resurrected.

Scientists must be reminded that not only religion has unproved assumptions: "All divisions of human thought are predicated on certain assumptions which are accepted, though unproved, by the constitutive reality sensitivity of the mind endowment of man. Science starts out on its vaunted career of reasoning by assuming the reality of three things: matter, motion, and life. Religion starts out with the assumption of the validity of three things: mind, spirit, and the universe—the Supreme Being." [103:7.11] (P. 1139)

TIME AND SPACE

It is helpful to man's cosmic orientation to attain all possible comprehension of Deity's relation to the cosmos. While absolute Deity is eternal in nature, the Gods are related to time as an experience in eternity. In the evolutionary universes eternity is temporal everlastingness—the everlasting now. [118:1.1] (P. 1295)

Time is the "moving image of eternity" and space is the "reflected shadow" (projection) of Paradise realities

Mankind is slow to perceive that, in all that is personal, matter is the skeleton of morontia, and that both are the reflected shadow of enduring spirit reality. How long before you will regard time as the moving image of eternity and space as the fleeting shadow of Paradise realities? [189:1.3] (P. 2021)

Throughout the first centuries of the Christian propaganda, the idea of the kingdom of heaven was tremendously influenced by the then rapidly spreading notions of Greek idealism, the idea of the natural as the shadow of the spiritual—the temporal as the time shadow of the eternal. [170:5.2] (P. 1864)

Human personality is the time-space image-shadow cast by the divine Creator personality. And no actuality can ever be adequately comprehended by an examination of its shadow. Shadows should be interpreted in terms of the true substance. [1:6.1] (P. 29)

The brighter the shining of the spiritualized personality (the Father in the universe, the fragment of potential spirit personality in the individual creature), the greater the shadow cast by the intervening mind upon its material investment. In time, man's body is just as real as mind or spirit, but in death, both mind (identity) and spirit survive while the body does not. A cosmic reality can be nonexistent in personality experience. And so your Greek figure of speech—the material as the shadow of the more real spirit substance—does have a philosophic significance. [12:8.16] (P. 141)

If the universe is circular, ever moving around motionless Paradise at the focus of space, ever moving around Paradise in microscopic and macroscopic ways, then the motions we see may just be reflected images of time-less sequentiality on the space-less surfaces of Paradise.

The topology of matter and space is such that there is a (potentially dense) set of foci at the limit of the midspace zones existing within, between, and completely enveloping all moving matter. All of these midspace zones converge on a timeless, spaceless realm—Paradise, at the center of Infinity.

Although the midspace zones are potentially infinite, beyond the boundaries of matter-pervaded space they too end. But like Paradise the Unqualified Absolute and Universal Absolute have no limits.

CIRCULAR SIMULTANEITY

An experience of circular simultaneity will replace the one-time linear "flow of events." We all recognize that time is more than a moving point; our experience of time always includes an interval of it, a fragment of the never-beginning, never-ending eternal "now."

Time, space, and experience constitute barriers to creature concept; and yet, without time, apart from space, and except for experience, no creature could achieve even a limited comprehension of universe reality. Without time sensitivity, no evolutionary creature could possibly perceive the relations of sequence. Without space perception, no creature could fathom the relations of simultaneity. Without experience, no evolutionary creature could even exist; only the Seven Absolutes of Infinity really transcend experience, and even these may be experiential in certain phases. [106:9.2] (P. 1173)

From Jesus in *The Urantia Book*, we read, "Animals do not sense time as does man, and even to man, because of his sectional and circumscribed view, time appears as a succession of events; but as man ascends, as he progresses inward, the enlarging view of this event procession is such that it is discerned more and more in its wholeness. That which formerly appeared as a succession of events then will be viewed as a whole and perfectly related cycle; in this way will circular simultaneity increasingly displace the onetime consciousness of the linear sequence of events." [130:7.5] (P. 1439)

How, you may ask, can we ever imagine that time is not linear? Is it not true that the past is different from the future? Yes, it is different. For instance, we can change the future but not the past by deciding to act in the present. But every "moment" is already a time interval of longer or shorter duration. The theoretically infinitesimal instant has zero duration and the union of all such zero duration instants still has zero duration. There must be something more to a "time line" than points with no length.

Time always comes in intervals that include "now," the eternally present. Without fragmentation, a time interval includes both the infinite past and also the infinite future. These time intervals also convey logical sequentiality, something that can also be conveyed by "circular simultaneity."

Time comes by virtue of motion. [12:5.1] (P. 134) Motion is more basic than time; all measurements of time are done by counting relative motions. One day is one revolution (motion) of the earth on its axis. Time is therefore the experience of periodic motion, and motion appears to be the change of an object from one of position in space to another. Motion in space has logical meaning, but that meaning can be gleaned without the necessity of linear motion.

The seven prime relationships within the I AM eternalize as the Seven Absolutes of Infinity. But though we may portray reality origins and infinity differentiation by a sequential narrative, in fact all seven Absolutes are unqualifiedly and co-ordinately eternal. It may be necessary for mortal minds to conceive of their beginnings, but always should this conception be overshadowed by the realization that the seven Absolutes had no beginning; they are eternal and as such have always been. The seven Absolutes are the premise of reality. [105:3.1] (P. 1155)

Time gives us the intricacies of sequentiality and space gives us the relationships of simultaneity, but they are inseparable in wholeness of human experience.

THE BESTOWAL OF LIFE.

The force organizers initiate those changes and institute those modifications of space-force which eventuate in energy; the power directors transmute energy into matter; thus the material worlds are born. The Life Carriers initiate those processes in dead matter which we call life, material life. The Morontia Power Supervisors likewise perform throughout the transition realms between the material and the spiritual worlds. The higher spirit Creators inaugurate similar processes in divine forms of energy, and there ensue the higher spirit forms of intelligent life. [42:1.5] (P. 468)

THE SEVEN MASTER SPIRITS AND THEIR SEVEN DIFFERENT SUPERUNIVERSES.

Early in the projection of the superuniverse scheme of creation, the Master Spirits joined with the ancestral Trinity in the cocreation of the forty-nine Reflective Spirits, and concomitantly the Supreme Being functioned creatively as the culminator of the conjoined acts of the Paradise Trinity and the creative children of Paradise Deity. Majeston appeared and ever since has focalized the cosmic presence of the Supreme Mind, while the Master Spirits continue as source-centers for the far-flung ministry of the cosmic mind. [116:4.3] (P. 1272)

Each Master Spirit has his own superuniverse. We belong to the seventh superuniverse, Orvonton, while the whole fifth superuniverse among the seven is devoted to the power control beings. "Master Spirit Number Five. This divine personality who exquisitely blends the character of the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit is the adviser of that enormous group of beings known as the power directors, power centers, and physical controllers. This Spirit also fosters all personalities taking origin in the Father and the Conjoint Actor. In the councils of the Seven Master Spirits, when the Father-Spirit attitude is in question, it is always Master Spirit Number Five who speaks." [16:3.10] (P. 187)

