

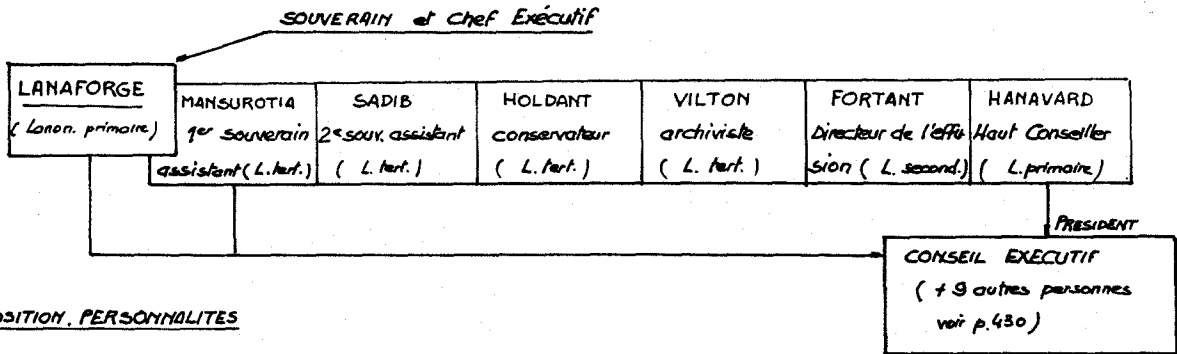
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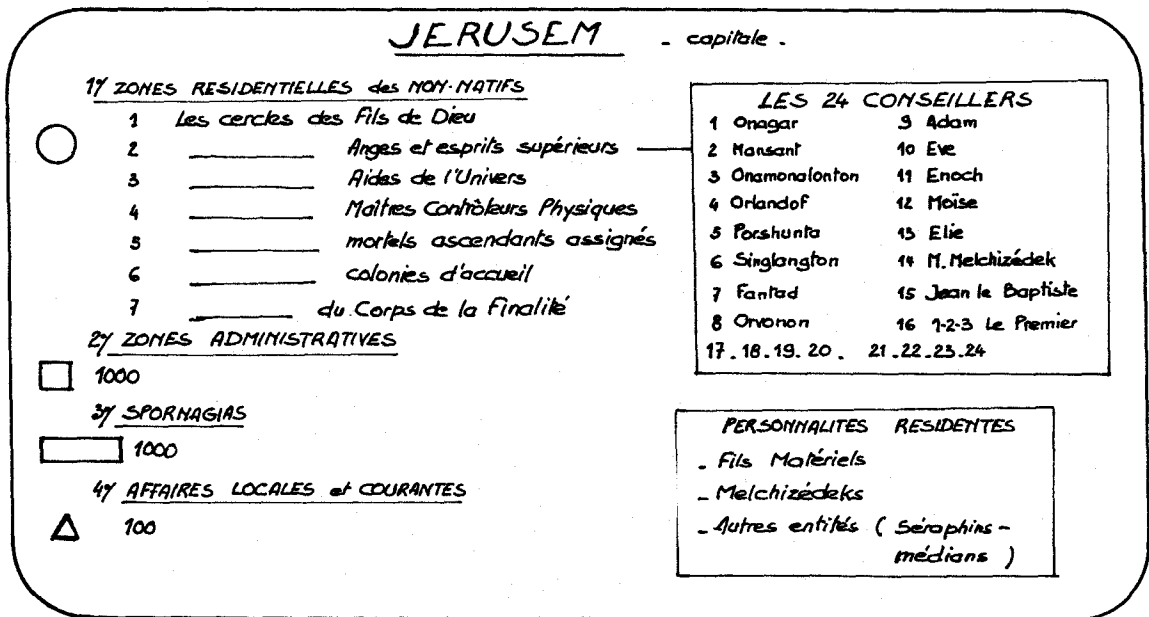
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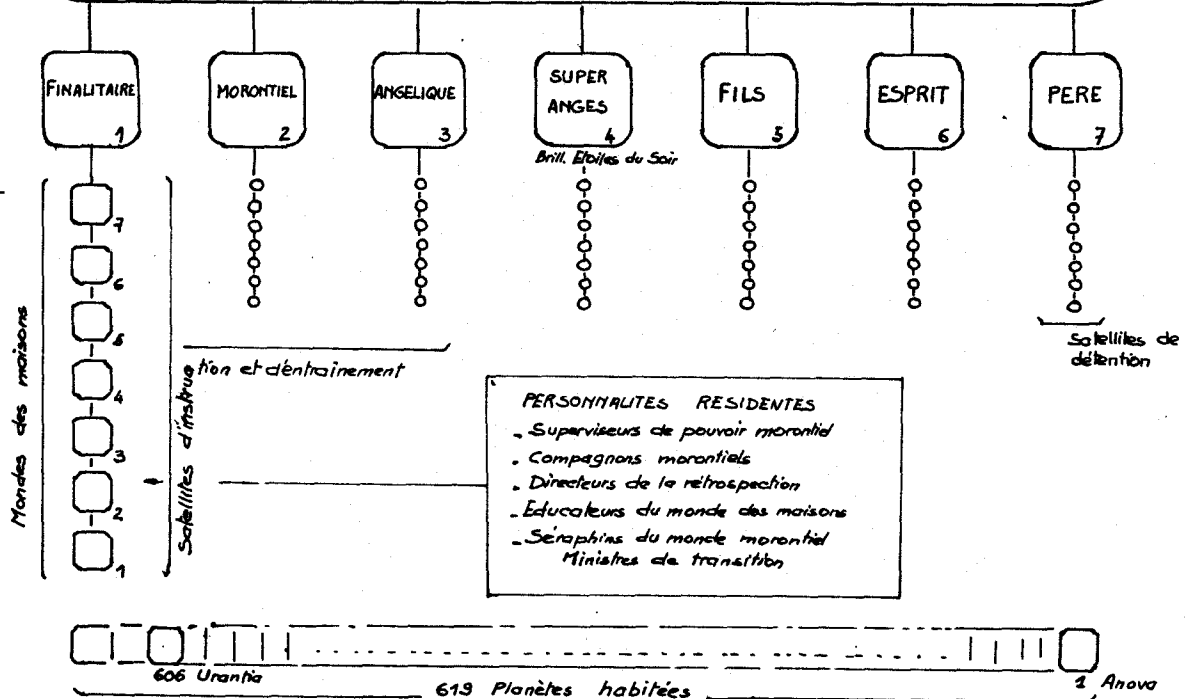


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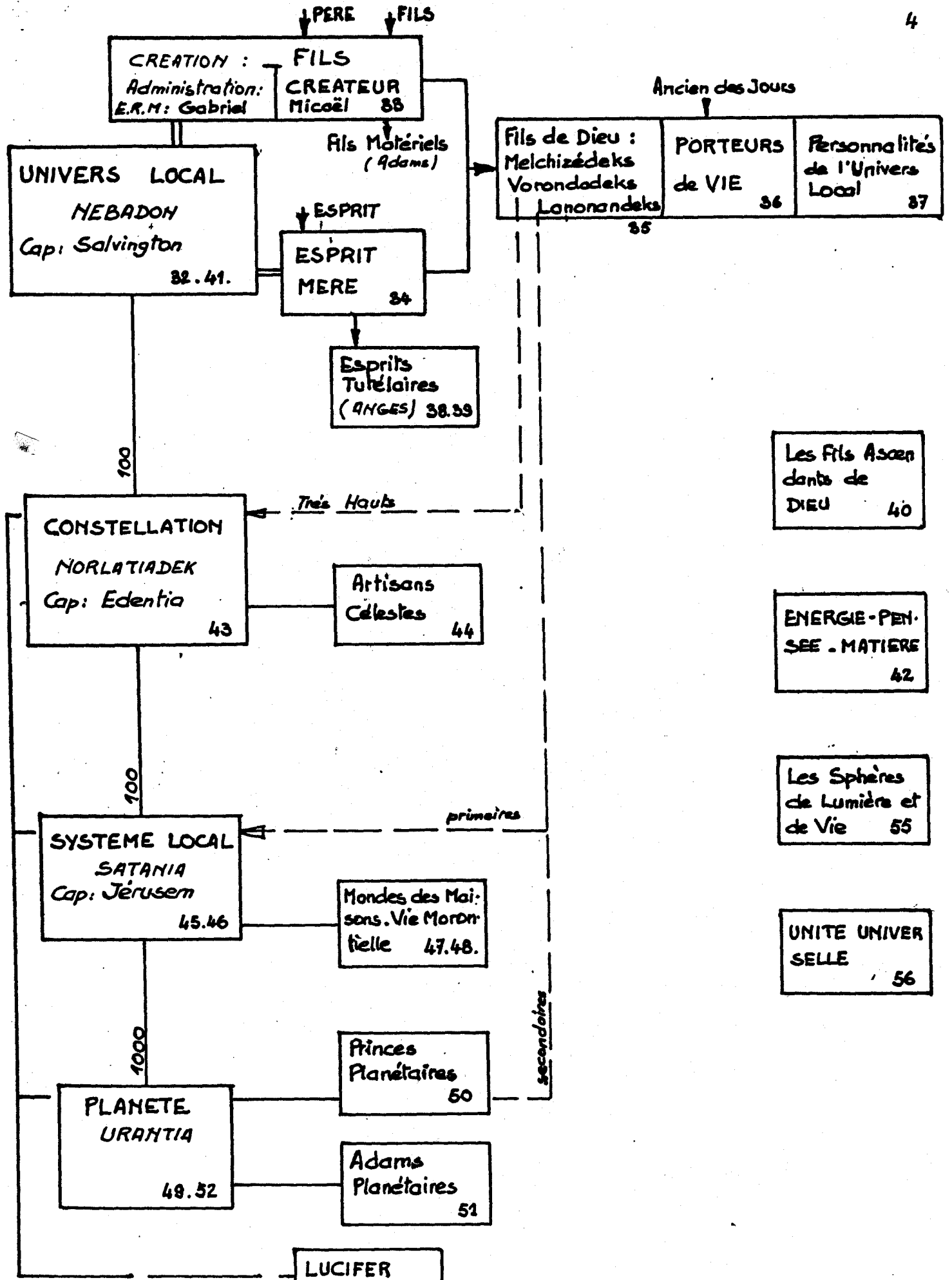
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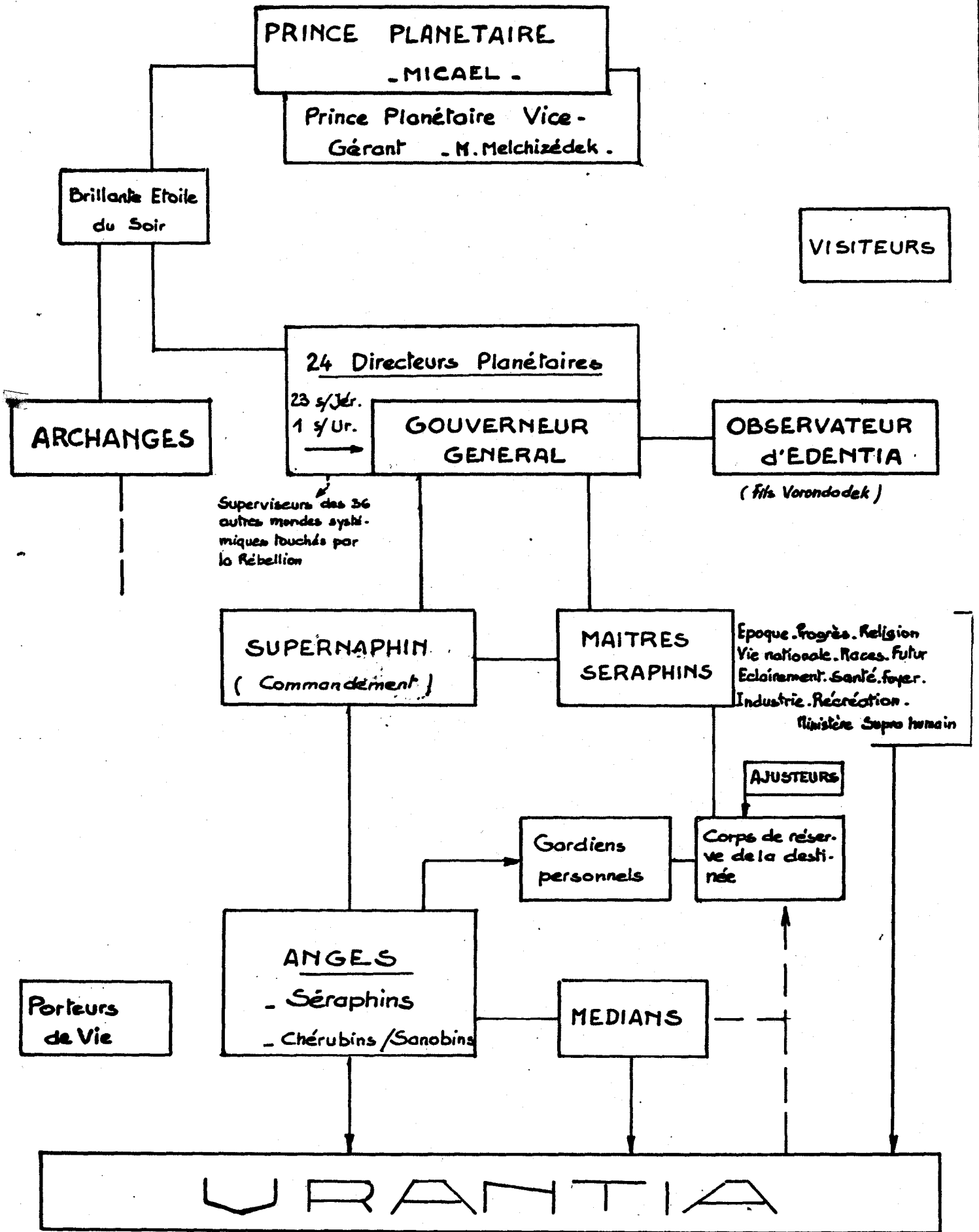


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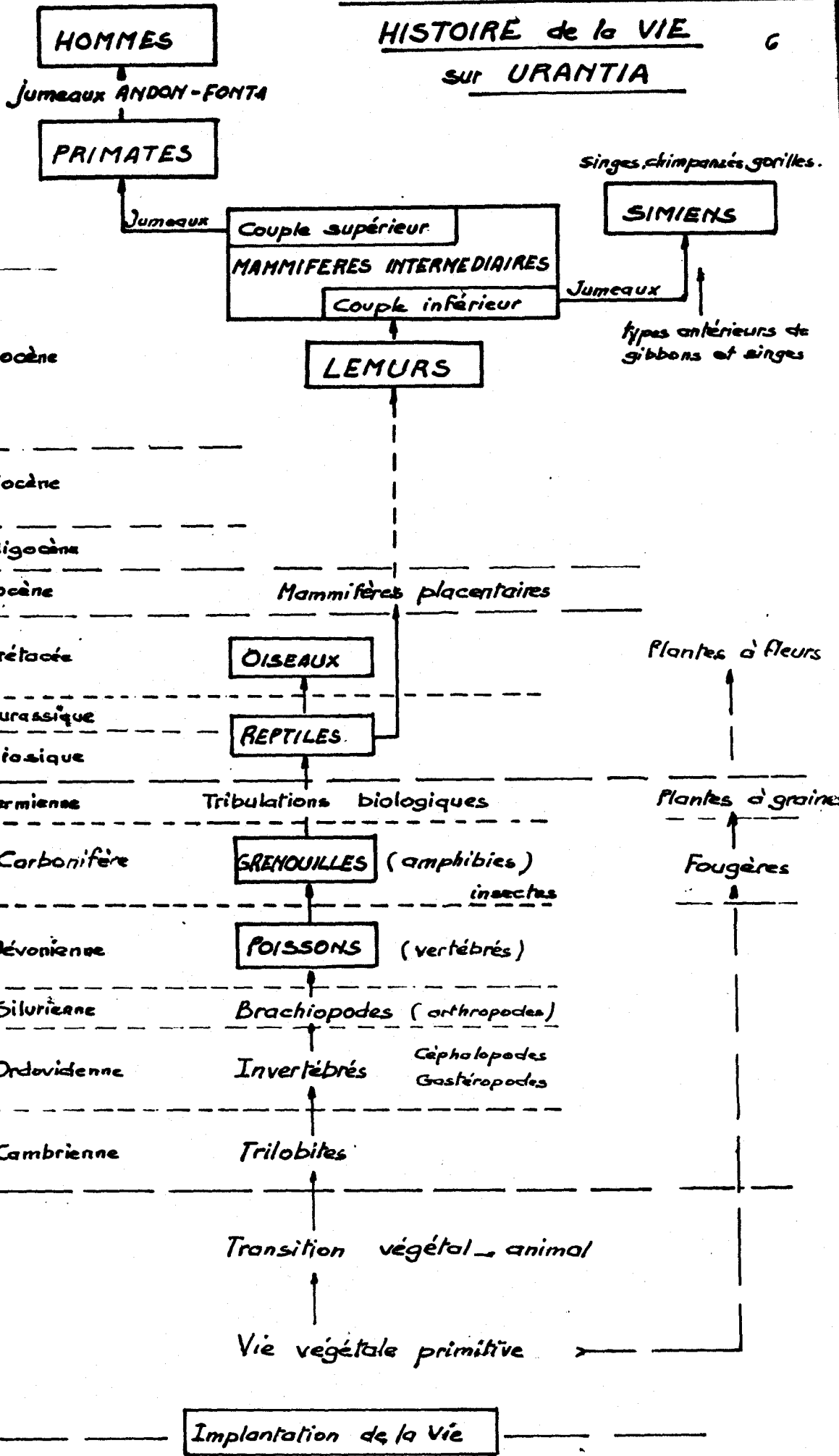


# HISTOIRE de la VIE 6 sur URANTIA

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Ere protérozoïque Ere paléozoïque Ere Mésozoïque Ere cénozoïque (\*)

993 419 ans  
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(\*) Echelle des temps modifiée

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Cher ami,

Bien reçu les documents et vous en remercie chaleureusement. Cette étude circulera ci l'intérieur des groupes d'Etude dont je fais partie. En fait, vous avez ouvert un dossier qui n'est pas prêt d'être fermé ...

Permettez-moi en échange de vous offrir quelques photocopies d'études dont je suis l'auteur. En espérant capter votre intérêt.

Bien fraternellement, en esprit avec vous dans vos recherches.

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EFR 1		E 023		LA COSMOGONIE d'URANTIA (AIDE-MEMOIRE)			E.A.M. 1962	
Divisions dans la CREATION	Quantités	NOM propre de notre division	CAPITALE ou SIÈGE	ADMINISTRATEUR ou SOUVERAIN	NOM propre du chef	Durée de la révolution = Jour local = 24 sur Urantia	Durée du Parcours de la trajectoire = années en jours d'Urantia = A sur Urantia	
Planète habitable x 1000 =>	10 <sup>12</sup>	URANTIA n° 606		souverain planétaire	Caligastia (déchu)	1 U = 24 h	1 A = 365,25 U	
Système x 100 =>	10 <sup>9</sup>	SATANIA n° 24	JÉRUSEM	Lanonandeks	Lanaforge	≈ 30 U - 1 <sup>h</sup> 4 <sup>mn</sup> 15s.	300 U = 0,8 A	
Constellation x 100 =>	10 <sup>7</sup>	NORLATHIADEK n° 70	EDENTIA	Voronadadeks Fidéles des jours Très hauts Pères de constell <sup>ns</sup>		comme le temps Nébradon	comme le temps sur Nébradon	
Univers-Local x 100 =>	10 <sup>8</sup>	NEBADDON n° 84	SALVINGTON	Unions des jours Fils-créateurs Fille-créatrice	Micaël, Christ Emmanuel	≈ 18,25 U et 6h 25 mn	≈ 1800 U, et 4 <sup>h</sup> 10 mn	
Secteur mineur x 100 =>	10 <sup>3</sup>	ENSA n° 3	UMINOR la 3 <sup>ème</sup>	Récents des jours				
Secteur majeur x 10 =>	10 <sup>1</sup>	SPLANDON n° 5	Umajor la 5 <sup>ème</sup>	Perfections des jours				
SUPER-univers x 7 => en un seul circuit.	7	ORVONTON n° 7	Uversa la 7 <sup>ème</sup>	3 anciens des jours	Orvonton	≈ 30 U	≈ 3000 U - 8 mn 1/2	
Domaine de l'espace-temps								
Centures des corps de granite obscurs								
Univers central	10 <sup>9</sup>	mondes de HAVONA en 7 univers	DIVININGTON SONARINGTON SPIRITINGTON VICEGERINGTON SOLITARINGTON SERAPHINGTON ASCENDINGTON					
Sphères du Père	7			7 maîtres-Espits = Eternels des jours			≈ 1000 U - 7 mn 3 1/2 s.	
S. du Fils	7							
S. de l'Esprit	7							
ILE ETERNELLE DU PARADIS	4	BAS-Paradis (Energies)						immobile
		haut-Paradis		TRINITES	DIEU en 3 personnes: Père, Fils, Esprit.			
NIVEAUX d'espace extérieurs	4			en cours de création				

Les formes d'Energie :

1. La "puissance spatiale" est transformée en force cosmique : la SEGREGATA.
2. La "force cosmique", activée par l'ultime devient émergente : l'ultimata.
3. L'énergie émergente est mise en mouvement → : énergie puissante.
4. L'énergie émergente prend la forme → : énergie gravitationnelle,
- 5 qui, par les directions de pouvoir donne la : GRAVITA
6. Dans HAVONA, l'acteur-cosmogoniste fournit l'énergie triple : la TRIATA
- 7 Au niveau supérieurs du Paradis, l'énergie transcendantale est : la TRANOSTA
- 8 L'énergie vivante du FILS a pour contre-partie l'énergie vivante non spirituelle : MONETA.

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Ecritte entre 1925 et 1935 par un groupe de penseurs et publiée par les soins de la Fondation Urantia de Chicago, cette oeuvre soi-disant impénétrable a été comprise et traduite par un ingénieur polytechnicien français, Monsieur Weiss.

ASPECT SCIENTIFIQUE. Elle révèle l'harmonie insoupçonnée de l'organisation des univers. Elle sonde l'immensité des cieux aux mondes innombrables. Des savants déjà se passionnent! Elle soutient d'audacieuses théories sur la genèse des galaxies, des soleils et des planètes. Elle explique le passé de la Terre, l'origine de la vie, son évolution par mutations, et l'architecture ultime de la matière.

ASPECT CULTUREL. Tout au long d'ères interminables, nous voyons l'animal préparer la venue de l'homme, et nous sommes présents à l'éclosion de la pensée réfléchie. Les races apparaissent, nanties de leur potentiel évolutif; certaines disparaissent, anéanties. Des drames se nouent, se jouent. Des civilisations s'épanouissent, d'autres s'évanouissent. Notre époque actuelle jette l'éclat fugitif de l'une des myriades de facettes de ce joyau de présentation qui sait enclorre l'espace sans bornes et le temps sans limites dans l'écrin d'un livre. Tandis qu'au loin se profile déjà l'utopie des âges à venir.

ASPECT PHILOSOPHIQUE. La thèse adoptée par le Docteur Sadler, président des chirurgiens, puis des psychiâtres aux Etats-Unis, se veut spiritualiste et déiste. L'esprit est vu comme une énergie mesurable, Dieu étant reconnu comme la source et le centre tant des énergies que des êtres personnels ou non. Les doctrines humaines sont dominées de si haut que leurs divergences n'inquiètent plus.

Sommes-nous en présence d'un prodige de science et de sagesse? Ou bien ne voyons-nous qu'un défi à l'imagination?

La lecture de ce livre n'évoque-t-elle pas une expédition en haute mer et la quête aventureuse de rivages inexplorés?

Jamais décevante, toujours exaltante, elle suggère encore une conversation inoubliable avec un étrange visiteur.

Elle éveille et elle apaise la nostalgie de l'inconnu.

PHOTOCOPIES sur DEMANDE

088 et 089

COSMOGONIE D'URANTIA AU CONGO. Constitution de communautés fraternelles.

SUIVRE LA LUMIERE QUI VOUS EST DONNEE. Communautés fraternelles (suite).

NOUS LES ENFANTS BIEN-AIMÉS D'UN PERE CELESTE. Lettre confidentielle. 090

COMPOSITION de La CRÉATION.

DIVISIONS de La CRÉATION		Nom propre de la capitale de notre division		Administrateur ou souverain de la division		DURÉE de la révolution de la division (Jour)	DURÉE du parcours de la trajectoire de la division (Année)
Dénomination	Quantité EN 1 SUPERUNIVERS	Nom propre de notre division et numéro		Dénomination et personnalités	Nom propre pour notre division	(en jours d'Urantia) = U	(Année) = A (Urantia) = A
Planètes TOTALES	10 <sup>12</sup>	URANTIA n° 606	Jérusalem (?)	Souverain planétaire	Caligastra (déchu)	1 U.	365,25 U = 1 A
SOLES, EN ORVONTON =	≈ 10 <sup>13</sup>						
Système	10 <sup>9</sup>	SATANIA n° 24	Jérusem	Lanonandek.	Lanaforge	~ 3 U	300 U = 0,8 A
Constellation	10 <sup>7</sup>	NORLATIADEK n° 70	Edentia	Voron dadek fidèle des jours Très-haut Père de constellation			
Univers local	10 <sup>5</sup>	NEBADON n° 84	Salvington	Union des jours + Fils créateurs + Fille créatrice	Emmanuel Micaël = Christ	18,25 U	1825 U = 5 A
Secteur mineur	10 <sup>3</sup>	ENSA n° 3	Uminor la 3 <sup>ème</sup>	Récit des jours			
Secteur majeur	10	SPLANDON n° 5	Umajor la 5 <sup>ème</sup>	Perfection des jours			
Superunivers	Pour 1 Total: 7	ORVONTON n° 7	Uversa	Anciens des jours x 3		~ 30 U	3000 U = 8,2 A
Univers Central	unique	HAVONA.	Divinington Sonarington Spiritington Vicegerington Solitarington Séraphington Ascendington et autres	Éternel des jours x 7 = Maîtres - Esprits			1000 x 166 U
Île du Paradis	unique			TRINITE = PÈRE + FILS + ESPRIT			Fixé en tous sens
Espaces extérieurs	4						En cours de création.

Dispensation = durée d'un instructeur au suivant

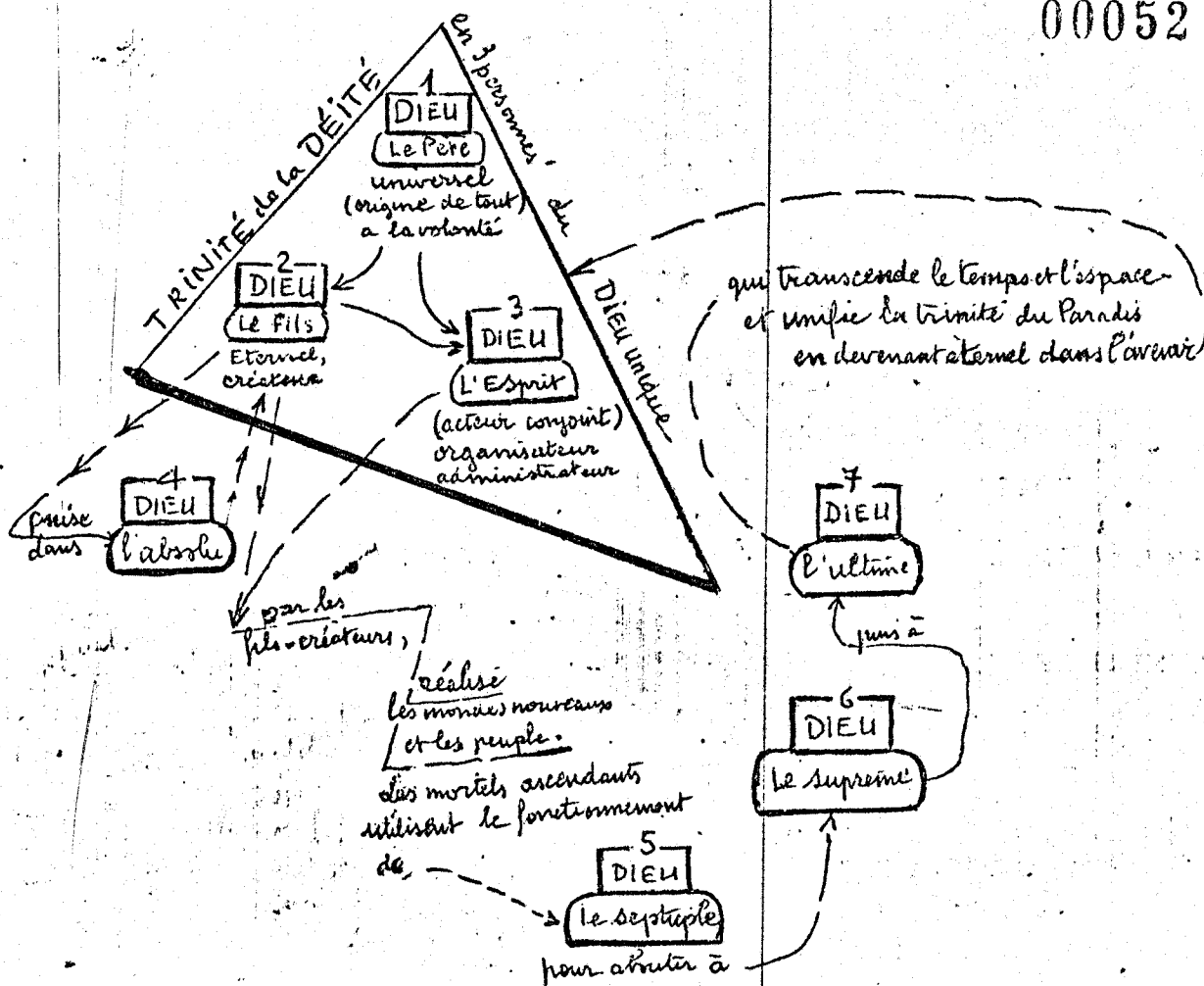
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Extraits de la Cosmogonie d'Urantia.

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<p>1. DIEU Le Père - créateur, contrôleur, soutien Père universel</p> <p>2. DIEU Le Fils - Créateur coordonné, contrôleur d'Esprit - Fils éternel</p> <p>3. DIEU L'Esprit - Acteur-conjoint, Intégrateur universel - Dispensateur de Pensée - Esprit infini</p>	<p>Trinité du Paradis</p>	<p>Expérientielle et infinie</p>	<p><u>Réalité:</u> chez les 7 absolus :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Père universel</li> <li>2. Fils éternel</li> <li>3. Esprit infini</li> <li>4. Île du Paradis</li> <li>5. Déité absolue</li> <li>6. Absolu universel</li> <li>7. Absolu inconditionné</li> </ol>
<p>4. DIEU Le Suprême, du Temps et de l'Espace accompli l'unité de la Déité } tend vers l'ère suprême</p> <p>5. DIEU Le Septuple, opérant dans le temps et l'espace unifié la révélation de la Déité } tend vers la Trinité Ultime</p> <p>6. DIEU L'Ultime, du super-temps et de l'espace-transcendé } extériorise l'expérience</p>	<p>tend vers la Trinité Ultime</p>	<p>Expérientielles</p>	<p><u>Niveaux de réalité:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finis incomplets</li> <li>2. Finis au maximum: Suprême = - Cohesion dans Harmonie des résultats du pouvoir (Expérientiel) - Suprêmes (fin de l'évolution)</li> </ol>
<p>7. DIEU L'Absolu, des valeurs superpersonnelles transcendées, troisième niveau d'expansion de la Déité, peut devenir, avec le Suprême et l'Ultime } la Trinité Absolue.</p>	<p>la Trinité Absolue.</p>	<p>Expérientielles</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Transcendants</li> <li>4. Ultimes</li> <li>5. Co-absolus</li> <li>6. absolus</li> <li>7. infinité</li> </ol>
<p>La Trinité des trinités a 3 niveaux</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Niveau des 3 trinités (Paradis - Ultime - Absolu)</li> <li>2. Niveau des déités expérientielles (Suprême - Ultime - Absolu)</li> <li>3. Niveau de corrélation de toutes phases de toutes réalités, (reconstituant le Je suis initial plus tous les résultats expérientiels)</li> </ol>			

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 GR Par Jacques Weiss, Ancien Elève de l'Ecole Polytechnique ++++++

Au cours de l'année 1926, un citoyen américain que nous appellerons "la personnalité de contact" se mit à parler dans son entourage de questions telles que la création de l'univers, les autres mondes habités, la personnalité de Dieu, la rébellion de Lucifer, la venue sur terre d'Adam et d'Eve, la vie de Jésus entre l'âge de 13 et de 30 ans, etc... Il s'exprimait avec une telle autorité et ses propos étaient si intéressants qu'un petit groupe se forma bientôt pour l'écouter. Parmi les membres de ce groupe se trouvait un banquier de Chicago qui voulut absolument faire une enquête pour savoir si les révélations de cette personnalité de contact étaient dues à l'occultisme, à des transes, à l'absorption de drogues, à une exploitation mystique, ou à un lien effectif avec la hiérarchie spirituelle qui domine le monde invisible. Ce banquier s'adressa alors pour sa consultation au Dr William S. SADLER, Président des Psychiâtres et des Chirugiens d'Amérique, et psychologue éminent de la classe de Freud et de Young, et qui avait d'ailleurs fait ses études il y a fort longtemps avec ces deux personnalités. Le Dr SADLER, alors âgé de 51 ans, écouta longuement la personnalité de contact, et la soumit à de nombreux tests. Il conclut formellement que la dernière hypothèse était la seule valable et qu'il s'agissait de révélations authentiques en provenance de l'au-delà transmises en pleine conscience de veille par une personnalité ayant des qualités exceptionnelles de récepteur de haute-fidélité. Elle ne colorait pas ses messages ni par sa sentimentalité, ni par ses passions, ni par son intellect, ni par ses préjugés.

Sur le vu de cette consultation, le banquier décida de payer une secrétaire aussi longtemps qu'il faudrait pour sténographier les révélations de la personnalité de contact. Ces révélations durèrent 9 ans et aboutirent en 1935 à la confection du manuscrit complet de la Cosmogonie d'Urantia en anglais.

Le Dr SADLER se passionna pour l'aventure et ne tarda pas à former un groupe d'études auquel il offrit pour siège son magnifique hôtel particulier du 533 Diversey Parkway à Chicago, dont il conféra ensuite la jouissance à une Association sans but lucratif appelée la FONDATION URANTIA.

Le manuscrit fut dactylographié en 2 exemplaires et soigneusement enfermé dans un coffre-fort placé dans une puissante chambre forte d'une banque de Chicago. On le sortait le vendredi après-midi pour en permettre l'étude en groupe le samedi et le dimanche, et on le remettait dans son coffre le lundi matin. Quand on le reprenait le

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vendredi suivant, les fautes du texte avaient été corrigées par des mains invisibles afin que le message représente bien exactement la pensée de la hiérarchie spirituelle qui voulait le faire parvenir au monde. Son mobile était le suivant: voyant que la notion de Dieu se perdait progressivement dans la civilisation matérialiste, il ne fallait pas laisser l'humanité sans un phare sous forme d'une Bible du XXIe siècle, bien adaptée aux temps modernes. Il fallait rectifier les contradictions, les erreurs, et les lacunes des Ecritures Saintes plus ou moins bien transmises depuis dix-neuf siècles. En même temps, les responsables spirituels du message donnaient l'ordre formel de ne pas le publier avant le moment qu'ils indiqueraient et de garder un silence complet vis-à-vis de l'extérieur en attendant.

Parmi la soixantaine de personnalités qui étudièrent ce message dactylographié entre 1935 et 1955 se trouvait une certaine Miss BROWN, spiritualiste très avertie, avec laquelle j'avais eu de longs entretiens à New-York durant l'hiver 1947-1948, mais qui n'avait jamais fait allusion à l'existence de la Cosmogonie. En 1955, l'heure de la publication arriva enfin sous forme d'un message disant à peu près: "Maintenant que les communications planétaires permettent la diffusion rapide des nouvelles sur toute la planète, le nombre des lecteurs potentiels est devenu suffisant pour justifier la publication du message en anglais avec un tirage initial de 10.000 exemplaires, d'autant plus qu'il se trouvera un traducteur dans une autre langue pour en faire un ouvrage vraiment mondial sur la Terre."

A Noël 1955, dès la parution du livre en anglais, sous le titre THE URANTIA BOOK, Miss Brown me l'envoya en me disant que ce message, dont j'ignorais l'existence, était pour moi. Il me fallut les premiers mois de 1956 pour le lire, après quoi je reconnus l'une des manières d'opérer caractéristiques de la Hiérarchie spirituelle. Elle propose à un homme, qui reste toujours libre d'accepter ou de refuser, d'accomplir une tâche qu'elle désire voir exécuter. Si l'homme refuse, elle recherche quelqu'un d'autre et attend de l'avoir trouvé. S'il accepte, elle lui indique la manière d'accomplir la tâche et lui en donne les moyens. Il en résulte pour l'exécutant une certitude, une joie intérieure, et un enrichissement spirituel parfois majeur. Je savais par 30 ans d'expérience que de nombreux Français recherchaient la vérité sous cette forme d'alliance de la science et de la religion, un thème qui m'a toujours été cher. D'autre part, je mesurais bien l'effort colossal que représentaient la traduction et la publication...

... Je décidai donc de me considérer dès lors comme investi

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d'une mission, et j'abordai le travail en commençant par tout traduire à la main sur 29 grands cahiers. Je reçus constamment une aide immense du monde invisible, collaboration, santé, inspirations, et argent.

Quand le manuscrit fut bien en route, je demandai à ma secrétaire d'en entreprendre la dactylographie. Puis j'écrivis à la Fondation Urantia que j'avais traduit le Livre et que je demandais la permission de le publier en français: Il s'ensuivit une interminable période de négociations et de contrôles pour aboutir finalement à un accord pour lequel il me fallut aller à Chicago en 1960. Je choisis naturellement la date du 21 août que les Urantiens fêtent toujours en commémoration du véritable jour de naissance de Jésus, 7ans avant l'ère chrétienne...

En arrivant le 21 août à Chicago au milieu d'une assemblée de 60 à 80 Urantiens, le Dr SADLER me présenta de la manière suivante: "Messieurs, dit-il à l'assemblée, vous vous souvenez qu'en 1955 nous avons reçu l'ordre de publier le Livre d'Urantia parce que l'heure était venue, et parce qu'il y aurait un traducteur. Je vous présente aujourd'hui ce traducteur dont le monde spirituel connaissait le potentiel, alors que le traducteur lui-même ne connaissait pas l'existence de l'ouvrage;"

Naturellement, ces circonstances exceptionnelles me conduisirent à me lier d'une grande amitié avec le Dr Sadler en 1960. Il avait alors 86 ans. En le quittant, je lui demandai sa promesse de rester en vie jusqu'à ce que je revienne le voir en lui apportant verbalement le fruit international de l'oeuvre. Jusqu'à présent, il a tenu parole malgré quatre crises cardiaques, et j'ai alors pris mes dispositions pour lui rendre une ultime visite cet été à Chicago.

Lumières dans la Nuit. Juillet-Août 1967. +++++

HARMONIE MONDIALE UNIVERSELLE

Ce temps d'union silencieuse permet à chaque individu d'honorer ceux qui dans le passé ont lutté pour la liberté, dont nous sommes les bénéficiaires. Mais il permet aussi de regarder devant nous, en pensant aux besoins des malades et des malheureux, où qu'ils se trouvent.

En unissant nos pensées durant ces minutes de silence, cette fusion pour le Bien et pour Dieu atteint une puissance incommensurable.

En ayant une vie individuelle harmonieuse, active et généreuse.

En étant persuadé que tout acte d'indifférence contribue à la crucifixion de la Vérité.

En travaillant collectivement quand et où il est possible de produire de l'harmonie.

Universal World Harmony, The Red House, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham GL 51 6 QL, England

# Historia de la Creación

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# El Universo Maestro

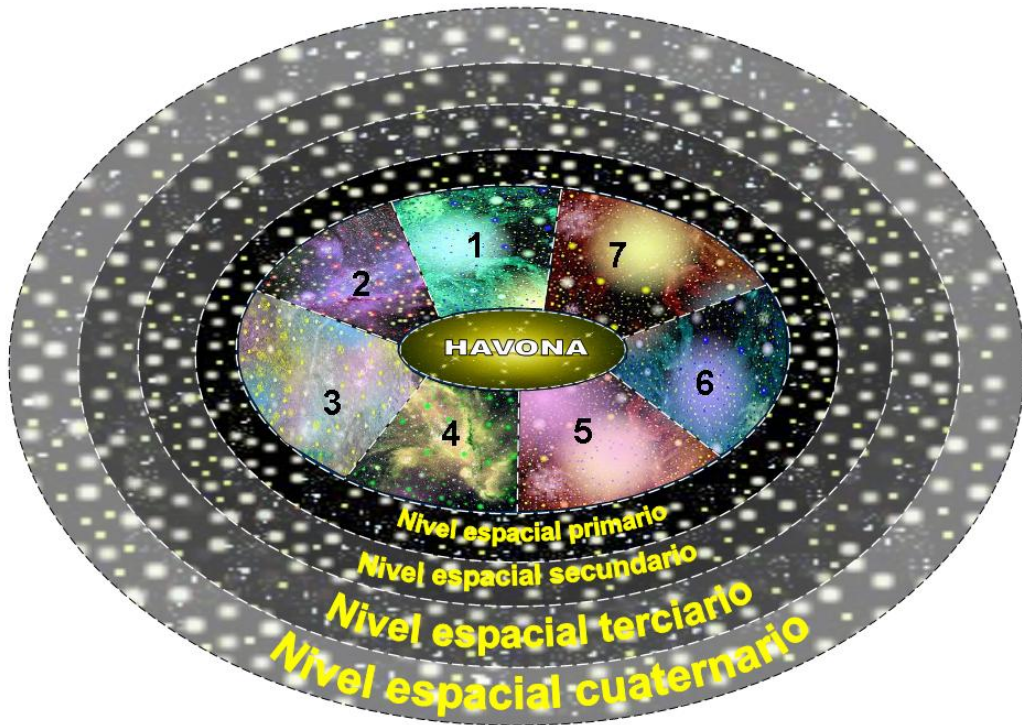


Figura 1

## LAS TRES FASES DE LA ETERNIDAD

Eterna	Más eterna	Aún más eterna
<b>ESPIRITU INFINITO</b>	<b>HIJO ETERNO</b>	<b>PADRE UNIVERSAL</b>
<b>HAVONA</b>	<b>PARAÍSO</b>	
PRIMERA ERA	ERA CERO	

Figura 1-A

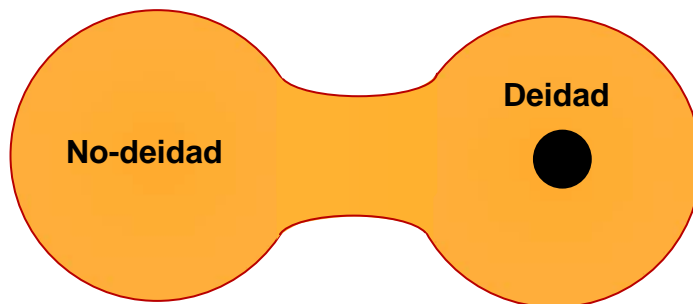
## Deidad Estática



Figura 2

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## Deidad en transición



## Deidad Potencial

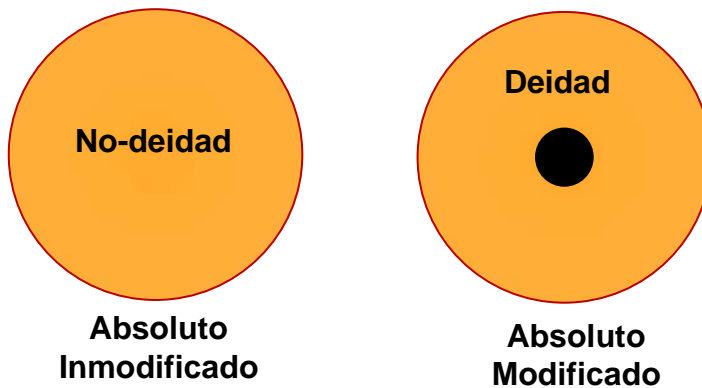


Figura 3

# Deidad Asociativa

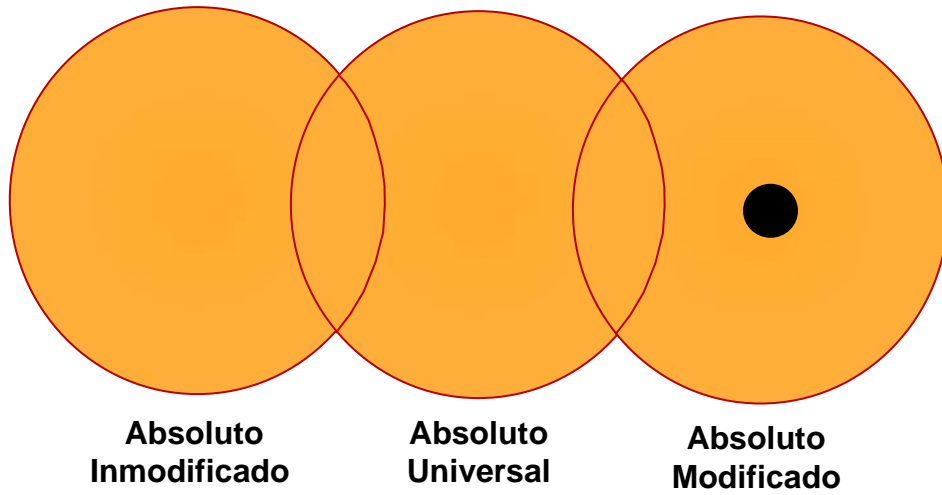


Figura 4

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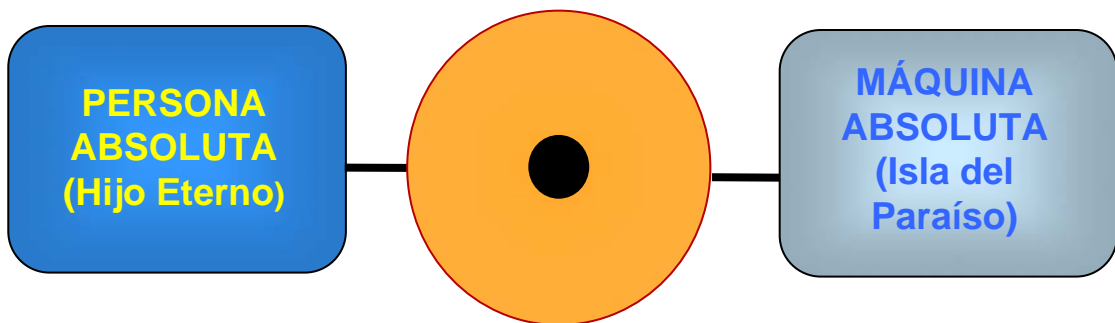


Figura 5

## Síntesis de la Realidad Potencial

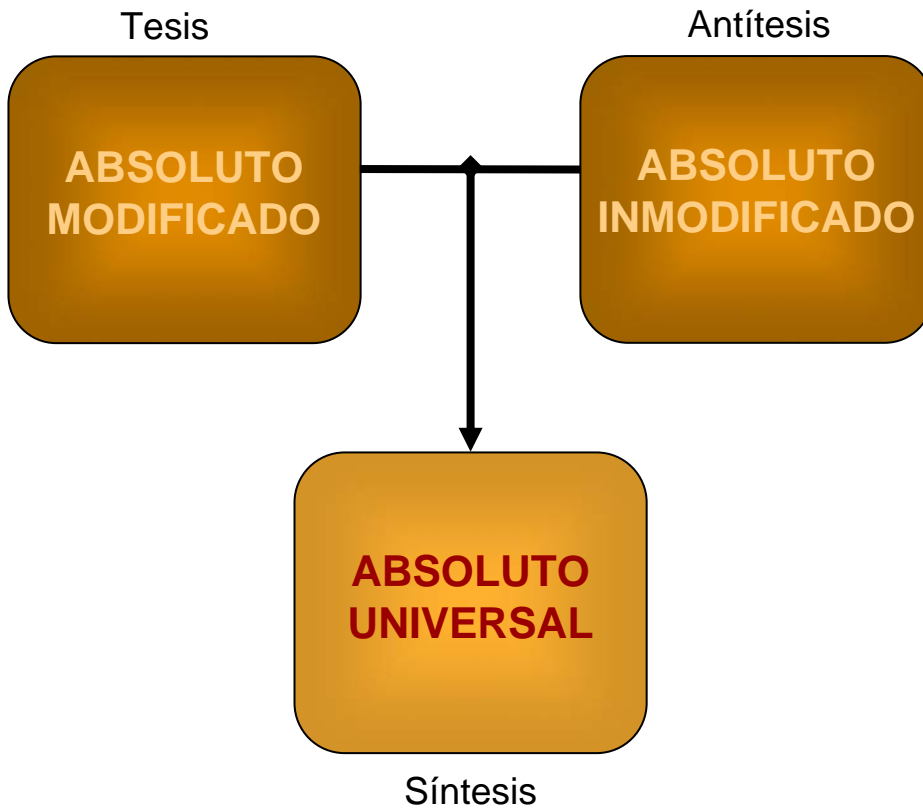


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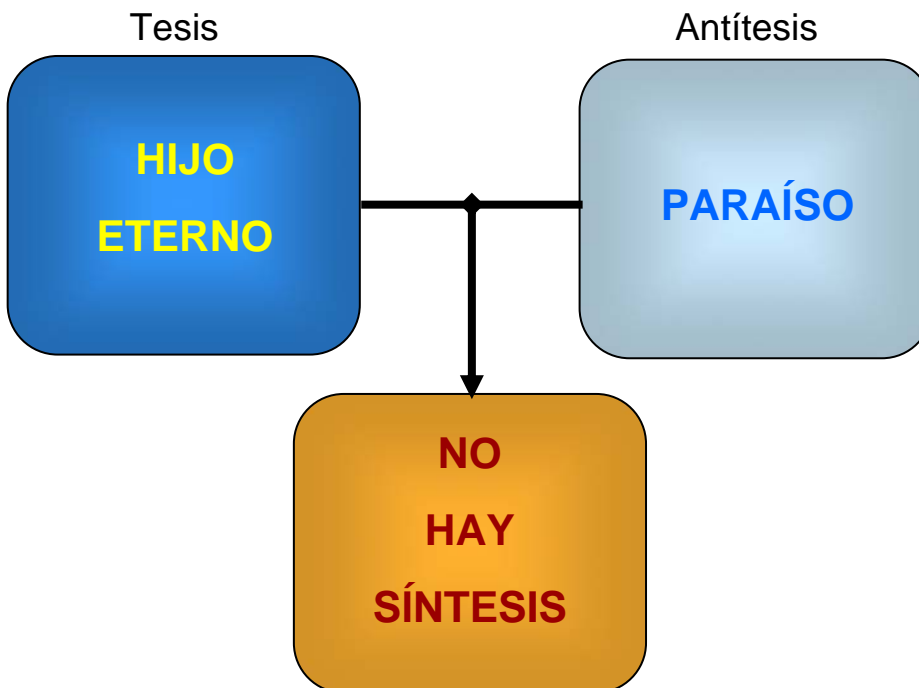


Figura 7

# Síntesis existencial de la Deidad

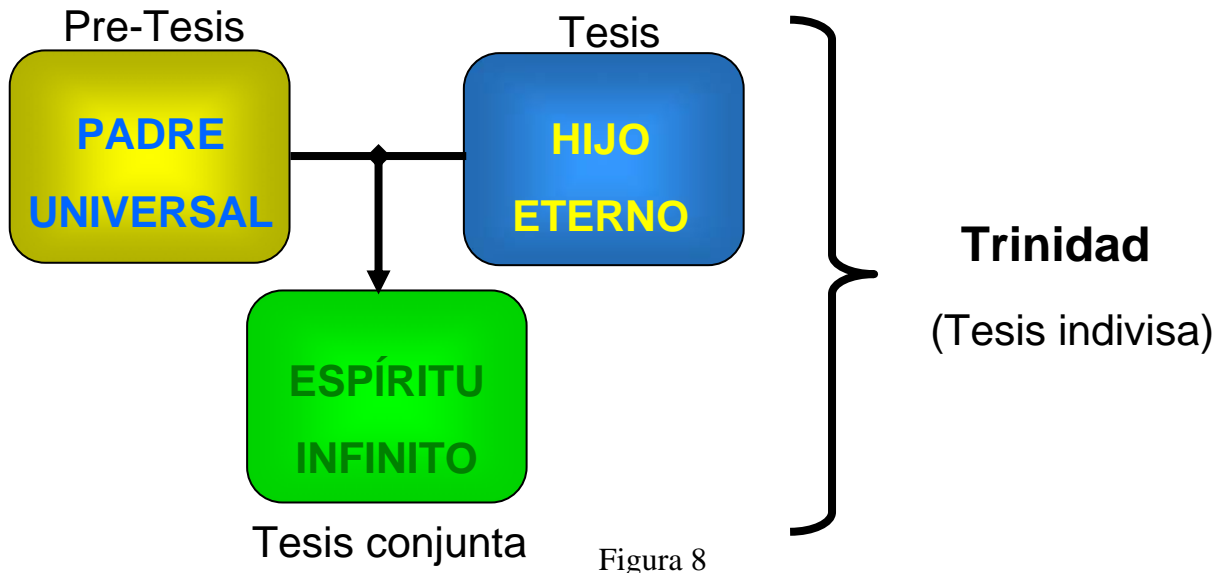


Figura 8

## REALIDADES EXISTENTES EN LA...

PRIMERA ERA	ERA CERO	ERA PRE-CERO	ERA ANTERIOR A LA ERA PRE-CERO
Absoluto Modificado Absoluto Inmodificado Absoluto Universal Padre Universal Hijo Eterno Espíritu Infinito Isla del Paraíso Havona	Absoluto Modificado Absoluto Inmodificado Absoluto Universal Padre Universal Hijo Eterno Isla del Paraíso	Absoluto Modificado Absoluto Inmodificado Absoluto Universal	Deidad estática

Figura 8 - A

## Deidad indivisa

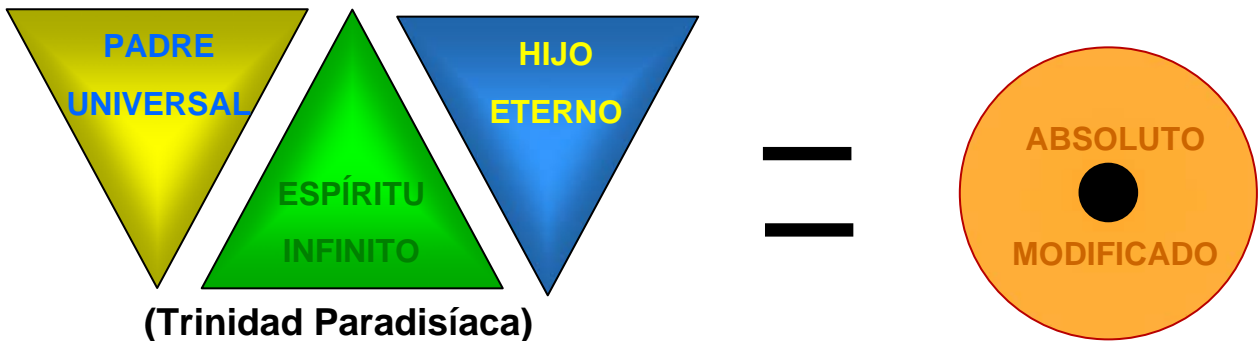


Figura 9

# ¿QUÉ TENEMOS ...?

Al empezar la Primera Era



Al terminar la Primera Era



Figura 10

## LOS NIVELES DE ACTIVIDAD DE LA DEIDAD



Figura 11

# PRIMERA GRAN SÍNTESIS

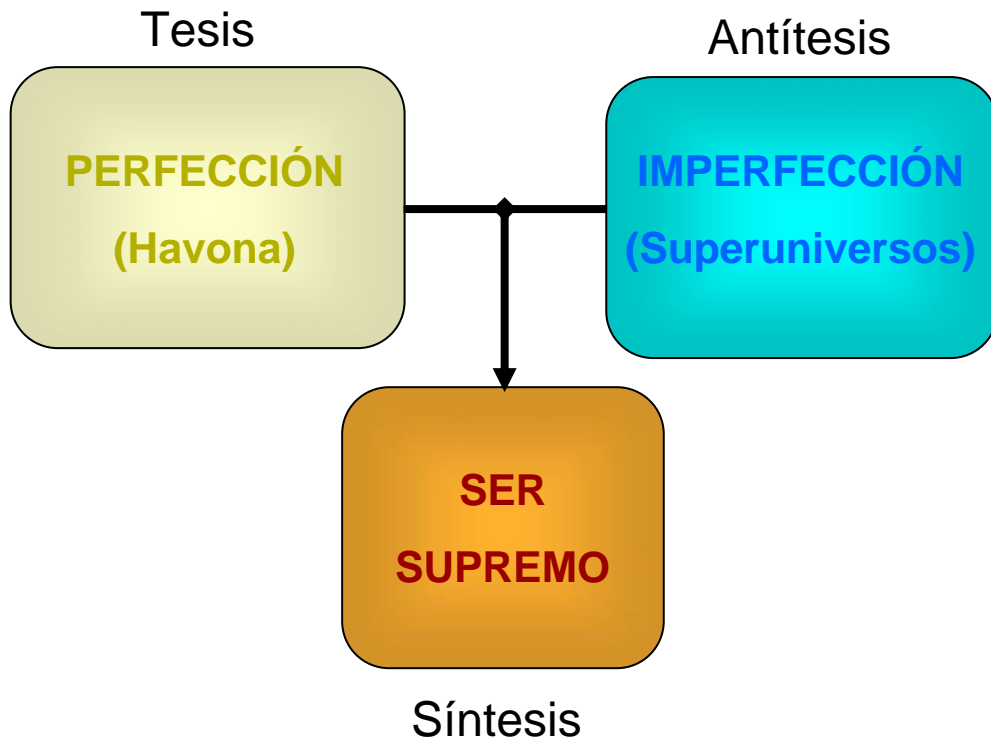


Figura 12

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## LOS SIETE ESPÍRITUS MAESTROS

- I** – Padre Universal
- II** – Hijo Eterno
- III** – Espíritu Infinito
- IV** – Padre – Hijo
- V** – Padre – Espíritu
- VI** – Hijo – Espíritu
- VII** – Padre – Hijo – Espíritu

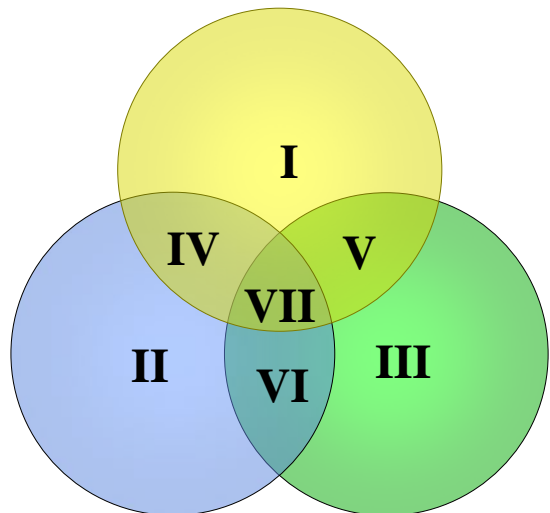
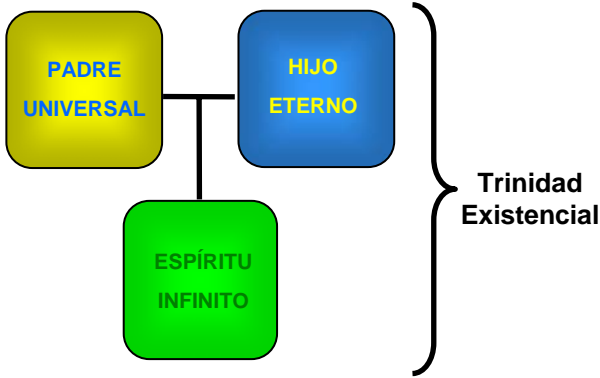


Figura 13

# ¿QUÉ TENEMOS ...?

## Al empezar la Segunda Era



## Al terminar la Segunda Era

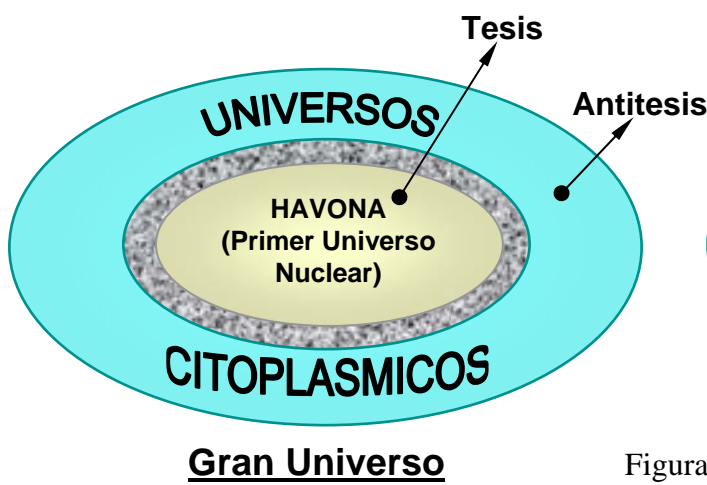
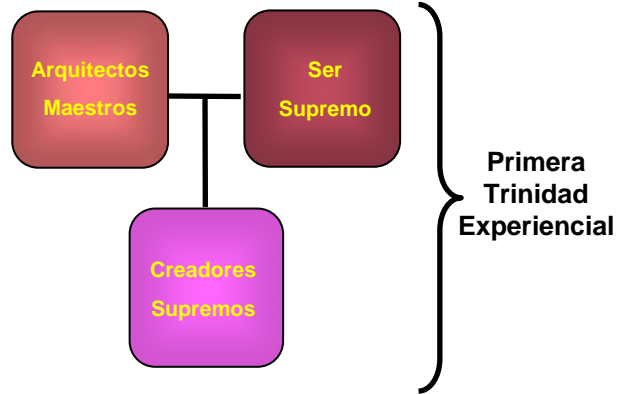
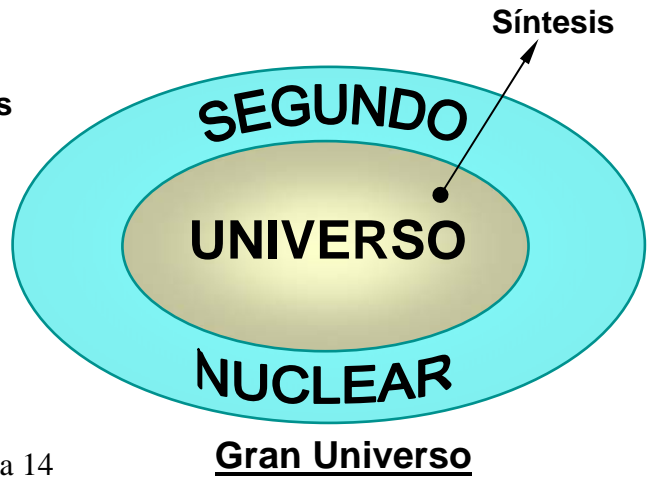


Figura 14



CICLOS	TESIS	ANTÍTESIS	SÍNTESES	
1º	HAVONA	SIETE SUPER UNIVERSOS	GRAN UNIVERSO	HISTORIA FINITA
2º	GRAN UNIVERSO	4 NIVELES ESPACIO EXTERIOR	UNIVERSO MAESTRO	HISTORIA ABSONITA
3º	UNIVERSO MAESTRO	COSMOS INFINITO	?	HISTORIA ABSOLUTA
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Figura 15



# LAS TRES TRINIDADES

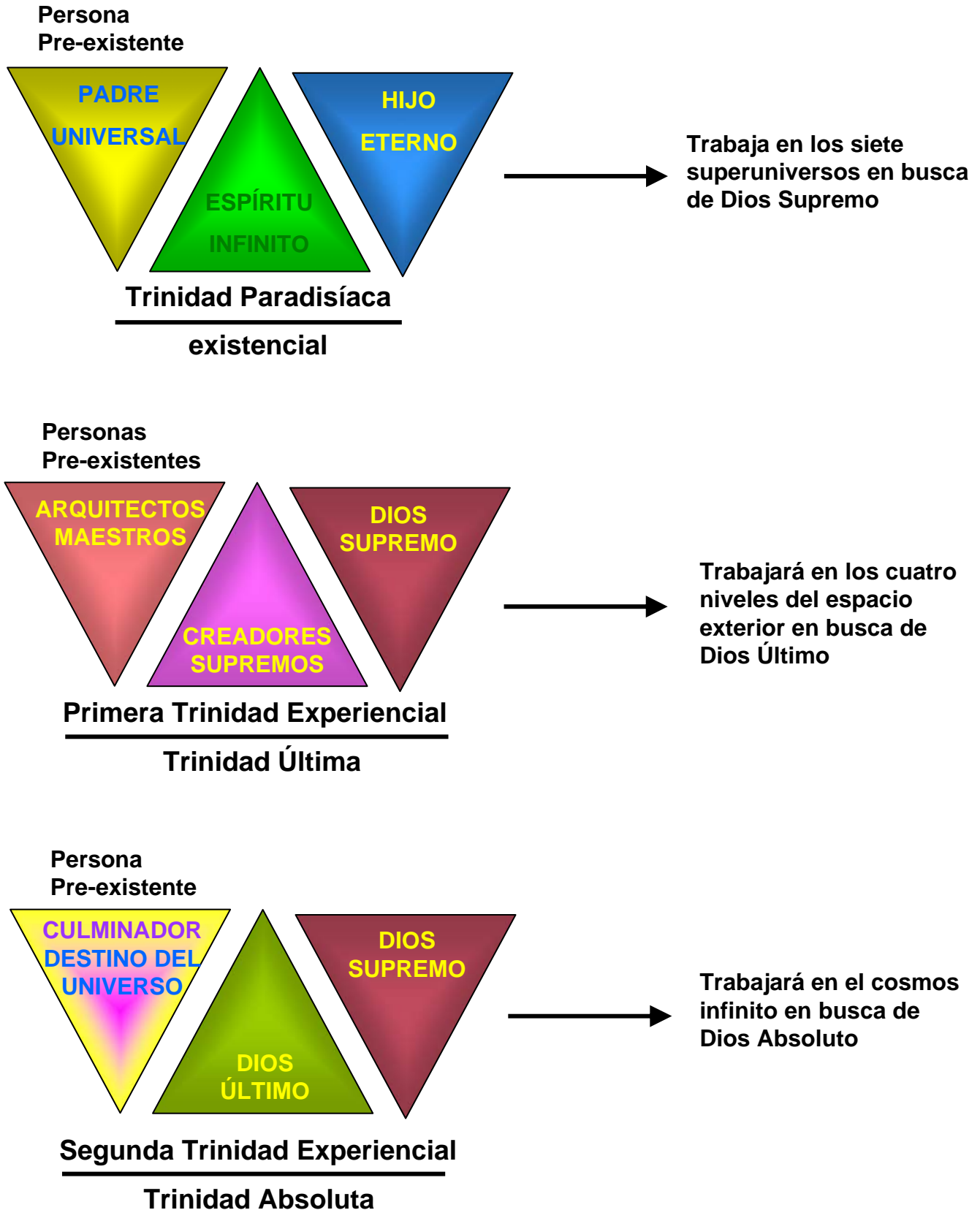


Figura 16

# MODIFICACIÓN DE LOS POTENCIALES

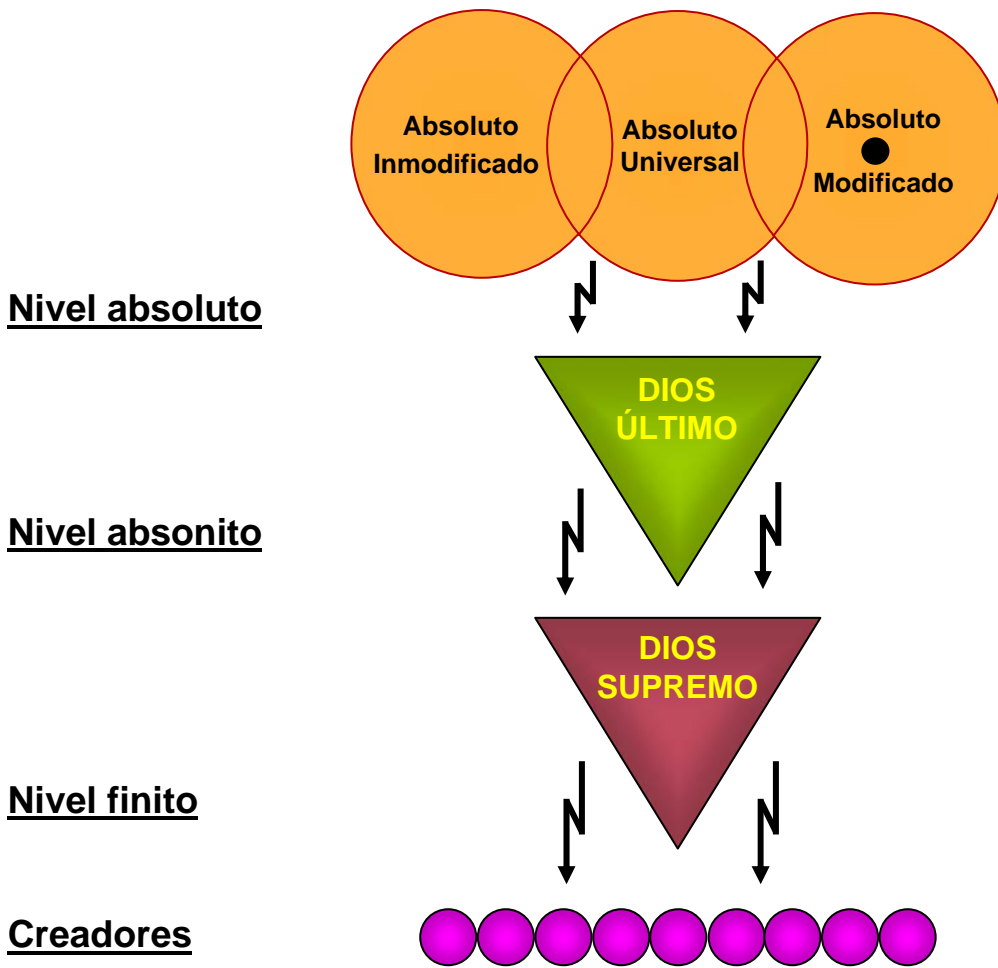


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# AGOTAMIENTO DE LOS POTENCIALES

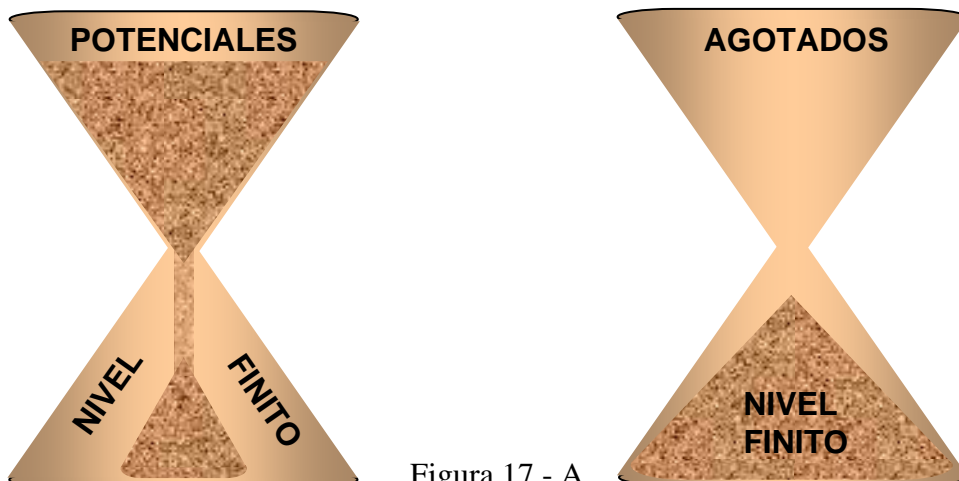


Figura 17 - A

# ETAPAS EN LA APARICIÓN DEL SUPREMO Y DEL ÚLTIMO

1	Nivel espacial de los Superuniversos	SEGUNDA ERA	Aparición de Dios Supremo
1	Nivel espacial primario	TERCERA ERA	Aparición de Dios Último
2	Nivel espacial secundario	CUARTA ERA	
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4	Nivel espacial cuaternario	SEXTA ERA	

Figura 18

## SEGUNDA GRAN SÍNTESIS

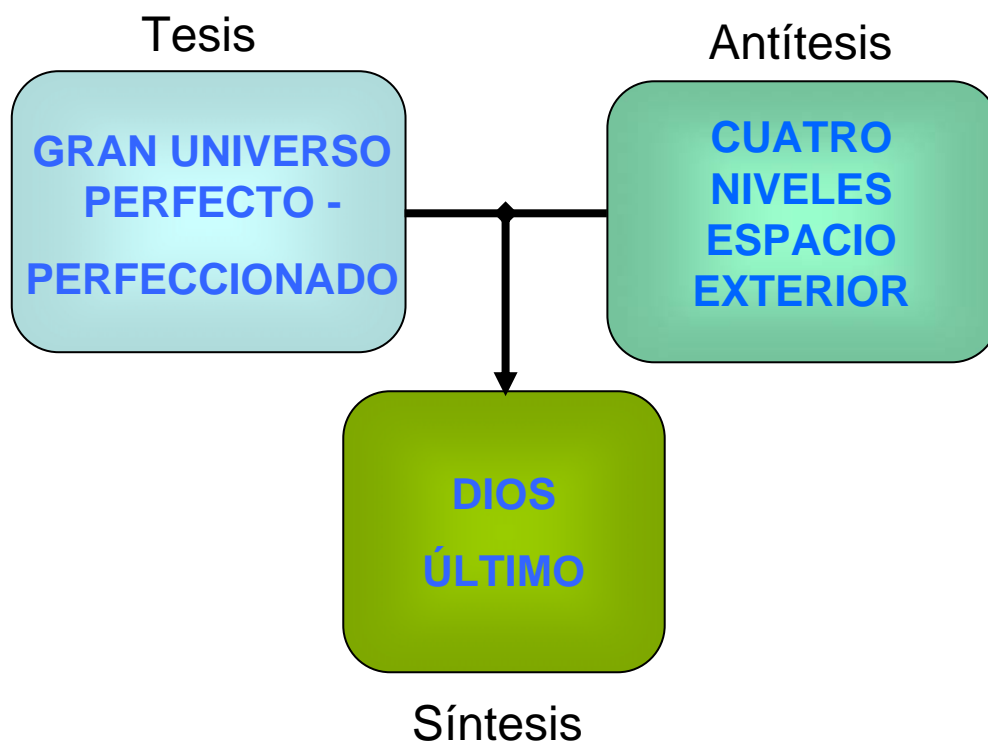
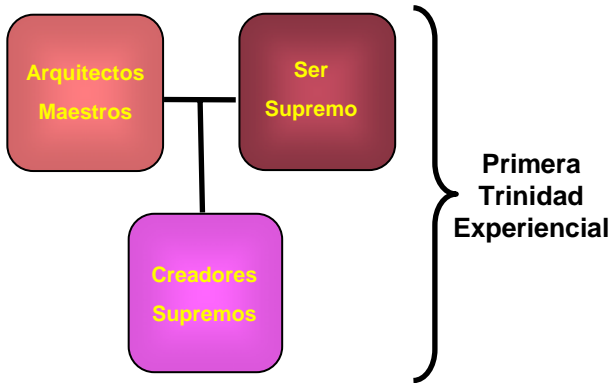


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# ¿QUÉ TENEMOS ...?

## Al empezar la Tercera Era



## Al terminar la Tercera Era

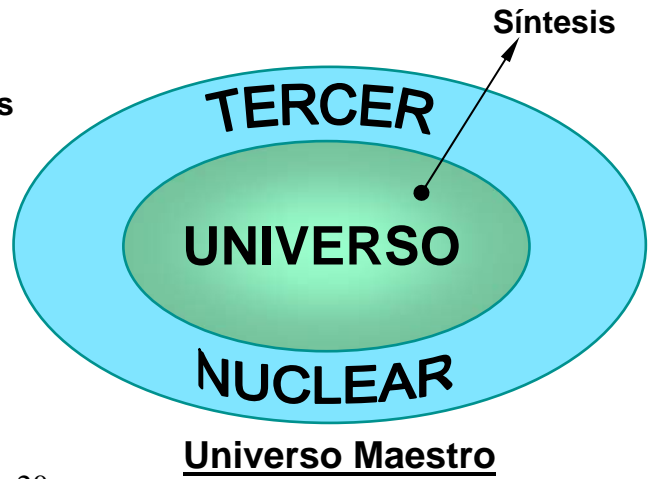
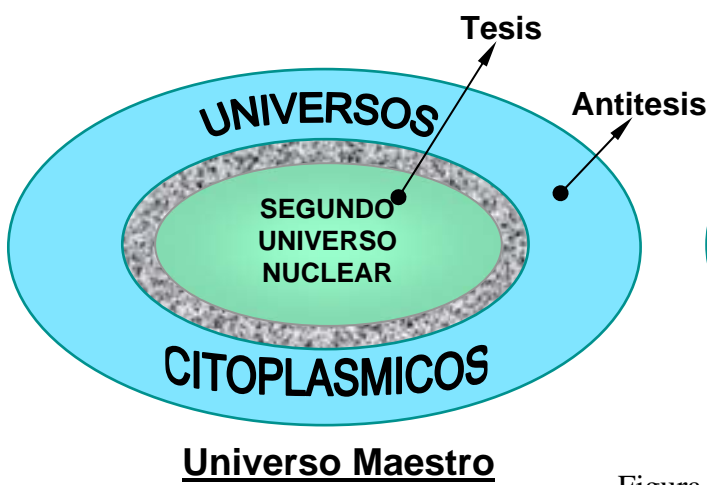
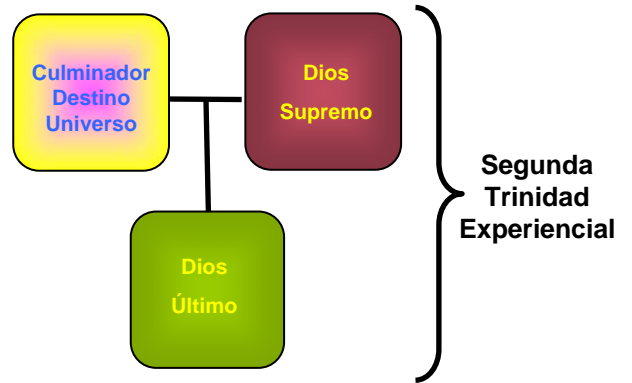


Figura 20

## REFLEJOS DE LA TRINIDAD

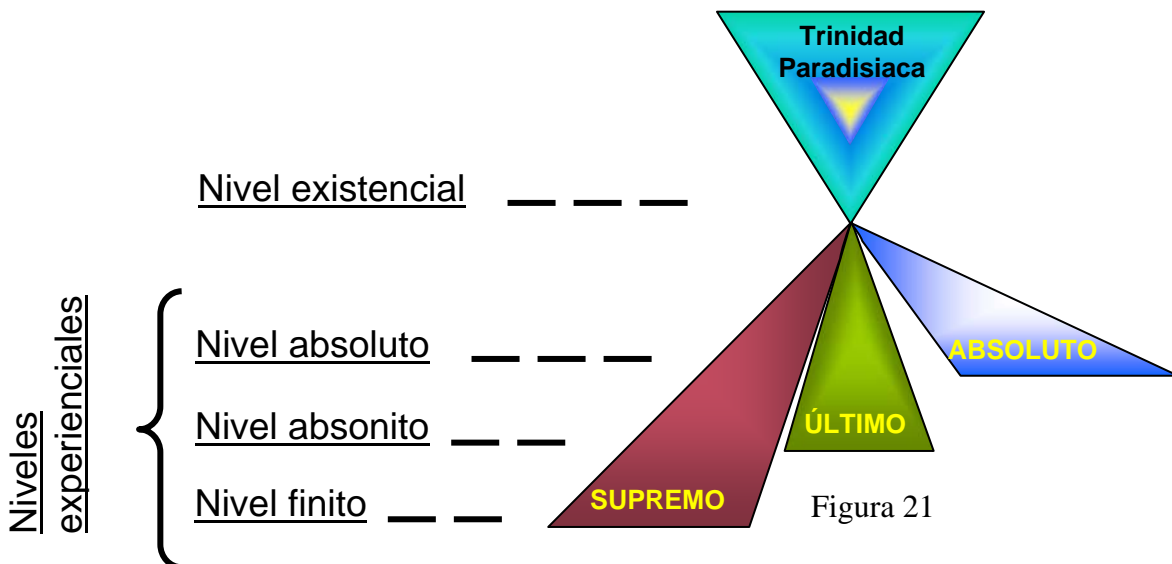


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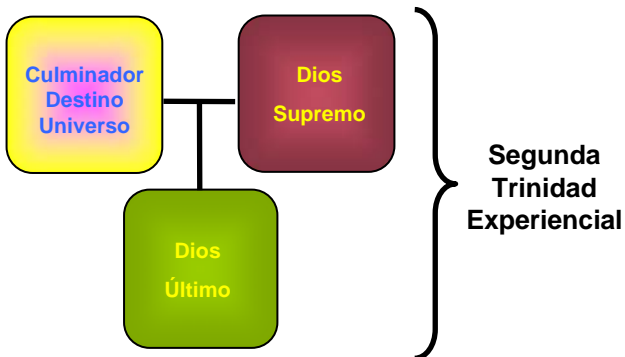
# TRINITIZACIÓN DE DIOS ABSOLUTO



Figura 22

## ¿QUÉ TENEMOS ...?

Al empezar la Era Final



Al terminar la Era Final



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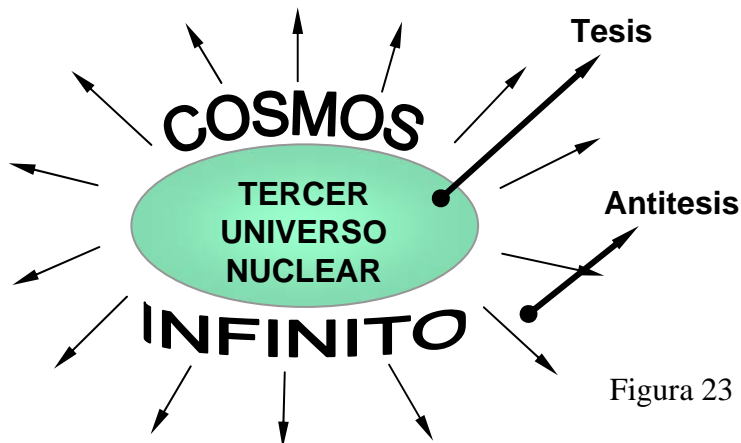


Figura 23

In his own statements Ivan implies that the SCCF, his group, and their correspondents (like myself) are going to play a great role in the future. He invites all of us to become connected and share "our information." What information?

Beyond the common attitudes, the common belief in transcendence, each group has its own particular set of scriptures, its own method of "channeling," and its own technical jargon. The most complex I have encountered is the language of the *Urantia* sect, which is widely developed in North America and the rest of the world.

Dr. Jacques Vallée: "MESSENGERS OF DECEPTION. UFO CONTACTS AND CULTS". (And/Or Press, Berkeley, California, 1979, 243 pages).

Seven

## Seraphic Transports and Benevolent Programmers

*The world's greatest frauds, fakers, and impostors have operated largely along psychic lines . . . . In every age the common people have been deceived not only by these out-and-out frauds and fakes, but also by various other psychic fads.*

William Sadler, *Physiology of Faith and Fear*

Among today's most ardent believers in flying saucers and their occupants are the followers of a religious philosophy expressed in the *Book of Urantia*, a thick volume that was mysteriously received in Chicago and printed for the first time in 1955 by a subsequently formed "*Urantia* Foundation." *Urantia* is the cosmic name of the Earth. According to this system, it is "the six hundred sixth inhabited world in the local system of Satania, situated in the constellation of Norlatiadek, one of the 100 constellations of the local universe of Nebadon."

To an unbeliever, the amazing word structure of the *Book of Urantia* appears to have all the earmarks of paranoia: the consistency of its statements, the richness of its material, and the fondness it displays for neologism make it a monument to the unchecked imagination of man. It defines, for example, three orders of Paradise sonship, including one which is of Trinity origin and "does not register in a local universe." If you are lost in this peculiar cosmology, take heart, for the unknown author adds (in Paper 35),

I estimate there are in Nebadon between fifteen and twenty thousand Trinity Teacher Sons exclusive of 9,642 creature-Trinitized assistants of record. These Paradise Daynals are neither magistrates nor administrators.

The author goes on like this for 2,097 pages. I hasten to add that I do not intend to quote much from it, or even to summarize its philosophy. I am concerned only with the cosmic hierarchy it describes.

*Urantia* has much to say about UFOs and Melchizedek: "In the universe of Nebadon the Father Melchizedek acts as the first executive associate of the Bright and Morning Star."\* This impressive figure who rules over an entire universe sends his sons to work closely with the Angels, who find in them sympathetic friends. The Melchizedeks are said to be a self-governing order, and they can be absolutely trusted: "not once throughout all the super-universe of Orvonton have they ever betrayed their trust." There are few human beings, indeed, about whom the same thing could be said.

These Melchizedeks live on their own world close to universe headquarters in Salvington. They have a number of spheres forming a University. You and I may meet there some day:

All evolutionary mortals who graduate from their constellation training are destined to land on Melchizedek . . . . And never will you forget your reactions to the first day of your life on this unique world, not even after you have reached your Paradise destination.

This is no wonder, for you will have the choice of many educational programs that are lacking from the curriculum of Harvard or UCLA, such as "Universe Administration" and "Comparative Creature Existence." (The University also teaches more classical disciplines, such as Energy, Matter, Organization, Communication, Records, and Ethics.)

The *Book of Urantia* devotes a section to the Special Work of the Melchizedeks, which has to do with the supervision of the "progressive morontia career of the ascending mortals," meaning you and me:

While the Melchizedek orders are chiefly devoted to the vast educational system and experimental training regime of the local uni-

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\* The Morning Star, in a traditional sense, is the lightbearer, Lucifer.

verse, they also function in unique assignments and in unusual circumstances . . . .

In a planetary crisis these Melchizedek Sons serve in many unique [sic] capacities. It is easily possible for such a son to make himself visible to mortal beings, and sometimes one of this order has even incarnated in the likeness of mortal flesh.

According to the unknown author of *Urantia*, the biblical Melchizedek had volunteered to incarnate because he was afraid that the light of consciousness would become extinguished if he did not step in to initiate Abraham.

All these intelligences use an advanced technology to travel through the universe. They have developed *seraphic transports* which depart at regular intervals from a base on Jerusem:

Numerous mechanical developments are used in providing initial energy for escaping the planetary gravity and overcoming the air resistance. A seraphic transport departs every three seconds of *Urantia* time and, sometimes, far into the recession. The transporters take off at about 25 standard miles per second of *Urantia* time and do not attain standard velocity until they are over 2,000 miles away from Jerusem. Transports arrive on the crystal field, the so-called sea of glass.

Are these our UFOs? According to the *Urantia* system, the development of all the world religions is due to Melchizedek messengers. For instance, the Salem missionaries penetrated Italy during the sixth century B.C., it is claimed, paving the way for the development of the Christian religion! The *Book of Urantia* contains a surprisingly clear and readable section on religious history, and many inspired passages on morality and ethics. These sections are in striking contrast to the childish descriptions of the Spheres of the Beyond, which the imagination of the author has populated with beings that would not survive in the pages of the most grotesque piece of science fiction. Such is the dilemma of human faith, and the challenge posed to us by the belief in the curious powers of the Order of Melchizedek.

### A Meeting of Urantians

In my search for a solution to the continuing puzzle, I attended a Sunday afternoon meeting of Urantians in San Francisco. There

were ten of us in the small classroom, facing a tall, strong woman in her late fifties, dressed in purple and mauve. Next to the blackboard was a complicated chart showing Nebadon, Urantia, and the Isle of Paradise. Several participants were regular students, advanced in the knowledge of Seraphic Planetary Government and other abstruse concepts.

The subject of that afternoon's lecture was the function of the Thought Adjusters. In the extremely complex cosmology of Urantia, they come from other worlds to live within our brains. They influence our actions by subtle sabotage of our physical and chemical functions!

A typical part of the discussion dealt with the "Higher Masters":

*Student:* I wonder how they got on our plane.

*Instructor:* They were received here, channeled . . .

*Girl:* I thought I heard that the channel was a taxi driver in Chicago. Is that true?

*Instructor:* That's one more story! We don't get told very much about the origins, but I can tell you what I think. Dr. William Sadler, who was a very fine surgeon, became interested in mediumship, and he has written a book in which you find that most mediums are only victims of suggestion, but that he found two exceptions, a man and a woman. In their case he feels that *the data was definitely coming from a superhuman source!* He had many hundreds of sessions with these people.

*Vallee:* In what year was the Book received?

*Instructor:* In 1934.\* It wasn't published until 1955. The woman who typed the original manuscript is still living. She is a very dynamic woman. She typed it three times! She was a Federal bank examiner.

### The Puzzlement of Doctor Sadler

I came away from the meeting with a precarious sense of accomplishment. Not only had I verified that a number of real people truly believed in Melchizedek and his cosmic role, but I had

\* We shall see later that the actual beginning date must have been closer to 1910 or 1911.

found a reference to a man, apparently a serious scientist, who had known the founder of the Urantia sect and, after serious examination, had pronounced its revelations genuine!

I looked up Sadler's name in the index of the Stanford Library and quickly found that he was a writer of talent and considerable scholarship. His book, *The Physiology of Faith and Fear*, published in Chicago in 1920, lists his titles as Professor of Physiologic Therapy at the University of Chicago Medical School and Director of the Chicago Institute of Physiologic Therapeutics. In 1929 he was also Senior Attending Surgeon at Columbus Hospital.

In the preface to *The Physiology of Faith and Fear*, he offers a statement of his own interests when he observes:

We are now passing through a period of popular reaction against the scientific materialism of the last century. The common people are awakening to the fact that the mental state has much to do with bodily health and disease. The bookmakers, in their efforts to satisfy the universal demand for teaching on various phases of mental healing, have flooded us with literature, much of which is premature, unscientific, incomplete, and highly disastrous in its misleading influence upon the popular mind and morals.

This fine principle—which we would do well to remember in these days of psychic ripoffs—led Dr. Sadler to consider the phenomenon of spirit communication and automatic writing, which he generally found to be false and misleading.

Dr. Sadler goes on to enumerate charms, relics and shrines, various forms of quackery, astrology, palmistry, crystal-gazing, trances, and catalepsy. He writes:

*It is not uncommon for persons in a cataleptic trance to imagine themselves taking trips to other worlds [my italics]. In fact, the wonderful accounts of their experiences, which they write out after these cataleptic attacks are over, are so unique and marvelous as to serve as the basis for founding new sects, cults, and religions.'*

He explains these phenomena, as well as automatic writing and speaking, by the projection of "marginal consciousness without the awareness of the central consciousness." One wonders what Dr. Sadler would have to say about current best-selling books based on automatic writing, such as Jane Roberts' *Seth Material*, which have had a major effect on the public.



In his later book, *The Mind at Mischief* (published in 1929 and subtitled "Tricks and Deceptions of the Subconscious and How to Cope with Them"), he develops his theory of dissociation, double personality, and automatic writing. He concludes:

We now have a thoroughly scientific hypothesis which will account for all phenomena of this kind that deserve to be classified as genuine. Nothing as yet has ever come to us through automatic writing which bears any evidence of supernatural origin, or which contains authentic truths, facts, or principles heretofore unknown to the human race.

Having said this, however, Sadler refers the reader to an appendix "for a brief notice of a *very unusual case of supposedly automatic writing associated with other psychic phenomena which came under my observation many years ago.*"<sup>2</sup>

In this appendix, Sadler is evidently dealing with the *Book of Urantia*, although he never mentions the word. The appendix deserves to be quoted extensively, for it sheds much light on the scientific methods that can be applied to alleged communications from cosmic entities.

Dr. Sadler begins the appendix with a *reversal* of his previously stated theoretical position:

In the interests of scientific accuracy on the one hand, and of strict fairness on the other, it becomes necessary to explain that there are one or two exceptions to the general statement that all cases of psychic phenomena which have come under my observation have turned out to be those of autopsychism.

Sadler goes on to describe his contacts with the "channel" of the *Urantia Book*, who may have been a former stockbroker:

The exception has to do with a rather peculiar case of psychic phenomena, one which I find myself unable to classify, and which I would like very much to narrate more fully; I cannot do so here, however, because of a promise which I feel under obligation to keep sacredly. In other words, I have promised not to publish this case during the lifetime of the individual.

I was brought in contact with it in the summer of 1911, and I have had it under my observation more or less ever since, having been present at probably 250 of the night sessions, many of which have been attended by a stenographer who made voluminous notes.

A thorough study of this case has convinced me that it is not one of ordinary trance. While the sleep seems to be quite of a natural order, it is very profound, and so far we have never been able to awaken the subject when in this state; but the body is never rigid, and the heart action is never modified, though respiration is sometimes markedly interfered with. *This man is utterly unconscious, wholly oblivious to what takes place, and, unless told about it subsequently, never knows that he has been used as a sort of clearing house for the coming and going of alleged extraplanetary personalities [my italics].* In fact, he is more or less indifferent to the whole proceeding, and shows a surprising lack of interest in these affairs as they occur from time to time.

Sadler draws a clear distinction between this case and the usual "spiritualist" phenomena:

In no way are these night visitations like the seances associated with spiritualism. At no time during the period of eighteen years' observation has there been a communication from any source that claimed to be the spirit of a deceased human being. *The communications which have been written, or which we have had the opportunity to hear spoken, are made by a vast order of alleged beings who claim to come from other planets to visit this world [my italics], to stop here as student visitors for study and observation when they are en route from one universe to another.*

The medical expert goes on to explain why this case forced him to revise many ideas in his approach:

Eighteen years of study and careful investigation have failed to reveal the psychic origin of these messages. . . . *Psychoanalysis, hypnosis, intensive comparison, fail to show that the written or spoken messages of this individual have origin in his own mind [my italics].*

<sup>2</sup> Much of the material secured through this subject is quite contrary to his habits of thought, to the way in which he has been taught, and to his entire philosophy.

Having acknowledged that he is at a loss to explain these facts with classical answers, he presents a summary of this unique material:

I can only say that I have found in these years of observation that all the information imparted through this source has proved to be consistent within itself. While there is considerable difference in the quality of the communications, this seems to be reasonably

explained by a difference in state of development and order of the personalities making the communications. Its philosophy is consistent.

William Sadler, who thus studied the "channel" of *Urantia*, had the unusual courage to confess that, after 18 years of study, "I find myself at the present time just where I was when I started." We might ask ourselves the same question about UFOs and their alleged agents among us: a phenomenon that leaves physical traces must be taken seriously, but what can we say of the people who claim to be in contact with superior intelligences emanating from these objects? What should we do about their claim that the phenomenon of UFOs is directing the evolution of mankind? This idea, which once attracted only a handful of devotees, now has the potential to draw the attention of the media and to make a major impact.

The claim is even made that if we fail to listen to the voice of the "higher levels," there will be a major catastrophe on Earth.

From the gentle belief in higher forms of life bent on helping mankind, we have gone to explore increasingly disturbing systems of philosophy and some new faiths that demand total obedience from their followers. The forces they released were not forces of love, but of disorder and violence. Yet they were forces of change, bending those who allowed themselves to be used.

### Melchizedek, UFOs, and the Sex Function

The psychopathology of the contactees was the next area to explore. I began reading everything I could locate about Melchizedek, and found references to him in the books of Leadbeater,<sup>3</sup> but it was in the work of another contemporary of Madame Blavatsky that I picked up the trail again.\*

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\* Madame Blavatsky, the colorful author of *Isis Unveiled*, was an extraordinary leader of occult organizations in the nineteenth century, many of which still exist. According to Jacques Bergier, one of these organizations is the Helena Petrovna Blavatsky Foundation, of which Richard Nixon is a member of the Board. I have not been able to verify this statement.

Hiram Erastus Butler, a Pennsylvanian by birth, who died in 1916, was a simple, self-educated man who worked in a sawmill. Following an accident in which he lost several fingers, he became a recluse, and for 14 years he lived as a hermit. During these years Butler was favored with many revelations from God, and developed the peculiar philosophy of the sect which is still known today as the American branch of the Order of Melchizedek.

In the late 1880s, Butler came out of seclusion and described his revelations in a series of lectures in Boston; in 1889 he moved to California with a dozen disciples, homesteaded a 260-acre area overlooking the American River near Applegate, in Placer County, and built a mystical center. When a journalist visited his Esoteric Fraternity in 1971, he found an old four-story house at the end of a dirt road, and only two surviving members, William Corecco, 89, the fourth president of the organization, and his brother, Steven, who had recently buried the last female member of the sect. They met in the library:

As he talked, Corecco swayed back and forth in a creaky old rocker beside a pot-bellied stove that warmed the musty library: "The Bible says that when 144,000 persons establish the Order of Melchizedek, the Kingdom of God will be established on Earth. That was our hope . . . We've all lived on Earth hundreds of times before. The population of the world remains constant. Souls that leave at death reappear in the newborn."<sup>4</sup>

Corecco retraced the history of the group that came to California with Butler. They had built the 18-room house from timber on the property, and they made their own furniture, too. They planted and harvested their own crops, and had a small herd. The rest of their time was taken up with meditation and writing. They operated their own publishing house, and they still sell about 20 books and pamphlets. One of these, by Enoch Penn,<sup>5</sup> first copyrighted in 1926, states the philosophy of the Order and describes its four degrees of initiation.

The prerequisite for joining the Fraternity is to abstain absolutely from any sexual activity.

According to Penn, there are two great truths, or natural facts, in this world. First, *there is a more subtle life*, "which is interior to the life that makes the physical man live. A man can

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## 1

*The Urantia Book*

In the last half of the nineteenth century, when Spiritualism was rampant, thousands of what were called "direct-voice" trance mediums flourished around the civilized world, especially in England and the United States. The most famous such medium was Mrs. Leona Piper of Boston, who convinced no less a famous psychologist and philosopher than William James that she had paranormal powers. Like most direct-voice mediums, Mrs. Piper would fall into a deep sleep during which her vocal chords would be taken over by spirits of the dead who spoke in voices markedly different from her own. Until a decade ago such mediums were hard to find in the United States. Now they are all over the map, especially in Pacific coast states. Skeptics have described them as mediocre ventriloquists who speak in funny voices, but you can see their lips move.

Today's fashionable phrase for such phenomena is "trance channeling." These new mediums, of which J. Zebra Knight was the first to achieve fame and fortune (thanks to the hype of Shirley MacLaine), do not channel dead relatives. Instead, they channel higher entities who either once lived on earth, sometimes thousands of years ago, or who live on distant planets or in higher-dimensional spaces. Most of these channelers are charlatans, out to gouge money from gullible New Agers. There is, however, little doubt that occasionally certain persons (often someone who as a child suffered a severe head injury) have the ability to go into trances during which alternate personalities seem to speak through their lips or to write by seizing their hand. Mrs. Piper was capable of having three spirits simultaneously control her, one speaking through her mouth, one writing with her left hand, and a third writing with her right hand. Invariably such mediums profess to recall nothing that goes on while they are asleep or in trance.

## Wilfred Custer Kellogg

er star player in the history of the Urantia movement—the man  
his sleep I am convinced was the conduit through whom the  
ortals first communicated their revelations to Sadler—was Wilfred  
Kellogg, Sadler's brother-in-law.

Wilfred was born October 3, 1876, in Berkshire, Vermont. At about  
his mother took him to Battle Creek after the death of his father.  
Battle Creek census lists Wilfred as a bookkeeper living with his  
Although without any formal education beyond the sixth grade,  
ame business manager of W. K. Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flake  
ny. This is not so surprising when you consider that Will Kellogg,  
pany's founder and president, also had no college training. Wilfred  
from the company in 1910. After his marriage in 1912 he sold  
ings in the company and joined Sadler in Chicago.

Wilfred's father, Charles Leonidis Sobeski Kellogg (1847–1896) was a  
iding minister of the Seventh-day Adventist's New England Con-  
After his death from pneumonia at age 48, in Norwich, Connecti-  
body was reinterred in Battle Creek. As a youth he had been a  
during the Civil War, serving in Company D, first regiment of  
mont Volunteer Heavy Artillery.

Charles's father, Edward Kellogg (1802–1891), was also an Adventist  
Wilfred's uncle (a son of his father's brother Ray Stanley Kellogg),  
ses Eastman Kellogg, a prominent Adventist editor and writer in  
reek. His book *The Supremacy of Peter* (Review and Herald, 1897)  
ly attacked the Roman Catholic claim that Peter was the first pope.  
ts of the time, many even today, believed the Catholic Church  
e Antichrist.) Moses Eastman Kellogg was a good friend of Sister

White's eldest son James Edson. In his book *The Coming of Jesus* (1900) James thanks Moses for his contributions.

Moses also collaborated with John Kolvoord on a 119-page book titled *The Vision of the Evening and Morning, a Study of the Prophecy of Daniel VIII*. The book attacked the early church dogma known as the "Shut Door" which maintained that in 1844 the door to salvation was closed for everyone except living Adventists (see Chapter 4). The book was published in 1900 the same year that Dr. John Kellogg was excommunicated. Wilfred's nephew Ray Stanley, Jr., recalls that his father told him that all the related Kelloggs then living in Battle Creek, were dropped from the church along with Dr. Kellogg.

The "dropping" was not excommunication. Milton Raymond Hood in *Flames Over Battle Creek* (1977), a biography of George Washington Amadon, tells the story in his final chapter. He says that in 1907 about twenty-five of the "Battle Creek rebels" asked that their names be dropped from Adventist membership rolls. The names include Dr. Kellogg's brother William Keith, Wilfred Kellogg, and his uncle Moses Eastman Kellogg. I would not be surprised if Dr. Sadler was also among those dropped.

Wilfred was the oldest of five children. His brother Ray Stanley Kellogg, 18 years younger, was a dentist, in the Battle Creek area for half a century. His two sons, Ray Stanley, Jr., and John Phillips, are both living, though regretably neither had any personal contacts with Wilfred. They knew of his close connection with the Urantia cult, and either Wilfred or Sadler sent their father a copy of the *UB*, but they did not know that Wilfred was the initial channeler. Wilfred died in Chicago on August 1, 1956, less than a year after the *UB* was published. Ray Stanley, Jr., accompanied his father to Wilfred's funeral in Chicago. He tells me it was a Urantian service and that his father was angry because Dr. Sadler did not attend.

It was probably in Battle Creek that Wilfred met Dr. John Kellogg's niece Anna Bell Kellogg (1877-1960), the sister of Sadler's wife, Lena. An Illinois law prohibited the marriage of first cousins. To make their marriage legal the couple were first married in Kenosha, Wisconsin (a state that did not forbid cousin marriages), on the morning of Wednesday, August 28, 1911. The ceremony took place at the office of Judge George W. Taylor. On the evening of the same day they were married a second time in La Grange, a Chicago suburb. Notices the following day, in Battle Creek's *Daily Morning* and the *Battle Creek Enquirer*, place the wedding at the home of the Sadlers in La Grange. It was an elaborate double wedding performed by ex-Adventist George C. Tenney, then chaplain of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The other

betrotted couple was Edward Van Bond, of Dallas, and Sarah Willmer, of La Grange.

According to the *Enquirer*, Sarah and Anna were old friends, both having lived with the Sadlers "during recent years." Wilfred and Anna are said to be planning to return to Battle Creek to live at 61 Oak Lawn. Wilfred is called one of Battle Creek's "most promising young business men, and everyone will be deeply interested in his marriage with one of Illinois' fairest daughters." Wilfred is identified as secretary of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Company, as well as secretary-treasurer of the Battle Creek Optical Company.

A 1911 notice in the Ross Coller Collection of Battle Creek's Willard Library says that Wilfred is completing a new house on Ann Avenue, in Battle Creek. He is said to be associated with Dr. Kellogg's *Good Health* magazine, and with the Battle Creek Optical Company. It adds that he also is "in charge of the electrical equipment at the San."

Anna and Wilfred were first cousins by way of Wilfred's mother, Emma Kellogg. Emma was the daughter of John Preston Kellogg by his second wife, and John Preston was the father of Smith Moses Kellogg and Dr. John Kellogg. Thus Wilfred and Anna had John Preston Kellogg as their common grandfather. Wilfred's mother and father were also cousins, though four or five generations removed. Both were descended from Nathaniel Kellogg, of Amherst, Maine, whose father, Joseph Kellogg, had emigrated to the U.S. from England in the mid-seventeenth century.

It is amusing to find in the *UB* (933) the statement: "The transition from the mother-family to the father-family explains the otherwise meaningless prohibitions of some types of cousin marriages."

In his earlier books Sadler defended the view that cousin marriages caused no harm provided both members of the couple are from "good stock." For example, in *The Truth About Heredity* (1927) we find these sentences:

*Cousin marriages.* The existing legislation on the statute books of the various states of this country, restricting cousin marriages, must be regarded on the whole as being unscientific and more or less unjustified.

It would seem that the laws regulating consanguineous marriage—cousin marriages in particular—would better be based on the pedigree of the individuals concerned and not on the mere fact of relationship. Biologists are of the opinion that marriage of cousins and other near relatives, of strong and efficient stock, would perhaps help the race, whereas all are agreed that cousins possessing hereditary defects should be prevented from entering into the marriage relation.

Legislation restricting cousin marriages is wholly unscientific. Only defective relatives should be denied marriage. Biologists incline to the opinion that cousin marriages in sound and normal stock would benefit the race.

East and Jones concluded that consanguineous marriages were not hurtful to the race, unless the stock already carried inheritable defects.

Similar remarks were even earlier expressed in Sadler's *Race Decadence* (1922). In their 1931 book *Piloting Modern Youth*, Sadler and his wife devote four pages to cousin marriages. They stress the dangers of first-cousin marriages when the parental stock is poor, but "if the heredity is good, the stock is improved." Sadler recalls a case that surely is a carefully disguised account of Wilfred and Anna. He speaks of two first cousins who wanted to marry. Sadler says he did not oppose the marriage, because "I have learned from experience that, when folks make up their mind to get married, you can do little or nothing about it. Even when they pray about it, I have discovered that God always answers yes."

Although Sadler made no attempt to "break up the match," he warned the couple about the possibility that their children might be adversely affected and "advised them to have no offspring." They consulted another physician "and took his contrary advice." A daughter was born. After the first few days she began to have convulsions and show signs of great nervousness. Fortunately, the parents used great wisdom, aided by Sadler's advice, in rearing the girl who at the time of Sadler's account was eleven and "robust, healthy, well nourished, and well controlled." Sadler does not name the parents, but he calls the daughter Mary.

Wilfred and Anna had only one child, Emma Ruth, who was born almost totally deaf. She later learned to speak and lip read. I do not know when she was born or the date of her marriage. Anna outlived her husband by four years, dying in Chicago on February 24, 1960, at age 82.

According to notes made by Martha Sherman (we will meet her in the next two chapters), Ruth died in February 1944. Martha drove through the rain to a memorial for her in Chicago on February 25. Ruth and her husband Jerry Picard (he died in 1991) lived on the outskirts of San Diego in a small apartment where they did not even have a telephone. Ruth developed a cold which rapidly turned into pneumonia followed by an attack of measles. A baby was born during this turmoil "but Jerry was inexperienced in how to care for it and the baby died. Ruth passed on Thursday night." There has been much speculation among Urantians

that Ruth's hearing abnormality, and other genetic defects that may have caused her early death, were related to her parents being first cousins.\*

I strongly suspect that Sadler, in his dramatic account of a first-cousin marriage, changed the name of the child from Ruth to Mary, and her hereditary defect from deafness to an unspecified nervous condition. In recalling his experiences with first-cousin marriages, one would expect him to write about the case closest to him, but to alter the facts to preserve the identities of Wilfred and Anna, and their eleven-year-old daughter.

After Sadler established his institute in a three-floor brick mansion at 533 Diversey Parkway, on Chicago's near-north side (it is still the Urantia Foundation's headquarters), Wilfred and Anna found an apartment at 2754 Hampden Court, a few blocks away. The building has since been replaced by a high-rise condominium. Wilfred was made the institute's business manager, a post he held until his death in 1956.

I have found only two references to Wilfred in Sadler's books, although I have not seen all of his books and there may be other such references. At the close of the preface to *The Theory and Practice of Psychiatry* (1936), Sadler thanks his "faithful secretary, Miss Norma Lucas," for her help on the manuscript and "my wife and professional associate, Dr. Lena K. Sadler." He adds: "My long-time associate, Wilfred C. Kellogg, afforded invaluable assistance in going over the manuscript and in the preparation of the index." And at the end of the preface to Sadler's *Prescription for Permanent Peace* (1944) he writes: "My long-time associate, Wilfred C. Kellogg, contributed many valuable suggestions in the preparation of this manuscript."

Throughout his life Wilfred was plagued by ill health and a shyness that almost amounted to a fear of others. Thanks to Buddy Roogow I have a copy of a 1906 letter from Wilfred to his employer, W. K. Kellogg, in which he complained of "bad days" and said that his doctor, a Dr. Read, had advised him to stop working for a few months of "quiet and rest" either out of town or in the Battle Creek Sanitarium where he could receive treatments. He does not specify the nature of his illness, but according to letters from Harry Loose to Harold Sherman, as we shall learn in chapter 8, Wilfred suffered from chronic stomach ulcers.

In Sadler's *The Physiology of Faith and Fear* (1912) we find the following remarkable passage.

\*In *Racial Decadence* (p. 330) Sadler claims that 4.5 percent of deafness is the result of parents being cousins.



In the cataleptic state consciousness is diffused—seems to be pushed far out toward the periphery. It is at a dead level of intensity. The mental life is largely in the dim marginal state. The physiological processes of the body are slowed down; in fact, they come to assume conditions very much like those which prevail in the hibernating animal. The body may become stiff and extraordinarily rigid. It is in this condition that the great trance mediums of history and of the present time usually are found when they receive their wonderful revelations and visions.

It is not uncommon for persons in a cataleptic trance to imagine themselves taking trips to other worlds. In fact, the wonderful accounts of their experiences, which they write out after these cataleptic attacks are over, are so unique and marvellous as to serve as the basis for founding new sects, cults, and religions. Many strange and unique religious movements have thus been founded and built up. It is an interesting study in psychology to note that these trance mediums always see visions in harmony with their own theological beliefs. For instance, a medium who believed in the natural immortality of the soul, was always led around on her celestial travels by some of her dead and departed friends. One day she changed her religious views—became a soul sleeper, and ever after that, when having trances, she was piloted about from world to world on her numerous heavenly trips by the angels; no dead or departed friends ever made their appearance in any of her visions after this change in her belief.

Nearly all these victims of trances and nervous catalepsy, sooner or later come to believe themselves to be messengers of God and prophets of Heaven; and no doubt most of them are sincere in this belief. Not understanding the physiology and psychology of their afflictions, they sincerely come to look upon their peculiar mental experiences as something supernatural, while their followers blindly believe anything they teach because of the supposed divine character of these so-called revelations.

Sadler liked to repeat passages, almost word for word, over and over again in later books. The paragraphs quoted above, for example, reappear with only trivial modifications in *The Truth About Spiritualism* (1921), *Modern Psychiatry* (1945), and *Mental Mischief and Emotional Conflict* (1947). The 1912 book, from which I quoted, was surely written in 1911, before Sadler discovered that his brother-in-law was a trance channeler. In later books, where he discusses trance channeling, he inserts suggestions that there may be channelers who are actually in contact with a higher reality.

*Mental Mischief* contains a paragraph that skeptics of the UB would apply directly to Wilfred:

From time to time some self-styled "prophet" attempts to convince other people of the authenticity of the things he sees and hears in his own mind. If such odd geniuses are reasonably sane and otherwise conventional, they sometimes create large followings, build up cults, and establish churches. On the other hand, if they see a little too far or hear a little too much, they very shortly find themselves within the walls of an insane asylum. That is what happens when this "feeling of reality" is allowed to take such possession of the mind that one fails to distinguish between the creatures of consciousness and those of material existence.

However, this paragraph is soon followed by:

The great majority of these victims of trances and nervous catalepsy, undoubtedly many of them sincerely, believe themselves to be messengers and prophets of God. And this is not strange, since they know nothing about the physiology and psychology underlying their experiences. Neither is it hard to understand why their followers blindly believe anything they teach them.

In my many years of observation of many different *trance mediums* who have had these peculiar dreams and visions, I have found more than four-fifths of them to be women. Both the nervous and the endocrine systems of women appear to lend themselves more readily to these phenomena than do those of men. Certainly, the spiritual forces of the universe do not visit the female of the species more frequently than the male because she is a more highly spiritualized creature. It is probable that the posterior pituitary body and other endocrine or chemical factors which subject the nervous system of the female to periodic upheavals, both psychologic and physiologic, are responsible. I have never seen a case where these phenomena continued after the menopause.

I am not questioning the validity of true prophets, either ancient or modern; I am not even raising that question here. Although I willingly grant that such divinely taught persons may have lived or may even now live, I believe that most of those who have made these claims to supernatural experiences were either frauds or self-deceived persons, who, unacquainted with things psychical, actually believed their spells, visions, or visitations to be of divine origin.

Among those persons who have seizures or experiences of this sort whom I have been able to study, there have been but few in whom I could not discover certain psychic, chemical, and physical influences which accounted to my complete satisfaction for their extraordinary behavior.

Here are Sadler's early opinions about automatic writing and speaking. The paragraphs quoted below, from *The Physiology of Faith and Fear* (1912), also reappear with trivial changes in later books:

phenomena, one which I find myself unable to classify, and which I would like very much to narrate more fully; I cannot do so here, however, because of a promise which I feel under obligation to keep sacredly. In other words, I have promised not to publish this case during the lifetime of the individual. I hope sometime to secure a modification of that promise and to be able to report this case more fully because of its interesting features. I was brought in contact with it, in the summer of 1911, and I have had it under my observation more or less ever since, having been present at probably 250 of the night sessions, many of which have been attended by a stenographer who made voluminous notes.

A thorough study of this case has convinced me that it is not one of ordinary trance. While the sleep seems to be quite of a natural order, it is very profound, and so far we have never been able to awaken the subject when in this state; but the body is never rigid, and the heart action is never modified, tho respiration is sometimes markedly interfered with. This man is utterly unconscious, wholly oblivious to what takes place, and, unless told about it subsequently, never knows that he has been used as a sort of clearing house for the coming and going of alleged extra-planetary personalities. In fact, he is more or less indifferent to the whole proceeding, and shows a surprising lack of interest in these affairs as they occur from time to time.

In no way are these night visitations like the séances associated with spiritualism. At no time during the period of eighteen years' observation has there been a communication from any source that claimed to be the spirit of a deceased human being. The communications which have been written, or which we have had the opportunity to hear spoken, are made by a vast order of alleged beings who claim to come from other planets to visit this world, to stop here as student visitors for study and observation when they are en route from one universe to another or from one planet to another. These communications further arise in alleged spiritual beings who purport to have been assigned to this planet for duties of various sorts.

Eighteen years of study and careful investigation have failed to reveal the psychic origin of these messages. I find myself at the present time just where I was when I started. Psychoanalysis, hypnotism, intensive comparison, fail to show that the written or spoken messages of this individual have origin in his own mind. Much of the material secured through this subject is quite contrary to his habits of thought, to the way in which he has been taught and to his entire philosophy. In fact, of much that we have secured, we have failed to find anything of its nature in existence. Its philosophic content is quite new, and we are unable to find where very much of it has ever found human expression.

Much as I would like to report details of this case, I am not in a position to do so at present. I can only say that I have found in these

years of observation that all the information imparted through this source has proved to be consistent within itself. While there is considerable difference in the quality of the communications, this seems to be reasonably explained by a difference in state of development and order of the personalities making the communications. Its philosophy is consistent. It is essentially Christian and is, on the whole, entirely harmonious with the known scientific facts and truths of this age. In fact, the case is so unusual and extraordinary that it establishes itself immediately, as far as my experience goes, in a class by itself, one which has thus far resisted all my efforts to prove it to be of auto-psychic origin. Our investigations are being continued and, as I have intimated, I hope some time in the near future to secure permission for the more complete reporting of the phenomena connected with this interesting case.

Sadler's first case, the woman with visions and dreams untainted by spiritualism, was of course Mrs. White. Although Sadler had by now become convinced that her revelations were at least partly invalid, he never lost his admiration and fondness for her. When Richard Schwarz visited an aging Sadler—Schwarz was then researching his biography of John Kellogg—he was surprised to find ex-Adventist Sadler still speaking of Sister White with great respect. The second person mentioned in the appendix, who spoke and wrote while in trance, was in my opinion Wilfred Kellogg. He never gave Sadler permission to disclose his identity.

Sadler had acquired from his Adventist background a firm belief in "soul sleeping" until resurrection day, a belief that rendered any communication with the dead absolutely impossible. Whenever Sadler encountered a medium claiming to channel a departed soul, he knew at once that the channeling was invalid and could best be explained as outright fraud or by the medium dredging up false communications from his or her unconscious. However, he was quick to add (*The Mind at Mischief*, p. 352):

Again I must record that I have come in contact with a few individuals of psychic peculiarity, who were the channel of communication for numerous messages that were not of a trivial nature; but in no instance did these messages lay claim to have had their origin with deceased human beings. They always claim an origin separate and apart from the realm of departed spirits.

Note that Sadler uses the word "channel" to describe the parts played by Ellen White and Wilfred Kellogg in communicating nontrivial messages from on high. Similar remarks are in Sadler's *The Truth About Spiritualism* (1923). This book is one of the strongest attacks ever written about

"El libro va a ser publicado", dijo Sadler a Sherman, "sin que nadie humano pueda ser identificado. Estos seres superiores se han negado a utilizar sus propios nombres, especificando solamente su tipo de ser en el universo. Sólo existen unos pocos que aún viven, de los que mantenían contacto con el fenómeno al principio, y cuando nosotros morimos, nuestros conocimientos también lo hacen. El libro existe como un gran misterio espiritual y ningún ser humano conocerá la forma en que se produjo".

El origen del libro continúa siendo un misterio total. Aquí está todo lo que sabemos por los escritos de la propia Hermandad. En un panfleto titulado *The Urantia Book: The Question of Origin*, se dice lo siguiente:

*Aquel ser humano a quien el Ajustado del Pensamiento ayudó a traer la quinta revelación a nuestro mundo, no será nunca conocido, ya que los reveladores pidieron a los pocos que sabían que guardarán el secreto. No deseaban que los seres humanos estuvieran asociados místicamente con el Libro de Urantia. Es maravilloso que los autores de los Papeles de Urantia nos hayan dicho tanto. Después de reflexionar, se reconocen las persistentes cuestiones sobre ciertos "detalles" o revelados acerca del origen del libro, como un paralelismo psicológico con la repetida solicitud formulada a Jesús: "Muéstranos un signo".*

*Ahora volvamos al lado humano de la historia, que es interesante pero carece de significación espiritual. Después de reparar los documentos de la quinta revelación dejándolos bajo custodia de un grupo responsable de seres humanos, los reveladores tomaron contacto con un pequeño grupo de gente en Chicago. Los líderes de este grupo fueron advertidos por los reveladores, para que no sólo se abstuvieran de informar sobre la identidad del asociado individual al que se presentaban los papeles, sino también de no discutir cómo habían llegado los mismos. Nunca sabremos cómo o dónde fueron recibidos los papeles. Los primeros líderes se encontraban perplejos; ningún ser humano supo como se produjo la materialización. La razón que fue proporcionada para solicitar el secreto es que los reveladores establecieron que las futuras generaciones consideraran a The Urantia Book como totalmente libre de conexiones mortales.*

Como John Kellogg, Sadler rompió con los Adventistas cuando se convenció de que las visiones de Ellen Gould White eran falsas. ¡Y éste fue el personaje que posteriormente, proporcionó al mundo la mayor colección de basura subconsciente que nunca se haya impreso! En 1958 Sadler escribió: "Aunque tengamos libertad para explicar lo poco que sabemos sobre la técnica de producción de los escritos de Urantia, no tenemos prohibido decir como no obtuvimos tales documentos". Luego dio una lista de 9 fenómenos que no estaban involucrados: es-

critura automática (esto es subconsciente), escritura, conversación, audición, percepción, meditación, rememoración, actuación, personalización y estados psíquicos combinados y asociados.

Muchos aspectos de la doctrina adventista, tales como la negación del infierno y el alma que duerme tras la muerte y reconstitución, aparecen en el *Libro de Urantia*. Describiendo a Jesús en la cruz, una entidad alienígena le citó diciendo al buen ladrón: "En verdad, en verdad, te digo hoy, que nos encontraremos alguna vez en el Paraíso". En la Biblia King James una coma aparece antes de la palabra hoy, no después y no aparece la expresión "alguna vez", implicando que ese mismo día el ladrón entrará al Paraíso. Los adventistas insisten en que la coma fue mal colocada. En consonancia con este punto de vista, *El Libro de Urantia* cambia de sitio la coma. Esta es una de las múltiples indicaciones de cómo un Adventista del 7º día encauzó el fenómeno de los papeles de Urantia.

Ahora, en su novena impresión, el *Libro de Urantia* puede ser obtenido remitiendo 36,50 dólares (incluye el envío por correo) a la Urantia Foundation, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614. (La edición en francés cuesta 40,65 dólares). El movimiento también publica libros referentes al tema, panfletos, revista, ayudas de estudio y un directorio de grupo de estudio, que pueden resultar interesantes. El *Concordex* (un índice del libro) y *Paramony* (25.000 referencias cruzadas entre el *Libro de Urantia* y la Biblia) se pueden obtener de la Jesuronian Foundation, 1790 Thirtieth Street, Boulder, CO 80301, USA. Los dos libros de William Sadler hijo se pueden obtener de: Second Society Foundation, 333 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601, USA.

Sadler padre, fue autor de docenas de libros sobre salud, dietas y sexo, muchos de ellos escritos en colaboración con su esposa. Algunos como: *Modern Psychiatry* (896 páginas); *Cause and Cure of Headaches*, *Backaches, and Constipation*; y *Sex Life Before and After Marriage*. Tan sólo uno de sus libros está ahora en imprenta (rescatado por Gordon Press): *Race Decadence; An Examination of the Causes of Racial Degeneration in the United States*. Se puede encontrar información en próximas ediciones de *Who's Who in America* (Quien es quién en América) y en la novena edición de *American Men of Science*.

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pondencia a Madrid") y el resto como soldado artillero (verbi-gracia, raso).

De todo lo anterior se desprende que hemos pillado al supuesto testigo en varios renuncios. Si se trata de un mentiroso patológico o simplemente de una broma de juventud, es algo que no sabemos. Pero lo que resulta obvio es que, aún sin haber hablado directamente con él, tenemos constancia de **varias falsedades** en su testimonio, el cual que **totalmente invalidado**, ya que tales mentiras demuestran la falta de credibilidad -en este sentido- del sujeto en cuestión y, por contra, apoyan las afirmaciones de los mandos y suboficiales del Destacamento militar que niegan taxativamente que el suceso hubiera ocurrido.

Por último, en febrero de 1990 me puse de nuevo al habla con el padre, quien acusa la "molestia" que estas breves llamadas le ocasionan, y aunque dice que "respeto" a los que nos ocupamos de estos temas, él no quiere saber nada de estas "materias". No logro que me avance un ápice de información para la localización de su hijo, quien ha obviado llamarme. Al decirle que pretendo hablarle para "dar carpetazo al asunto", rápidamente contesta que se lo dé. Es evidente que se siente a disgusto al tratar este asunto. Y más aún, que desea olvidarlo. Pero, ¿por qué se avergüenza de ello?, me pregunto. Las puertas se me cierran. La colaboración del entorno del "testigo" es nula y la de éste inexistente. ¿No se quiere rememorar un capítulo de la vida del que uno se arrepiente?

Considerando la totalidad de los anteriores datos, en consecuencia, tengo la seguridad de que nos encontramos ante un **CASO FALSO**, una narración completamente inventada, que debe separarse de los archivos ufológicos de avistamiento

tos reales para siempre.

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# EL GRAN MISTERIO DE URANTIA

## (Notas de un observador)

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Ninguna Sagrada Biblia conocida en el pasado es más gruesa, más pesada o más insólita que el "Libro de Urantia". Esta obra de 2.097 páginas, con un peso de 4,3 libras de peso por volumen, pretende haber sido escrito totalmente por seres extraterrestres y comunicado a través de un medium

desconocido. Para los miembros de la Hermandad de Urantia, un culto que crece firmemente, establecido en Chicago, el libro supuestamente contiene la 5ª revelación de Dios, superior a la ortodoxia cristiana y destinada a transformar el mundo.

Nada podría persuadirme para leer cada línea de esta

monstruosa mezcolanza, pero lo investigué lo suficiente para desvelar la línea argumental que parece ciencia ficción a lo bestia. En cierta forma, el libro es más divertido que el libro de los Mormones, traducido de jeroglíficos por Joseph Smith con la ayuda de unos cristales mágicos denominados "Urim", "Thummin". Es casi tan divertido como los desvaríos de L. Ron Hubbard o "Sun Moon", el contacto de Jane Roberts o J. Zebra Knight o el trabajo de algunos charlatanes pioneros como Mary Baker Eddy y Madame Blavatsky. Desde luego debe ser el mayor y más fantástico conjunto de alucinaciones que nunca se haya publicado en un volumen.

Los primeros dos tercios del libro se refieren a la Cosmología e historia de Urantia, el nombre que dado a la Tierra. Nosotros vivimos en el planeta nº 606 de un sistema llamado Satania, que incluye 619 mundos imperfectos. El número del universo de Urantia es 5.342.482.337.666. Satania, con su cuartel general en Jerusalem, está en la constelación de Norladek, parte del universo de Nebadon. Nebadon pertenece a un superuniverso llamado Orvonton. Además de Orvonton hay otros 6 superuniversos, todos sin finalizar y todavía en evolución girando alrededor del universo central de Havona. En el centro de Havona está la Isla del Paraíso (sin tiempo, ni movimiento). Este es el lugar de residencia del gran YO SOY, la tema e infinita deidad. Su naturaleza triple (Padre, Hijo y Espíritu) está simbolizada por 3 círculos azules concéntricos.

El Libro de Urantia está repleto de cientos de neologismos, pero carecen de la música de los nombres ficticios de las fantasías de Lord Dunsany o James Branch Cabell y el humor de "Finnegans Wake". Bajo YO SOY, hay billones de dioses menores y ángeles, incluyendo una deidad finita que está evolucionando para llegar a ser el Ser Supremo de todos los Universos en evolución. Se necesitarían varias páginas para hacer un listado de todos sus nombres. Están los "Reveladores de la Verdad", los "Monitores Misteriosos", los "Censores Universales", los "Perfectos de la Sabiduría", los "Ancianos de los siglos" y varios cientos más.

Los Consejeros Técnicos incluyen a: Superaphim, Seconanim, Tertiaphim, Omniaphim, Seraphim, Cherubim y Sanobim. Los Controladores Físicos Superiores (algunos de los cuales son máquinas), son los Directores de Poder, Controladores Mecánicos, los Transformadores de Energía, los Transmisores de Energía, los Asociado Primarios, los Asociados Secundarios, Frandalanks y Chronodelks. En el Consejo de Urantia están: Onagar, Masant, Onamonalonton, Orlandof, Fantad, Oranon, Adam, Eva, Enoch, Moises, Elías, Machiventa, Melquiselec, Juan Bautista y 1-2-3 el Primero.

Lucifer, uno de los arcángeles que se rebeló es ahora el espuesto soberano de Satania, llamado después Satán, su primer lugarteniente. Además de Satán hay otros rebeldes tales como Caligastia y Belcebú. Algunos se han arrepentido; aquellos que no lo hicieron serán aniquilados.

Los dos primeros seres humanos de Urantia no fueron Adm y Eva, sino que fueron los gemelos de ojos negro Andon y Fonta, hijos de animales. El Jardín del Edén no se estableció hasta casi un millón de años más tarde. Adam y Eva medían 2 metros y tenían ojos azules y cuerpos brillantes. Sus descendientes fundaron lo que el libro denomina "La raza Violeta". Aunque Adam y Eva desobedecieron a las altas autoridades por comer la fruta prohibida, no existió "caída del hombre". Es impensable que un Dios de amor nos permitiera sufrir por los pecados de Adam y Eva. La pareja dispone de una "nueva personalidad" y vive en Jerusalem. Al igual que en el Corán y el Libro de Mormón, el Libro de Urantia relata el Antiguo Testamento pero con nuevas correcciones y adornos.

Las almas humanas son creadas al nacer. Cuando morimos nuestras almas y sus "pensamientos justos" nos sobreviven. A su debido tiempo nos volveremos a encontrar en otro planeta, tras una serie de reencarnaciones de planeta en planeta, de universo en universo, hasta finalizar alcanzando el Paraíso donde nos uniremos con Dios. Los "Ángeles Guardianes" y "Ajustadores de Pensamiento", nos ayudan por el camino; la peregrinación no será monótona sino que habrá aventura y sorpresas.

Los Neologismos llenan cada página: "mind-gravity circuit, absonity, reflectivity, trinitization, eventuation, finalizers, abandoners, tabamantia, midwayers, grandfada, ever-ywhere-ness, ultimate quartan integration, y cientos más. Los autores a los cuales los miembros del culto denominan "The Papers", tienen una curiosa obsesión por dividir las cosas en 7. Los "Ajustadores de Pensamiento", por ejemplo, se dividen en siete: virgen, avanzado, supremo, evanescente, liberado, fundido y personalizado.

Veamos a continuación un ejemplo de su opaca prosa:

*"La trinidad de los hechos funciona directamente en las épocas post Havona; la gravedad del Paraíso recoge las unidades básicas de la existencia material, al operar directamente la gravedad del espíritu del Hijo Eterno sobre los valores fundamentales de la existencia espiritual, y la gravedad mental del Actor Conjunto interfiere todos los significados vitales de la existencia intelectual".*

Tiene muchas partes dedicadas a "falsa" ciencia. Los rayos X, átomos desintegrados en el núcleo del Sol. La "corteza" solar, como el cosmos completo, está impregnado por calcio. Un electrón consiste en cientos de pequeñas unidades denominadas "ultimatons". Y así sucesivamente.

La última parte del libro se extiende en vastos detalles sobre la vida y enseñanzas de Jesús. Parece que Pablo, Pedro y otros, distorsionaron la historia de forma brutal, pero a través de los datos proporcionados por el Ángel Guardián del Apostol Andrés, nos ha facilitado la auténtica realidad. Así por

ejemplo, el joven Jesús recorrió el mundo romano acompañado por Gonad y Ganid, nativos de la India. El Hombre de Galilea no era otro que Miguel de Nebadon, uno de los cientos de miles de hijos del Hijo Eterno, el cual, es parte de la última trinidad. Vino a Urantia para su séptima y última encarnación, como una de las criaturas de Dios.

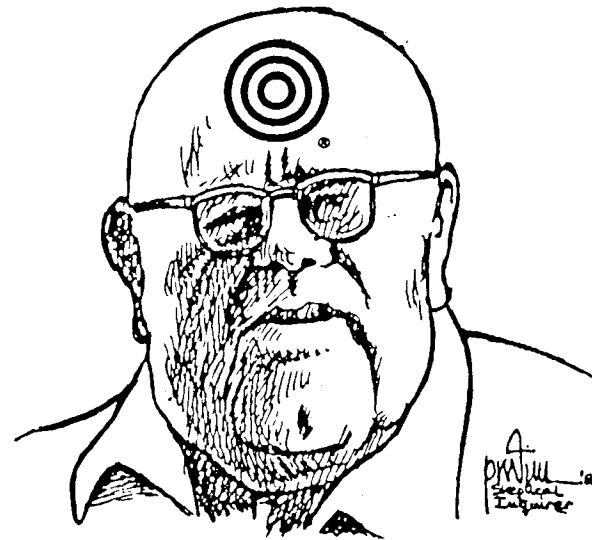
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milagros de Jesús tenían explicación natural. No transformó el agua en vino, pero el milagro de los panes y los peces fué auténtico. Después de que curó a un lunático, un perro espantó una manada de cerdos hacia el mar, dado lugar a la leyenda del diablo que abandonaba al hombre para entrar en los cerdos. Lázaro fue la única persona que Jesús rescató de la muerte (los demás estaban simplemente dormidos). Gracias al Ajustador Personal de Lázaro, se le permitió incorporarse a su cadáver. Vivió hasta los 67 años, muriendo de la misma dolencia anterior.

Aunque Jesús fué crucificado, su muerte no fue de ninguna forma una expiación sangrienta. El pecado original es otro de los graves errores de la Biblia. Después de la muerte de Cristo, ciertas entidades quitaron la piedra del sepulcro y se llevaron el cuerpo. Cuando Jesús se apareció a sus seguidores, lo fue en forma reconstituida. El volverá a Urantia, pero no tenemos la menor idea de cuándo o dónde.

¿Por qué dedicamos tiempo a semejantes pretenciosos volúmenes? Por dos motivos. El movimiento de Urantia está ganando cada vez nuevos adeptos. El segundo y más interesante, es que el libro original resulta un misterio. Nadie sabe quien lo escribió.

El libro se publicó en 1955, a instancias de uno de los personajes más extraños de nuestra historia religiosa nacional. Se trataba de William Samuel Sadler (1875-1969), cirujano, psiquiatra y una vez ordenado ministro adventista del 7º día, ocupó un puesto prominente en los hospitales Adventistas. Estuvo asociado con la iglesia inspirada en la profetisa Ellen Gould White. A pesar de que los adventistas condenan totalmente el espiritismo y el ocultismo, Sadler escribió dos obras



sobre tales temas: The Truth about Spiritualism (1923) y The Mind at Mischief: Tricks and Deceptions of the Subconscious and How to Cope with Them (1929).

En el Apéndice de este último, Sadler escribe, que con una o dos excepciones "todos los casos de fenómenos psíquicos sucedidos bajo mi observación, han sido de auto-psiquismo". Por ello destaca siempre la influencia

del subconsciente. Un fenómeno que no pudo desacreditar, concernía a un hombre desconocido que encontrándose en trance profundo, se convirtió en una "cámara de iluminación para la comunicación con personalidades extraplanetarias". Sadler continúa diciendo que "toda la información proporcionada a través de esa fuente ha probado ser consistente en sí misma... Resulta básicamente Cristiana y está en armonía con los conocimientos científicos actuales y verdades de nuestra época".

¿Acaso el hombre desconocido era el propio Sadler? ¿Se trataba de su esposa de la cual desvió la atención indicando que se trataba de un hombre? (Su esposa, Lena Kellogg, era sobrina del Dr. John Kellogg, creador de los Corn Flakes Kellogg, que fue Adventista hasta que Ellen White le excomulgó). Todo lo que sabemos es que, a principios de los años 20, Sadler fundó en Chicago un grupo de unas 150 personas que se llamaban "El Forum", para el estudio de las nuevas revelaciones. Su hijo, William Sadler Junior, psiquiatra (murió en 1963), fue el primer presidente y autor de dos libros sobre Urantia. La Hermandad tenía su sede principal en una mansión de 3 pisos en Chicago, que fue la casa de Sadler padre y su hijo.

Harold Sherman, psiquiatra de Arkansas, fue miembro de "El Forum". En su obra How to Know What to Believe dedica un capítulo a una conversación que mantuvo con Sadler ya anciano. Sadler le dijo que los extraterrestres estaban ansiosos de contestar preguntas. Los miembros del Forum le enviaron unas 4.000. Pocas semanas después, el medium en estado hipnótico produjo 472 páginas escritas a mano que contestaba a las 4.000 preguntas. Se sucedieron otras preguntas-respuestas hasta que las revelaciones cesaron, sin saber por qué, en los años 30.



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y en forma creciente, como Tú,  
y a nuestro final recíbenos en Tu abrazo,  
en el Paraíso Eterno.

Y aún así,  
en el nombre de Tu Hijo otorgado,  
y por el honor y la gloria del Padre Supremo.

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May 26, 1981

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Dear Friends:

This letter is my report to you on my trip last month to Bogota, Colombia. I stayed at the home of and for nine days, and met daily with various groups of readers. Since not all members of the Executive Committee may be familiar with the development of our relationship with the Colombian readers since my last report almost two years ago, I shall begin with a review of events from that time to the present. Following this review I shall describe the current status of the movement in Colombia. I shall then draw some conclusions based on my experiences there and make recommendations for ways in which we may move forward toward our goals in Latin America.

#### REVIEW

Lynn Kulike and I went to Bogota in June 1979 at the invitation of the group there. You have a copy of my report of that trip dated July 18, 1979. Interestingly, at this very time the first misunderstanding between us and the Colombian readers was occurring. Acting upon the advice of their attorneys, the trustees copyrighted The URANTIA Book in Colombia within weeks of our return. This was done without consultation with the Colombian readers or involved readers here. However, the lawyers in Bogota used by the Foundation called one of the members of the Bogota group the day he received the initial inquiry from the Foundation. "Isn't this something to do with that book you were telling me about?" he asked. You can imagine the reaction of the Colombians. Within weeks of our return the Foundation spends several thousand dollars to "protect the copyright." And from whom did they think the book needed protection, the readers there asked me. I wish I could share with you the sadness and disappointment contained in a letter I received from one of the readers there commenting on his feelings about this affair. They felt betrayed.





for many years and apparently is widely read in Latin America. This year they printed an article on The URANTIA Book. Douglas Fraser, who you may remember was president of a Colombian publishing company for a number of years, and whose company translated and published three to five books per month from English into Spanish, tells me that he is very familiar with Kier. In his experience they frequently will publish a lengthy review of a book as a marketing technique. If they receive a favorable response, they then translate and publish the book. He states that they have been known to leave out entire sections of a book if they feel that it would impede sales. Furthermore based on his extensive experience in such matters, he believes it would be impossible to prevent Kier from doing this to The URANTIA Book if they so desired.

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On a more positive note, this spring the Spanish translation of Vern Grimsley's Growing Spiritually was finally published. I am enclosing a copy for your examination. As you can see, the only person mentioned is Vern himself. None of the translators desired any recognition. Furthermore, the only organization mentioned is The Family of God Foundation. On the last page is \_\_\_\_\_ mailing address.

This is precisely the way in which everyone, from Douglas Fraser to the members of the Bogota translation group, have stated they wish to participate in the Spanish translation of the book itself. That is to say, no mention of anyone other than the owner of the copyright would be made. I should add that this pamphlet was translated and published in Bogota at the expense of the readers there. I believe that this pamphlet is a real step forward. It is a shining example of the possibilities inherent in a cooperative, trusting relationship between the Brotherhood here in the states and our brothers to the south.

#### CURRENT STATUS

There is currently a vital and active Urantia movement in Colombia. In Bogota, as mentioned, there are currently two groups. The translation group, as it is referred to

meets every Tuesday night in the home of  
 There are now five members of this group. They meet  
 to discuss and revise their work. Since all these men  
 have jobs, families, etc., their progress has been  
 rather slow. On Wednesday night the regular study  
 group meets to read and discuss material already trans-  
lated. This group also meets in the home.

also serves as a contact person for information  
 from Chicago, for example, or from Douglas or myself, as  
 well as from other interested readers around the world.  
 is a remarkably dedicated man.

The translation work itself is proceeding understandably  
 slowly, given the commitments of the translators. They  
 are a good many years away, at their current pace, from  
 having a completed text. Their work is of high quality  
 being a group effort among several translators, as well  
 as having the review and discussion by the Wednesday  
 night students. In this respect it appears that their  
 finished product will be vastly superior to the French.

Currently the readers are exploring the possibility of  
 forming their own organization. They have a copy of  
 the constitution and the charter guidelines. They view  
 them as exclusionary, and perceive them as penalizing  
 all non-english readers. How, they ask, can non-english  
 readers form a society when it is a requirement to have  
 10 or 20 members who have read the entire book, at a  
 time when there is no book to read? Many of these fine  
 people have been involved with the book for six or  
 seven years, giving more of themselves to the spread  
 of the teachings than the vast majority of society  
 members in the United States. Yet, through lack of  
 a Spanish translation, which is certainly no fault  
 of theirs, the Colombian readers find themselves barred  
 from participation, in a more formal way, in the affairs  
 of the Brotherhood.

I advised them, after a talk with Duane Faw on this  
 subject, to make application to the Brotherhood regard-  
 less of the existing regulations. Duane can elaborate  
 to the executive committee or thinking on this point.  
 In simple terms, these people are doing the work of the  
 Brotherhood in Latin America, and may wish to be more  
 formally associated with us. To refuse to accomidate  
 this desire will simply impede the work of the Brother-  
 hood in this part of the world and will serve to keep  
 us apart. We should instead be looking for ways to  
 bring us together.

Finally, I am pleased to report that there has been a  
 slow but steady growth of the network of readers in  
 Colombia. Currently there are five cities with readers

but only Bogota has a study group. The individual readers in the other cities are, for the most part, professional friends of the readers in Bogota who have learned of the book while the study group members were in their area on business. They have little direct contact with the Bogota group as a whole. I hope to begin visiting some of these other readers on my next trip.

### CONCLUSIONS

The Brotherhood is alive and well in Colombia despite the misunderstandings and perceived lack of support which have been encountered thus far. A certain lack of communication is inevitable when groups from two countries of different cultural and linguistic backgrounds attempt to work together. In and of itself this should not be a cause for great concern, though the sources of conflict need examination and resolution.

The social and political climate in Colombia and indeed in Latin America in general doom to failure any attempts to control their behavior by negatively-aggressive legalistic means. Fo

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It did not work in France, and the social-political milieu in Latin America makes any such attempt even less likely to succeed.

The URANTIA Book will be translated into Spanish, likely within the next five to ten years. The question for the Foundation and Brotherhood is simply one of their role in this process. Do we wish to participate or just be interested observers? If the translation is not done by the Foundation, then it will be done by the Colombians or the Spaniards or the Argentines, or perhaps even by another group unknown to us at the present time.

I believe it is critically important that we all, Colombians as well as Americans, acknowledge that our criticism of the URANTIA Foundation for their lack of action on the Spanish translation is, to date, largely unfair. To be responsible for the translation of The URANTIA Book from english into all the other languages of the world, in addition to all the other responsibilities of the board would be a near-impossible job for five seasoned professionals in the publishing business. Yet we are expecting such a performance from five volunteers with no experience or formal training in either publishing or linguistics. Not even a group of professionals, working only

on weekends, could possibly handle such a job without help. To expect this from a group of volunteers is simply a fantasy. I will suggest a possible solution to this problem, but it is an issue which we must, in all fairness to the trustees, recognize as a reality.

Finally, I would suggest that it is a very difficult if not impossible task to function as both a trustee and chairman of the International Fellowship Committee. I believe the problem is structural and related to the roles of the two organizations, and has nothing whatsoever to do with personalities involved. I draw my conclusion from the repeatedly confused concepts which I have encountered in readers on two continents with respect to the roles of the Foundation and Brotherhood. In all cases, this confusion has arisen from contact with the same person functioning in two different organizations in two different roles, i.e., as both trustee and Brotherhood committee chairman.

I wish to state, in the strongest possible terms, that I do not believe that this confusion has anything whatsoever to do with the individual now functioning in these two capacities. To the contrary, my personal experience has been that Martin has done as good a job as anyone else could have done, and probably better than most. The problem exists not in any particular personality but in the human species itself.

The problem fundamentally is one of two-point discrimination. Two-point discrimination is well-known to physiologists and physicians, and is something we have all experienced. Each of us knows that, as we move farther and farther away from two objects located close to each other, our ability to perceive them as separate entities diminishes with our distance from them. Similarly, from a distance of thousands of miles and a different language and culture, the discrimination of any trustee in his or her position as trustee, and his or her position as International Fellowship Chairman will be extremely difficult if not impossible for foreign readers.

The entire relationship between foreign readers and Chicago will begin with efforts of readers in other countries to develop a translation. This will inevitably bring them into contact with the trustees. It may very well come to pass, as the relationship grows that contact purely on a social, fraternal level may be desirable separate and independent from contact with the Foundation. I am not speaking in abstractions but am describing the situation recently encountered with John and Duane's visit to Paris. I believe that, of all committee chairs which a trustee could hold, none has confused or will continue to confuse foreign readers more than does this particular combination.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We must continue to build bridges of understanding between ourselves and Latin readers. I suggest periodic letters by responsible members of the Brotherhood and Foundation. They need not be translated into Spanish. Write them directly! These communications would serve as personal links, and enable a variety of relationships to be formed.

Lynn Kulike must be asked to visit Sevilla, Spain this summer when she is in Europe. It would be tragic to waste such an opportunity to get to know Sr. Darnaude and his group. Yet, as of my conversation with her last week she had not been asked to go. The Executive Committee should ask her to go, and if there are insufficient funds in the Brotherhood treasury to reimburse her for the trip, then I shall gladly provide the necessary funds to the Brotherhood.

I have already recommended to Tom Kendall that a status report on the Lira translation be sent to This is the burning issue with them presently. This letter must be specific. It should include the progress made thus far by those evaluating the translation. In addition, specific information on the legal problems surrounding the use of this translation by the Colombians should be given. To say, as has been already said, that "There are problems with this" is to say nothing. Life is filled with problems, which we are given to learn how to overcome. What is being done to overcome the legal problems associated with the Lira translation? What has been done to date? What issues still remain and how do we intend to resolve them? These are questions we must answer for the Bogota group.

If we really expect the cooperation and trust of these people then we must show them that we ourselves are trustworthy. When I commented during one meeting in Bogota that there needed to be brotherhood in the absence of a translation one reader present responded that "Obras son amores y no buenas razones." Translated loosely, "Actions speak louder than words." They are looking for action, for a substantive response to their need for help, and not just for platitudes. We must recognize that, while it is the Foundation's responsibility to oversee the publication of the book, it is the Brotherhood's role to foster social relations. This ongoing communication by the Brotherhood cannot be omitted. Separate communication by the two organizations with foreign groups is not inimical, but

rather can be greatly complimentary, as was shown by John and Duane's recent trip to France.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, I respectfully recommend to the URANTIA Foundation that it invite the Brotherhood to become involved in the Spanish translation, and in a specific way. As I have pointed out it is unreasonable to expect anything to be done by five overworked trustees in terms of structuring and directing a translation effort. Indeed, this is not their role, at least as I understand it. I believe the Executive Committee, at the Foundation's request should appoint a committee to examine the problem of the Spanish translation, and to recommend solutions. Members of this committee should be the most expert in the field within the Brotherhood. This committee should be composed of both Latins and North Americans. This committee should be prepared to travel both within the United States and to various parts of Latin America as it strives to develop a suitable plan for the translation of the book.

This committee would have no control over Foundation matters, such as choosing translators, use of existing translations, etc. Rather, it's purpose would be to identify resources and costs, and to outline a plan for proceeding with the translation, while attempting to coordinate, under the guidance of the Foundation and Executive Committee, the effective use of those resources. I suggest that Mr. Douglas Fraser, in view of his vast knowledge and experience in precisely this area, be the committee chairman.

Each translation effort will be different. Each will involve different social situations in the countries involved and each will present unique problems. I believe a plan such as I have outlined, or one like it would allow the Brotherhood and Foundation to take advantage of our growing human resources while simultaneously creating deeper understanding between national groups. Additionally, it would free the Foundation from the impossible task of such an undertaking by itself while allowing the trustees to focus on the portion of the job which only they can do.

We must continue to learn how to work together more effectively. We must learn to trust one another more, and this applies to those of us here at home as well as to persons far away.

I am grateful to the Executive Committee for the chance to play even this small part in the task of bringing this amazing revelation that we enjoy to another 400,000,000 hungry souls.

Sincerely,

Antonio Moya Cerpa  
El Universo según el Libro de Urantia  
(Revista "Más Allá", Madrid, Febrero 1996,  
páginas 56-65).

Según el *Libro de Urantia*, lo que conocemos como nuestro Universo es tan sólo una pequeña parte de la realidad, una burbuja dentro del Infinito que nos aísla con eficacia del Ser Absoluto. Nuestro Universo es inmenso, pero tiene límites horizontales y verticales que hacen posible la existencia de seres experienciales y no acabados como nosotros. Las mismas fuentes aseguran que lo que llamamos seres espirituales no viven en un mundo etéreo, sino que habitan esferas tan reales y materiales como las humanas. En el centro de nuestro Universo conocido se ubicaría la Isla del Paraíso, el único cuerpo inmóvil de toda la creación.

EL *Libro de Urantia* es uno de los casos más sorprendentes y enigmáticos de los que han venido en denominarse "libros revelados". La información fue recibida en estado de trance por un médium de Chicago cuya identidad nunca ha sido revelada, y que durante treinta años recopiló el psiquiatra William Sadler y un nutrido grupo de colaboradores, hasta que en 1955 el manuscrito entró en imprenta para ser por fin publicado.

El *Libro de Urantia* (copy right 1955, *Urantia Foundation*, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, USA) dedica, entre sus 2097 páginas, un buen número de ellas a describir los diversos niveles de la realidad cósmica. Estos niveles se refieren, por una parte, al grado de perfección en que se encuentran las múltiples personalidades que habitan la creación actual y, por otra, al grado de equilibrio y estabilidad que ha alcanzado la realidad física (los universos) donde viven

y experimentan esas mismas personalidades.

Según el *Libro de Urantia* la realidad total no es sólo el Universo espacial que conocemos. Este Universo no es más que una pequeña parte de la realidad, como una burbuja dentro del Infinito, que nos aísla eficazmente de la presencia del Ser Absoluto. Y entendemos por Universo ese inmenso espacio de ahí fuera, plagado de estrellas, planetas, galaxias y otros cuerpos celestes, el único Universo que conocemos los seres humanos, el de las tres dimensiones espaciales más el tiempo. Pues bien, ese espacio no es infinito; aunque inmenso, tiene límites tanto vertical como horizontalmente. Y tampoco es uniforme por todas partes; hay zonas llamadas

as cósmicas, que es donde se encuentran las galaxias, y otras zonas tranquilas de espacio intermedio, que suelen rodear a las anteriores. Pero vayamos por orden y tratemos de describir los diversos niveles espaciales que componen el Universo actual, tal como está estructurado según el *Libro de Urantia*.

El Universo que conocemos tiene un centro, alrededor del cual gira toda la creación física organizada. Ese centro no está en el espacio; es, pues, no espacial y también atemporal. El espacio y el tiempo se originan a partir de ese centro, que el *Libro de Urantia* llama *La Isla del Paraíso*. Partiendo del Pa-

raíso hacia el exterior, los diversos niveles espaciales que nos encontramos son los siguientes: 1. Los circuitos de mundos satélites del Paraíso; 2. El universo central de Havona; 3. Los cuerpos de gravedad oscuros; 4. Los siete superuniversos; 5. Los cuatro niveles del espacio exterior y 6. La infinitud.

### LA ISLA DEL PARAÍSO

El Paraíso es el centro geográfico de la infinitud, pero no podemos localizarlo en el Universo que conocemos porque se encuentra fuera del espacio y fuera del tiempo. El tiempo y el espacio no existen en la isla central. Cuando el Ser Infinito dividió la realidad en personal e impersonal, el Paraíso surgió como realidad impersonal absoluta. Existe, pues, desde toda la eternidad, y el infinito tiene su presencia personal focalizada en esta isla de luz. Desde allí fluyen hacia toda la creación ríos de energía, de vida y de personalidad.

El Paraíso es el único cuerpo inmóvil de toda la creación; todos los de-



más cuerpos celestes giran en proce-  
sión ordenada alrededor de este cen-  
tro absoluto del Cosmos.

La realidad material de que está  
compuesto el Paraíso no tiene equi-  
valente en los Universos exteriores.  
Los escritores del *Libro de Urantia* in-  
dicar que esta sustancia física es  
única y le dan el nombre de "absolu-  
tum". La forma de la isla eterna es  
elíptica. Su eje norte-sur es 1/6 más  
largo que su eje este-oeste. Tiene  
una superficie plana y la distancia en-  
tre sus superficies superior e inferior  
es la décima parte del diámetro este-  
oeste. La isla está dividida en tres  
ámbitos de actividad: el alto Paraíso,  
donde residen las personalidades es-  
pirituales; el Paraíso Periférico y el  
Bajo Paraíso, que controla la grave-  
dad de toda la creación material.

### EL ESPACIO, RESIDENCIA DE LOS SERES LIMITADOS

Quando el Ser Infinito dividió la rea-  
lidad en personal e impersonal, en  
potencial y manifestada, apareció el  
espacio como un sistema ideado por  
Él para hacer posible la existencia de  
los seres subabsolutos, limitados y  
evolutivos. El espacio es, por tanto, el  
teatro universal donde tiene lugar el  
trasvase continuo de la realidad po-  
tencial a la realidad manifestada. Es

material conocido. El espacio inter-  
medio está compuesto de zonas rela-  
tivamente tranquilas, que separan los  
diversos planos de la Creación: por  
ejemplo, separan a los siete Superu-  
niversos del primer nivel del espacio  
exterior.

Cada nivel de espacio funciona co-  
mo una región elíptica de movimien-  
to, rodeada por todas partes por una  
quietud relativa. Estas zonas alternas  
de espacio activo y pasivo son un  
factor que sirve para estabilizar la  
gravedad física y actúa como un fre-  
no sobre las velocidades de los gran-  
des conglomerados astronómicos.

Todo el espacio está alternativa-  
mente en contracción y en expan-  
sión. Es lo que el *Libro de Urantia* lla-  
ma "la respiración del espacio". Esta  
"respiración" afecta tanto a las exten-  
siones horizontales del espacio pen-  
etrado como a las verticales de espa-  
cio virgen o no penetrado, esos  
inmensos depósitos espaciales situa-  
dos por encima y por debajo del Pa-  
raíso. Podemos intentar imaginar la  
forma volumétrica de estos depósitos  
pensando en un reloj de arena.

Quando los Universos de la exten-  
sión horizontal del espacio penetrado  
se dilatan, los depósitos verticales  
del espacio no penetrado se contra-  
en, y viceversa. Cada fase de la res-  
piración del espacio dura poco más  
de mil millones de años, por lo que

así como surge la posibilidad de que  
existan seres experienciales —no ter-  
minados— en el Cosmos, que puedan  
irse perfeccionando mediante el de-  
sarrollo paulatino.

El espacio-tiempo funciona como  
un cojín que amortigua la presencia  
del Dios Infinito y hace posible que  
las criaturas temporales e imperfec-  
tas coexistan con el Absoluto. Sin este  
dispositivo aislante ninguna criatu-  
ra podría existir en el Cosmos, pero  
también a causa de él, el campo de  
acción finito está notablemente limi-  
tado.

No es espacio todo lo que hay en  
la realidad total, pero para nosotros el  
espacio y el tiempo son los funda-  
mentos de la única realidad que co-  
nocemos, la finita. Vivimos dentro del  
espacio y nosotros mismos somos  
puro espacio; nuestros cuerpos no  
son más que millones de átomos  
asociados, con espacio entre sí. So-  
mos espacio que se desplaza por el  
espacio. Esa es nuestra "sólida" rea-  
lidad material. Pero según el *Libro de  
Urantia*, el Universo total contiene  
mucho más que la burbuja espacial  
donde vivimos: existe el nivel aespa-  
cial y atemporal del Paraíso; existen  
los niveles trascendentales, donde el  
espacio y el tiempo han sido trascen-  
didos, y que son anteriores y poste-  
riores al nivel finito; existe el nivel ab-

se precisan dos mil millones de años  
para completar el ciclo de expan-  
sión-contracción. Durante la fase de  
expansión las galaxias se alejan del  
centro (del Paraíso) y en los períodos  
de contracción se acercan. Actual-  
mente nos encontramos en un perio-  
do de expansión.

Toda la gravedad universal está  
controlada por la Isla del Paraíso,  
completada por los cuerpos de gra-  
vedad oscuros que rodean al Univer-  
so Central, llamado *Havona*, y equili-  
brada por los depósitos de espacio  
situados por encima y por debajo del  
Paraíso. El Universo central de *Havo-  
na* existe desde siempre y es la pri-  
mera manifestación creativa de la  
deidad; se trata de un Universo per-  
fecto, habitado por criaturas creadas  
perfectas, que sirve de modelo para  
los Universos del espacio en vías de  
perfeccionamiento.

No hay nada absolutamente estáti-  
co en todo el Universo material. Las  
galaxias, las estrellas y los mundos...;  
todo gira mientras se desplaza a lo  
largo de los circuitos sin fin en torno  
al Paraíso. El movimiento no es inhe-

soluto, donde funciona la deidad; y,  
finalmente, más allá del cuarto y úl-  
timo nivel del espacio exterior, se ex-  
tiende la infinidad, la Nada para noso-  
tros, que el *Libro de Urantia* califica  
como la presencia impersonal y po-  
tencial del absoluto ilimitado, la reser-  
va de todos los Universos del eterno  
futuro.

Para nosotros, el espacio es una  
realidad super-finita que no podemos  
sencillamente comprender. Como in-  
dicamos anteriormente, la Isla del Pa-  
raíso está fuera del espacio y del  
tiempo; el espacio nace por debajo  
del Bajo Paraíso, y el tiempo parece  
tener su origen por encima del Alto  
Paraíso. Partiendo del Paraíso, el es-  
pacio se extiende hacia fuera vertical  
y horizontalmente, como una "V" gi-  
gantesca que se abre cada vez más a  
medida que se aleja del centro. Si pu-  
diéramos seccionar el espacio total,  
la forma que ofrecería a nuestra vista  
se parecería a una Cruz de Malta, cu-  
yos brazos horizontales representarían  
el espacio penetrado por las ener-  
gías cósmicas —la zona donde se  
mueven todas las galaxias y demás  
cuerpos siderales—, y los brazos verti-  
cales contendrían el espacio virgen (o  
depósitos), que parece funcionar co-  
mo contrapeso de la sección horizon-  
tal con el fin de estabilizar la grave-  
dad universal. En el centro (no  
espacial) de esta Cruz de Malta esta-  
ría situado el Paraíso. Existen además  
las zonas tranquilas de espacio inter-  
medio, que envuelven por completo  
al espacio total, es decir, a toda la  
Cruz de Malta.

El espacio horizontal tiene límites  
superiores e inferiores, y dentro de  
ellos se encuentran las galaxias y  
mundos que componen el universo

rente al espacio; incluso los movi-  
mientos del espacio no son innatos.  
Tanto el movimiento como el espacio  
son equilibradores de la gravedad.

Entre la isla Central y el Universo  
de *Havona* están situados los veintiún  
mundos que completan el sistema  
del Paraíso. Estos planetas están dis-  
tribuidos en tres circuitos de siete  
mundos cada uno. El primer circuito,  
el más cercano al Paraíso, correspon-  
de a los mundos del Padre Universal,  
el segundo circuito a los del Hijo Eter-  
no, y el tercer circuito a las esferas  
del Espíritu Infinito. El *Libro de Ura-  
ntia* indica que se trata de mundos  
enormes, cuyo tamaño sería inadec-  
uado para los universos exteriores y  
donde se realizan múltiples funcio-  
nes.

## EL UNIVERSO CENTRAL DE HAVONA

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Entre la periferia del Paraíso y la frontera interior de los siete Superuniversos evolutivos, se encuentran las condiciones espaciales siguientes:

1. Las zonas tranquilas de espacio intermedio que bordean al Paraíso.

2. Los tres circuitos de esferas del Paraíso y los siete circuitos de mundos de *Havona*, que giran todos en el sentido de las agujas del reloj.

3. La zona de espacio semitránquila que separa a los circuitos de *Havona* de los cuerpos de gravedad oscuros.

4. Los cuerpos de gravedad oscuros, de los cuales una parte gira como las agujas del reloj y otra parte en sentido contrario.

El Universo central está compuesto por mil millones de mundos perfectos, dispuestos en siete círculos concéntricos, que envuelven a los tres circuitos de satélites del Paraíso. Hay más de treinta y cinco millones de planetas en el circuito interior de *Havona* y más de doscientos cuarenta y cinco millones en el más exterior, con cantidades proporcionales en los circuitos intermedios. Todos están perfectamente equilibrados porque se trata de un Universo creado expresamente así, no habiéndose desarrollado por evolución. *Havona* es el Universo modelo, que los creadores espaciotemporales tratan de copiar en el tiempo y de reproducir en el espacio.

El *Libro de Urantia* dice que los seres espirituales no viven en un espacio nebuloso, ni en mundos etéreos, sino que habitan en esferas reales de naturaleza material, mundos tan reales como los que sirven para los seres humanos. La sustancia de los mundos de *Havona* difiere de la organización material de los planetas de los siete Superuniversos.

Las energías de *Havona* son triples, mientras que las unidades superuniversales de energía-materia contienen una carga de energía doble. La organización fundamental de una creación trina no se parece en nada a la constitución doble de los Universos creados en el espacio-tiempo.

## UNA ENVOLTURA INVISIBLE

En la periferia del inmenso Universo central circula un número increíble de enormes cuerpos de gravedad oscuros. Estas masas sombrías no se parecen en absoluto a los otros cuerpos espaciales, no reflejan la luz y tampoco la absorben; es decir, no reaccionan a la luz física.

Los cuerpos de gravedad oscuros envuelven a *Havona* tan completamente que ocultan la perfección del Universo central a la vista de los universos evolutivos del espacio-tiempo, incluso de los más cercanos.

Estos cuerpos están divididos en dos circuitos elípticos iguales. El cinturón exterior da vueltas en el sentido de las agujas del reloj y el cinturón interior en sentido inverso. Estas direcciones de movimiento alterno, unidas a la masa extraordinaria de los cuerpos oscuros, contrarrestan la gravedad que ejerce *Havona*, de tal manera que hacen del Universo central una creación físicamente equilibrada y perfectamente estabilizada.

## LOS SIETE SUPERUNIVERSOS

En el tiempo y el espacio, la unidad básica de la creación es el Universo local. Un Superuniverso, y de ahí deriva su nombre, está compuesto por cien mil Universos locales.

Partiendo de los cuerpos de gravedad oscuros hacia el exterior, lejos en el espacio, nos encontramos con los siete Superuniversos, las creaciones

actualmente habitadas por los seres humanos, mortales y evolutivos, además de otras personalidades espirituales y semiespirituales. Estos Superuniversos son enormes conjuntos de galaxias que se desplazan por este nivel del espacio penetrado, recorriendo una gran elipse alrededor del centro absoluto de la Creación. Nuestro sistema solar y los demás sistemas y mundos similares no se precipitan a ciegas en un espacio sin explorar. Los Superuniversos siguen una trayectoria determinada y precisa, en sentido inverso a las agujas del reloj, alrededor del Paraíso.

El circuito espacial que recorren los siete Superuniversos se encuentra entre los cuerpos de gravedad oscuros y el primer nivel del espacio exterior.

La Isla del Paraíso marca el norte absoluto para toda la Creación. Dice el *Libro de Urantia* que, en la época actual, el Superuniverso número uno gira casi exactamente en el norte, encontrándose al este de *Havona*. El número dos está en el norte, preparándose para virar hacia el oeste, mientras que el número tres ocupa la parte más septentrional del gran sendero del espacio, habiendo emprendido la curva que lo conducirá hacia el sur. El número cuatro continúa su camino casi en línea recta hacia el sur, y el número cinco realiza su trayectoria meridional, cerca de la curva hacia el este. El número seis ocupa la mayor parte de esta curva meridional, zona de la que casi ha terminado de salir el Superuniverso número siete, al cual pertenece el sistema solar de la Tierra.

Nuestro planeta, llamado en el libro *Urantia*, está situado en un Universo local y en un Superuniverso que no están todavía terminados por completo; y nuestro Universo local está próximo a otras creaciones físi-

cas que sólo están parcialmente concluidas. El libro indica que pertenecemos a un Universo local relativamente reciente y que actualmente no nos desplazamos por un espacio sin explorar, ni damos vueltas a ciegas por regiones desconocidas. Dice que estamos atravesando el mismo espacio que nuestro sistema solar o sus predecesores franquearon en otras épocas, y algún día, en el lejano futuro, nuestro sistema o sus sucesores atravesarán de nuevo este mismo espacio por el que cruzamos tan rápidamente.

Nuestro Universo local forma parte del séptimo Superuniverso, que gira entre los Superuniversos uno y seis. Actualmente el sistema solar ha pasado hace unos miles de millones de años por el afelio del sur y nos desplazamos rápidamente por la larga trayectoria, comparativamente rectilínea, hacia el norte. La Tierra o Urantia pertenece a un sistema que está próximo de los límites exteriores de nuestro Universo local, y este Universo está atravesando la periferia del Superuniverso. De ahí deducimos que las galaxias que observamos desde nuestra posición espacial deben formar parte del primer nivel del espacio exterior, y no de los Superuniversos actualmente habitados.

### MUNDOS CON VIDA INTELIGENTE

Cada Superuniverso está dividido administrativamente en unidades menores que indicaremos a continuación. Los escritores del libro comentan que algunos Universos locales tienen más mundos adecuados para la vida inteligente que otros, que todos los Universos en proyecto no han sido aún organizados y que sólo ofrecen una estimación para que nos hagamos una idea de la inmensidad de la creación material. Además, sólo dan las cifras de los mundos habitados o habitables, pero no incluyen los soles, los mundos fríos, los planetas demasiado cercanos, los soles muy ardientes y otras esferas inadecuadas para la vida de las criaturas.

La división de cada Universo sería como sigue:

- Un sistema contiene aproximadamente mil mundos habitados o habitables.

- Una constelación es igual a cien sistemas que contienen cien mil mundos.

- Un Universo local es igual a cien constelaciones que contienen diez mil millones de mundos.

- Un sector menor es igual a cien Universos locales que contienen mil millones de mundos.

- Un sector mayor es igual a cien sectores menores que contienen cien mil millones de mundos.

- Un Superuniverso es igual a diez sectores mayores que contienen un billón de mundos.

Todo esto no son más que aproximaciones, porque continuamente aparecen nuevos sistemas, mientras que otras organizaciones salen temporalmente de la existencia material.

Cualquier Universo local tendría, pues, unos diez millones de planetas habitados por seres mortales como nosotros; y en los siete Superuniversos habría siete billones de mundos llenos de gente (más o menos) como usted y como yo. El Universo no está exclusivamente ahí para hacer fotografías nocturnas.

Prácticamente todos los grupos de estrellas visibles desde la Tierra con el ojo desnudo pertenecen a nuestro Superuniverso. Dice el *Libro de Urantia* que el enorme sistema de estrellas de la Vía Láctea representa el núcleo central del Superuniverso, que se encuentra muy lejos de las fronteras de nuestro Universo local. Este gran conjunto de soles, estrellas dobles, islas oscuras del espacio (¿agujeros negros?), grupos globulares, nubes de estrellas, nebulosas espirales u otras, así como millones de planetas individuales, forma una agrupación circular alargada, como un reloj visto de canto, que engloba aproximadamente una séptima parte de los Universos evolutivos habitados.

Ocho de los diez sectores mayores de nuestro Superuniverso han sido prácticamente identificados por los astrónomos de la Tierra, según dice el *Libro de Urantia*. Es difícil reconocer a los dos restantes porque estamos obligados a mirar estos fenómenos desde dentro. Si pudiéramos exami-

nar nuestro Superuniverso desde un lugar alejado en el espacio, reconoceríamos inmediatamente las diez divisiones mayores de esta Creación.

## LA COMPOSICIÓN DE NUESTRO SUPERUNIVERSO

Utilizando los textos del *Libro de Urantia* y algunos conocimientos sobre astronomía, hemos tratado de "casar" ambas informaciones con el fin de hacernos una idea de la composición de nuestro Superuniverso. Veamos las conclusiones:

1°. Los autores del libro llaman "Universos" a lo que nosotros llamamos "galaxias": "Podéis representar el primer nivel del espacio exterior, donde innumerables universos están actualmente en proceso de formación, como una enorme procesión de galaxias moviéndose alrededor del Paraíso" (Pág. 125) - "Aunque el ojo humano al desnudo sólo puede ver dos o tres nebulosas fuera de los límites del superuniverso, vuestros telescopios os revelan literalmente millones y millones de esos universos físicos en proceso de formación" (Pág. 130).

2°. Un Universo local podría ser muy bien una galaxia: "Las nebulosas no están directamente relacionadas con ninguna de las unidades administrativas, tales como los sectores me-

nores o los universos locales han sido organizados con el producto de una sola nebulosa" (P.ág 169) - "...**Micael de Nebadon**, un Hijo creador del Paraíso, escogió esta nebulosa en desintegración (la que dio nacimiento a nuestro Sol) como marco para su proyecto de construir un universo" (Pág. 654).

3°. En principio, el Superuniverso estaría formado por unas cien mil galaxias (cien mil Universos locales): "La galaxia de la Vía Láctea (nuestro superuniverso) está compuesta por una enorme cantidad de nebulosas anteriormente espirales y de otras nebulosas..." (Pág. 170).

4°. Las galaxias que forman nuestro Superuniverso se encuentran en diferentes estados de evolución física: "Los siete superuniversos están aún creciendo; la periferia de cada uno de ellos se expande gradualmente; nuevas nebulosas están siendo constantemente estabilizadas gradualmente (Pág. 131). - "No hay muchas nebulosas productoras de soles, actualmente activas en "Orvonton" (nuestro superuniverso..." (Pág. 170). ¡Pero hay algunas!

5°. Orvonton tiene más de diez billones de estrellas: "El superuniverso de Orvonton está iluminado y calentado por más de diez billones de soles resplandecientes, que son las estrellas que observáis desde vuestro

sistema astronómico. Más de dos billones están demasiado lejanas o son demasiado pequeñas para ser vistas desde Urantia" (Pág. 172). Si dividimos diez billones entre cien mil Universos locales, obtenemos una media de cien millones de estrellas en cada galaxia de Orvonton. **10**

6°. Orvonton podría tener un diámetro de unos quinientos mil-años luz: "Nebadon (nuestro universo local) se encuentra actualmente cerca del límite exterior de Orvonton. Desde el sistema más alejado de mundos habitados hasta el centro del superuniverso, hay un poco menos de doscientos cincuenta mil años-luz". (Pág. 360).

De toda esta información deducimos que un Superuniverso debe estar formado por varios miles de galaxias. El lector que se interese por las columnas científicas de la prensa diaria habrá leído a lo largo de los años cosas como estas: "Se ha demostrado que hay grandes superestructuras galácticas que no pueden ser explicadas por las teorías que apoyan la gran expansión del Universo...El universo está repleto de estas superestructuras gigantes...y los astrónomos creen que son demasiado grandes y lejanas como para haberse formado a partir de una gran explosión inicial" (El País, 4.1.91). - "Encontramos en el universo estructuras cada vez más grandes" comenta **José María Martín Mirones**, profesor de Astrofísica de la Universidad de Cantabria. "Se vio que la Vía Láctea forma parte de un grupo local de unas veinte galaxias; luego se descubrió el cúmulo de Virgo, formado por varios grupos como el Local; ahora el Cúmulo de Virgo, junto con otros, está bajo la influencia del Gran Atractor..." "El Gran Atractor podría ser el corazón de una supergalaxia formada

por millones de millones de galaxias, como la Vía Láctea está formada por millones de millones de estrellas" (El País, 24.1.90).

"El espacio está repleto de galaxias y no de estrellas. Desde las profundidades del Cosmos emergen incesantemente galaxias y más galaxias"... "Las galaxias tienden a reunirse en aglomeraciones, creando cúmulos de amplitud inconcebible. El universo está cuajado de estos cúmulos"... "Recientemente, exploraciones a gran escala han revelado la existencia de enjambres de múltiples cúmulos galácticos, que forman titánicos supercúmulos, algo así como galaxias de galaxias"... "Los astrónomos saben desde hace tiempo que las galaxias realizan determinados desplazamientos, como siguiendo una especie de pauta de tráfico universal. Pero las galaxias no se mueven de manera caótica, sino de una forma tremendamente ordenada". (Marta V. Bartolomé y Tomás de la Cal, Junio de 1987).

## NUESTRO UNIVERSO LOCAL

El Universo local al que pertenece nuestro planeta podría ser (lo que los científicos llaman) la galaxia de la Vía Láctea más las Nubes de Magallanes. El *Libro de Urantia* cuenta la historia del nacimiento de nuestro Universo a

partir de la nebulosa (llamada por los autores) de Andronover. "Un universo local puede estar compuesto por una o varias -e incluso muchas- nebulosas, y es así como el conjunto físico de Nebadon procede de la progenitura estelar y planetaria de Andronover y de otras nebulosas". (Pág. 455).

Nuestro sistema solar gira en torno al centro de la nebulosa de Andronover, que le dio origen, y todo el Universo local se desplaza alrededor de la densa nube de estrellas de Sagitario, centro de rotación de nuestro sector menor.

La antigua nebulosa espiral de Andronover fue deformada por las dislocaciones gravitatorias causadas por una gran nebulosa vecina que se acercó peligrosamente en la época del nacimiento del Sol. Esta casi colisión transformó a Andronover en un conjunto algo globular, sin destruir por completo la doble procesión de soles y sus agrupaciones físicas asociadas. La descripción que da el Li-

bro de Urantia de nuestra galaxia no ha coincidido durante años con la opinión de la ciencia convencional, que ha sostenido hasta hace poco que la Vía Láctea era una galaxia espiral como Andrómeda. Pero **Leo Blitz**, de la Universidad de Maryland, en College Park, y **David N. Spergel**, de la Universidad de Princeton, han indicado que las galaxias en interacción son capaces de producir galaxias "oculares" (por su semejanza con el globo ocular) y que éstas podrían acabar en una estructura segmentada. La Vía Láctea no es una galaxia espiral, sino una configuración blanda de "espiral segmentada". La región interna posee forma de pelota de rugby y los brazos salen de una barra estelar, no de una esfera.

La estrella más grande de este Universo local, la nube estelar de Antares, tiene cuatrocientas cincuenta veces el diámetro del Sol y sesenta millones de veces su volumen, según el *Libro de Urantia*. Sin embargo, hay sitio suficiente para alojar a estos so-

les enormes. Por poner una comparación, se encuentran tan anchos en el espacio como una docena de naranjas lo estarían en el interior de la Tierra si ésta fuera hueca.

Nuestro planeta, *Urantia*, tiene su origen en el Sol, y el Sol es uno de los múltiples productos de la *nebulosa de Andronover*, que fue organizada a par-

tir de la carga de potencia universal del espacio del Superuniverso de *Orvonton*, en una época lejana, muy lejana:

Hace ochocientos setenta y cinco mil millones de años se emprendió la formación de la enorme *nebulosa de Andronover*, desencadenándose el torbellino de energía que llegó a transformarse finalmente en este gran ciclón espacial. Todas las creaciones materiales evolutivas tienen su origen en nebulosas gaseosas y circulares, y todas estas nebulosas primarias son circulares durante la primera parte de su existencia gaseosa.

Hace unos quinientos cincuenta mil millones de años la enorme nebulosa entró en su estado secundario, volviéndose poco a poco espiral y claramente visible para los astrónomos de los Universos, incluso lejanos. El primer sol de *Andronover* nació hace quinientos mil millones de años, y los planetas habitados más antiguos de *Nebadon* datan de hace doscientos mil millones de años.

El estado primario de una nebulosa es circular; el secundario es espiral; el estado terciario es el de la primera dispersión de los soles, y el cuaternario engloba el segundo y último ciclo de dispersión solar, en el transcurso del cual el núcleo madre acaba siendo un cúmulo globular o un sol solitario rodeado de un número variable de planetas.

Hace seis mil millones de años se produjo el fin de la dislocación termi-

nal de *Andronover* y el nacimiento de nuestro Sol, que al principio fue una estrella variable, como lo recuerdan los ciclos de once años y medio de las manchas solares. Hace cuatro mil millones y medio de años un enorme sistema empezó a acercarse a nuestro aislado Sol. El centro de este gran sistema era un gigante oscuro del espacio (¿un agujero negro?), sólido, con mucha carga energética y una prodigiosa fuerza de atracción gravitatoria.

A medida que este sistema se acercaba más al Sol, y en los momentos de máxima pulsión solar, grandes cantidades de materia gaseosa fueron proyectadas al espacio como gigantes lenguas solares. Esta situación continuó durante unos quinientos mil años hasta que el sistema intruso alcanzó su punto más cercano al Sol, sufriendo éste una dislocación parcial: enormes volúmenes de materia expulsada se desgajaron simultáneamente por dos zonas solares; sus dos extremos eran más bien afilados y su centro muy abultado. Esta columna de gas escapó definitivamente al control gravitatorio inmediato del Sol, evolucionó posteriormente y dio nacimiento a los doce planetas de nuestro sistema solar. Júpiter y Saturno se formaron a partir de las porciones centrales más voluminosas; la atracción gravitatoria de Júpiter y Saturno, junto con la del Sol, captó algunos mundos del gigante oscuro, que orbitaban a una considerable distancia de su centro

debido a su gran campo gravitacional. Ello explica la existencia de los movimientos retrógrados de algunos cuerpos de nuestro sistema solar. Sin la intrusión de estos cuerpos especiales extraños, todos los materiales del sistema solar hubieran conservado la misma dirección orbital.

Hace muchísimo tiempo, dice el *Libro de Urantia*, el quinto planeta de nuestro sistema solar empezó a recorrer una órbita irregular, acercándose periódicamente a Júpiter, y acabó entrando en la zona crítica de dislocación gravitacional (llamada por los científicos "el límite de Roche"). Entonces fue rápidamente fragmentado, transformándose en el conjunto actual de asteroides.

## LOS MUNDOS ARQUITECTURALES

Además de las estrellas, planetas y otros cuerpos celestes que pueblan el Cosmos, todos ellos productos de las nebulosas, el *Libro de Urantia* nos habla de la existencia de unos mundos hechos a medida, que también forman parte del Universo que conocemos. Se trata de los "mundos arquitecturales", planetas o agrupaciones de planetas que son las capitales —o sedes centrales— de las unidades administrativas en que están divididos los Superuniversos. Por ejemplo, la capital de nuestro sistema de mil mundos habitados es *Jerusem*, planeta que está rodeado por siete grandes satélites, que a su vez poseen siete mundos menores cada uno, formando un conjunto co-

tal de cincuenta y siete mundos arquitecturales, contruidos expresamente para servir a las múltiples funciones de la administración y control del sistema. Estos planetas suelen estar habitados por personalidades de todo tipo: espirituales, mortales ascendentes, instructores, portadores de vida, ángeles, etc.

Los mundos arquitecturales también forman parte de las constelaciones, los Universos locales, los sectores menores y mayores y los Superuniversos. El *Urantia* indica que si todos los Universos en proyecto estuvieran creados, habría cerca de quinientos mil millones de estos mundos en los siete Superuniversos.

Otra característica de estas esferas, y no la menor para los seres humanos, es que en ellas tiene lugar la repersonalización de los muertos y su posterior educación y evolución siempre ascendentes, a lo largo de todo el Superuniverso, a fin de alcanzar la meta del Paraíso, donde se encuentra la presencia personal del Creador de toda realidad.

#### LOS CUATRO NIVELES DEL ESPACIO EXTERIOR

Más allá de los siete Superuniversos se extiende una zona de espacio relativamente tranquilo, con una anchura media de cuatrocientos mil años luz. Esta zona está libre de polvo estelar y rodea a los Superuniversos. El texto del *Urantia* indica que, aproximadamente a medio millón de años luz de las fronteras exteriores de los Superuniversos, existe una zo-

na de actividad energética increíble, cuyo volumen e intensidad se extienden más de veinticinco millones de años luz. Es el primer nivel del espacio exterior, un cinturón de actividad cósmica que rodea a toda la creación conocida, organizada y habitada.

En esta zona se está organizando un número incalculable de Universos y se estima que la energía y la materia de estas regiones exteriores no exploradas es muchas veces superior al total de la masa material y de la carga energética del conjunto de los siete Superuniversos.

Actividades aún mayores se están produciendo a más de cincuenta millones de años-luz de este primer nivel, que presagian la organización de creaciones materiales en el segundo nivel del espacio exterior. Y los astrónomos del Universo, dice el *Libro de Urantia*, han detectado movimientos energéticos similares en un tercer y cuarto nivel de espacio, inmensamente alejados de los Superuniversos. Se cree que un nuevo tipo de creación, distinta a la finita, se está gestando, y se sabe que en estos cuatro niveles no viven personalidades de ningún tipo, ya sean materiales o espirituales. Son universos en proceso de formación.

El primero de estos cinturones de galaxias se mueve en el sentido de las agujas del reloj, el segundo en sentido contrario, y así sucesivamente. Como ya se ha indicado, parece ser que estos movimientos alternativos sirven para estabilizar la gravedad universal.

#### CRIATURAS PERFECTAS DEL UNIVERSO CENTRAL

A modo de resumen, volvemos a indicar al lector los diversos niveles o planos de la creación actual:

**ETERNIDAD:** *Paraíso*

*Mundos satélites del Paraíso*

*Universo central de Havona*

*Cuerpos de gravedad oscuros.*

**ESPACIO-TIEMPO:** *Siete super universos.*

*Cuatro niveles del espacio exterior.*

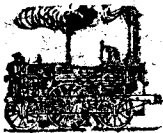
**INFINIDAD:** *Infinidad.*

Cada nivel sucesivo rodea y engloba al siguiente, por lo que los últimos creados son inmensamente más grandes que los anteriores.

El *Libro de Urantia* indica que las criaturas espacio-temporales en vías de perfeccionamiento de los Superuniversos, son complementarias de las criaturas perfectas del Universo central. Las primeras ascienden por experiencia desde sus planetas natales hasta *Havona*, y las segundas descienden al espacio-tiempo para trabar contacto con la experiencia y ayudar a las primeras a evolucionar.

Más allá del cuarto y último nivel de espacio exterior se extiende la infinidad incondicionada, la "Nada", puesto que no contiene ni espacio, ni tiempo, ni creaciones de ningún tipo. Sólo la presencia del Infinito llena este potencial latente de las futuras e inimaginables expresiones y manifestaciones del absoluto YO SOY.

Antonio Moya



## 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 —tranquillizarse—, 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

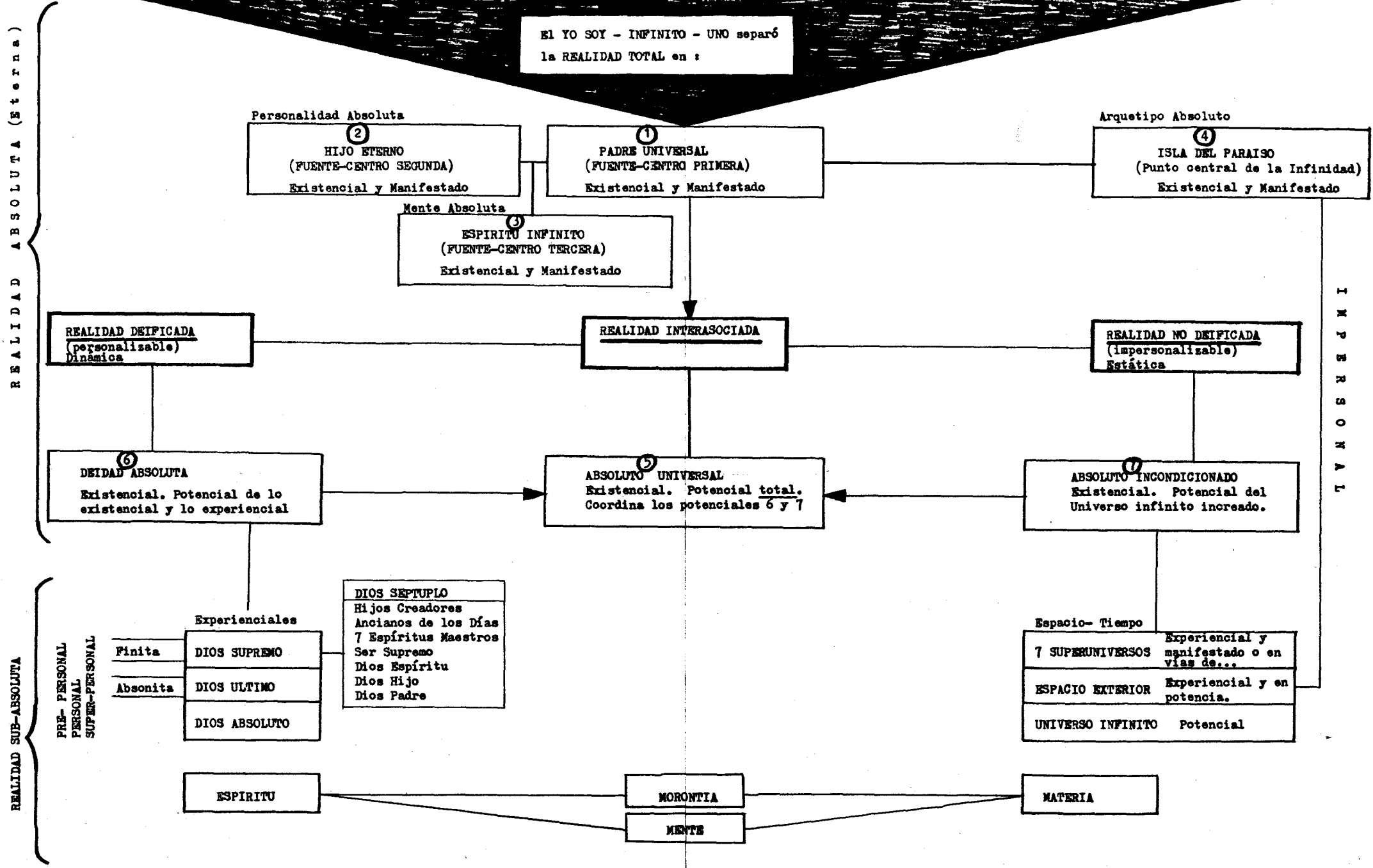
Around 1,000,000,000 years ago Urantia had attained approximately its present size. At this time it was placed upon the physical registries of our local universe, Nebadon, and given its name, Urantia. (Page 660, Par. 3). The sixty-three papers comprising this section relate the history of our planet, 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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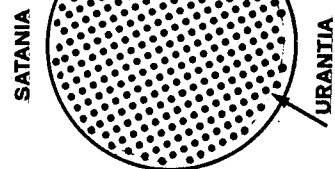
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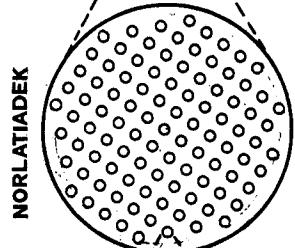
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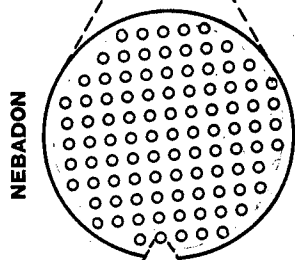
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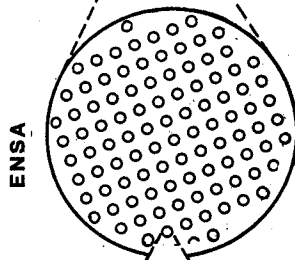
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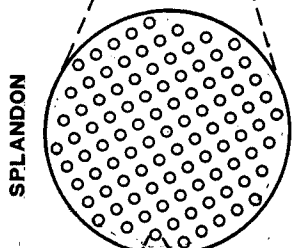
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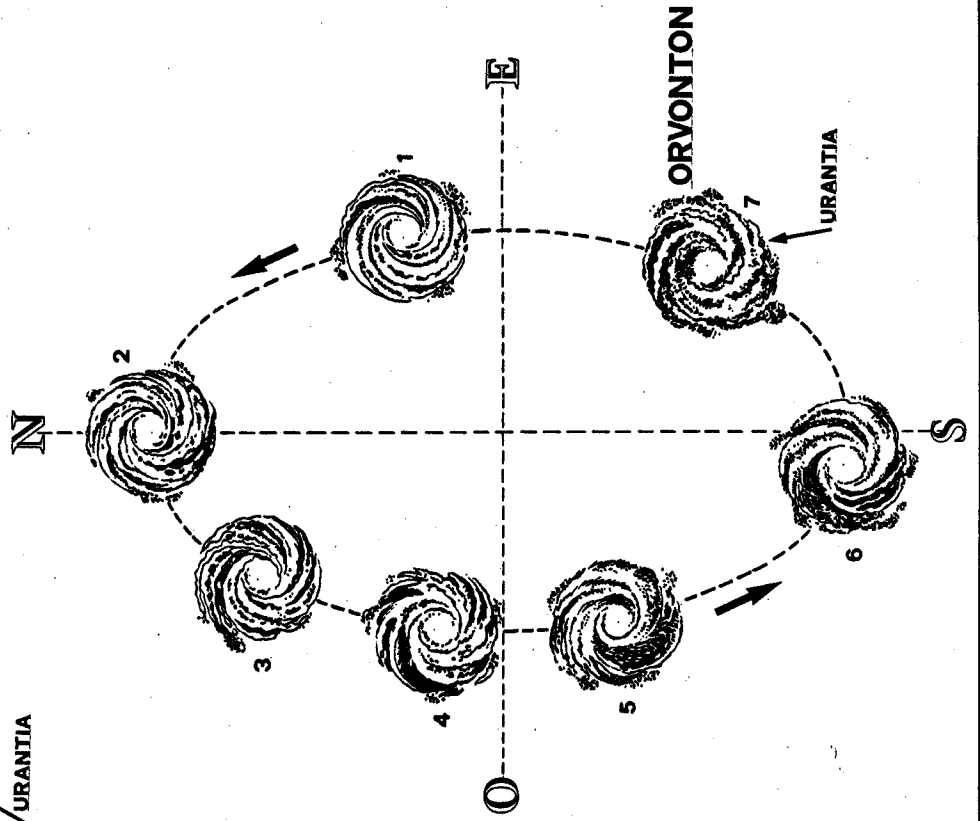
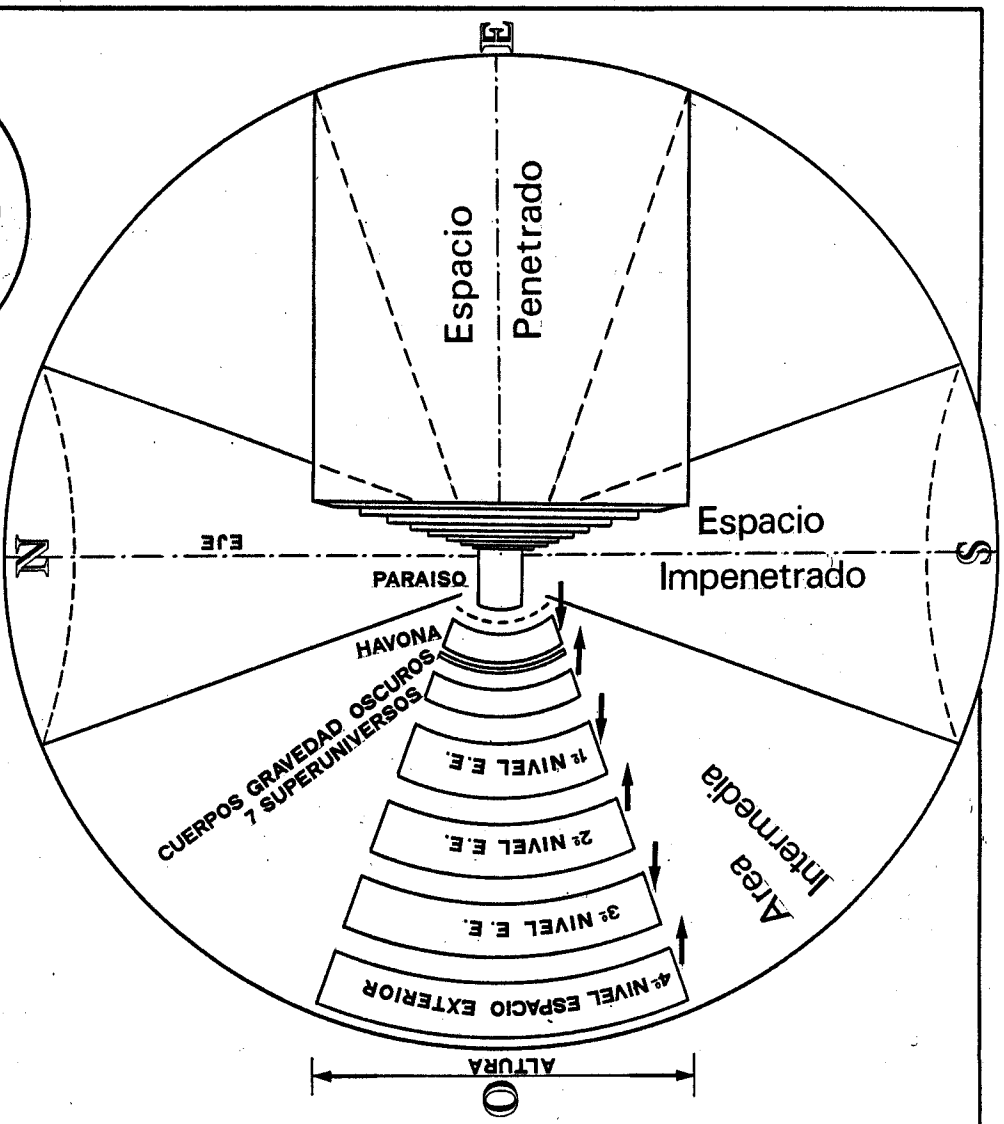
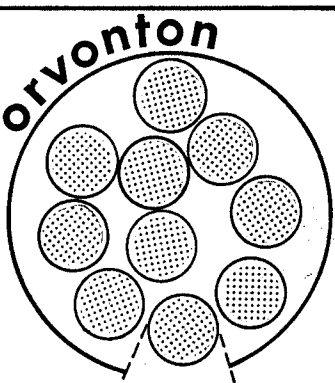
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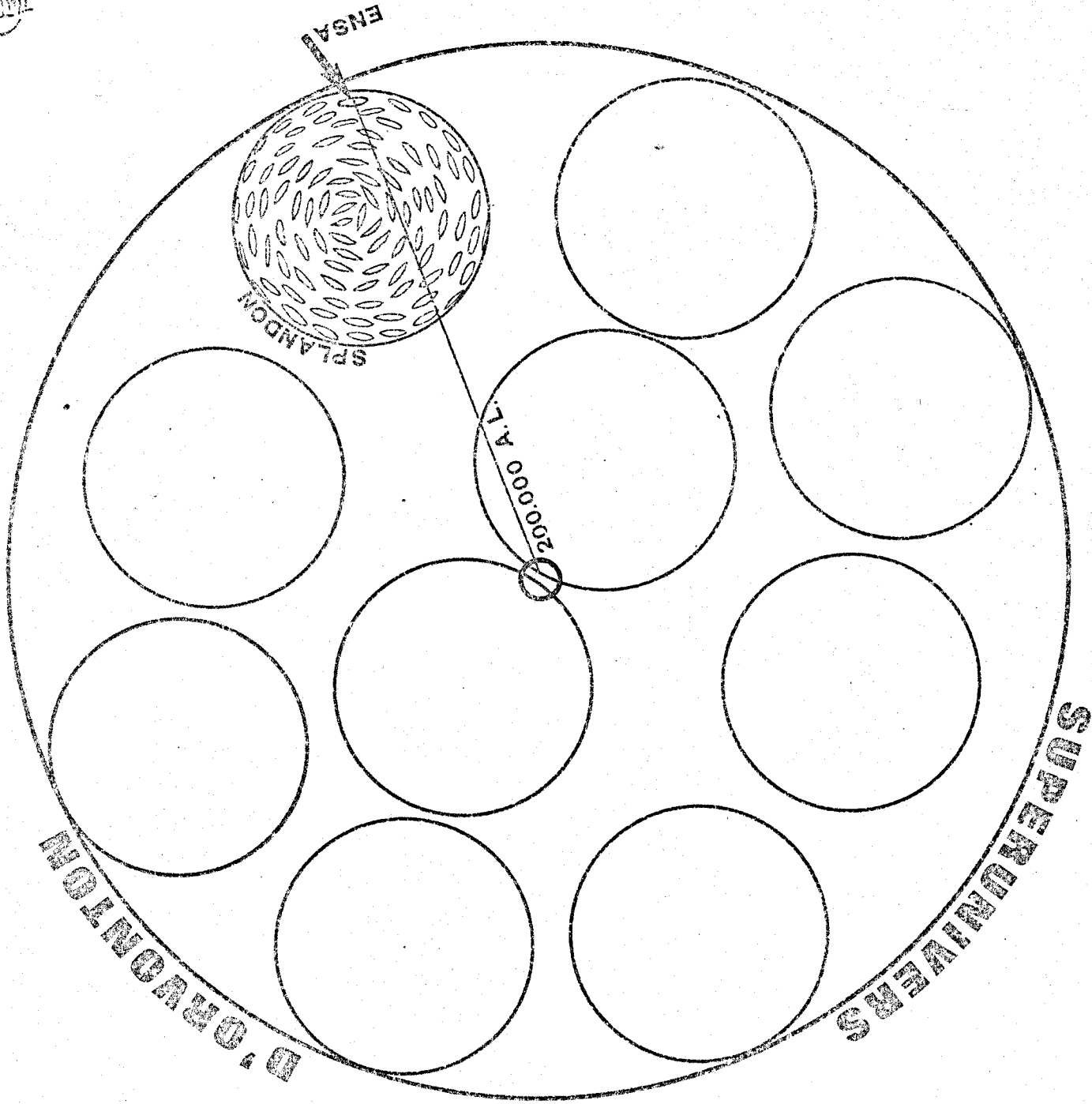
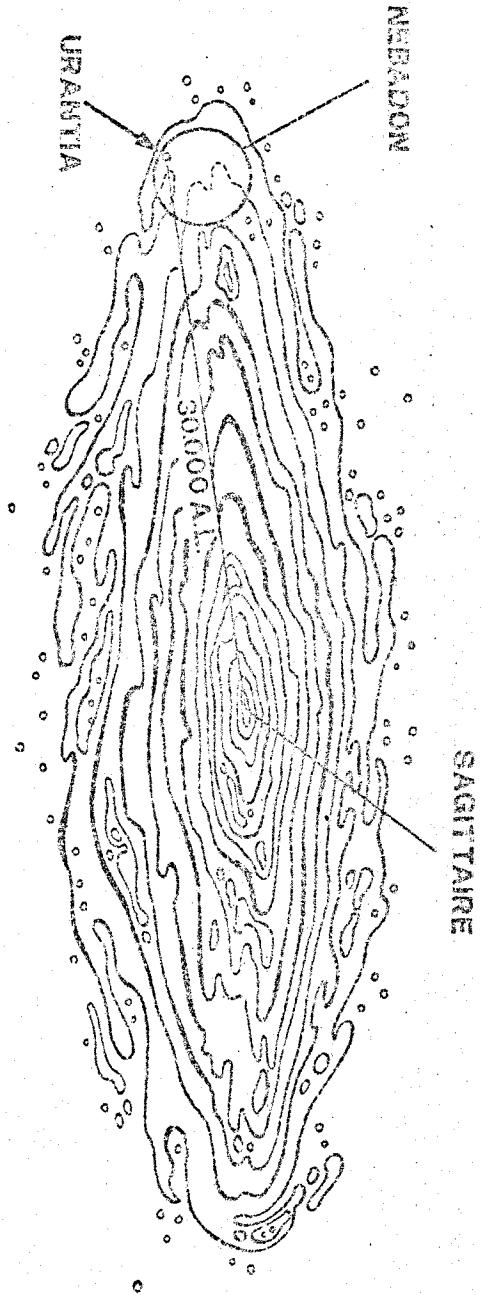
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SUPERUNIVERSO

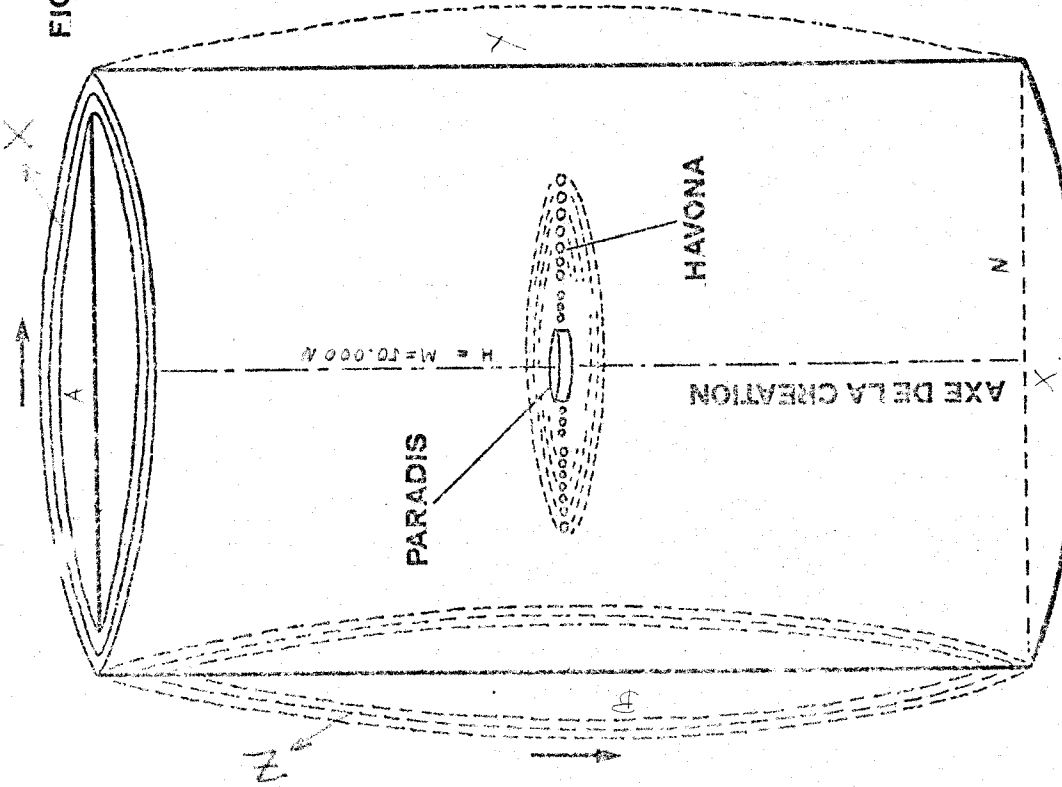


ENSA (GALAXIE VOIE LACTEE)  
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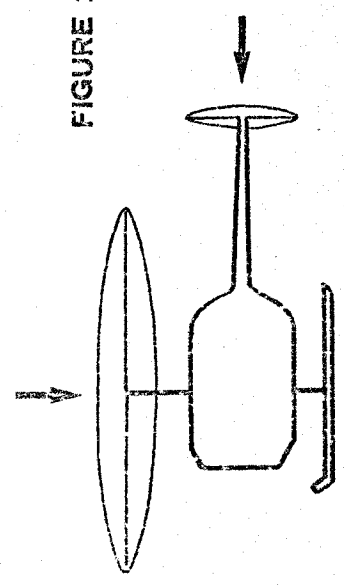
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SUPERUNIVERS



FIGURE 2



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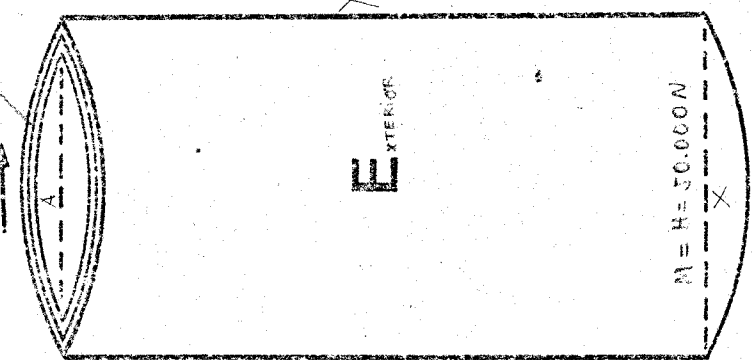
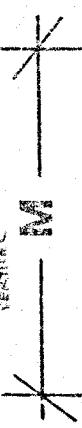


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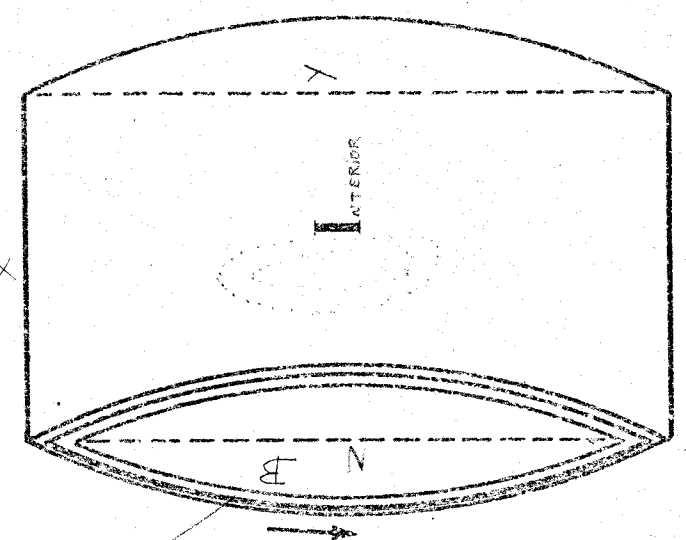


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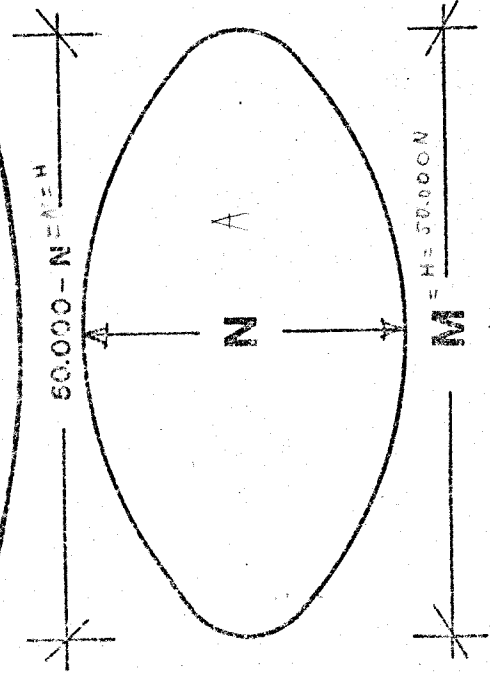


FIG.5

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  
↓  
Esquimales

900.000

Este Raza Badonan

900.000

Cien de Caligastia

Noditas

Neanderthal

500.000

+ Azules  
= Azules  
(Cro-Magnon)

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 desafia 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 propio 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 <sup>75</sup>.

*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, retorcidos<sup>77</sup>. 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

<sup>77</sup> 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.

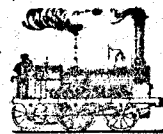
En la medida en que se acepta dar un poco de crédito a tales «comunicaciones», no puede dejar de señalarse ellas, al lado de convergencias y de identidades muy impresionantes, evidentes contradicciones. ¿Hay que oponerse a esas disonancias para establecer que estas comunicaciones, en su totalidad, *falsas*?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



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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:

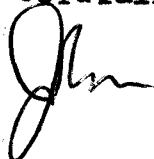
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The AR stands for Arkansas. Harold is almost 80 now. He is one of the best psychics today, and just as important he is honest and trustworthy. He was not the man who channelled the Urantia papers; he was a member of the group which assisted in receiving 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 separateness. 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

**W**hy 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

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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 <sup>DE REPUESTO.</sup> 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 hembra 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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# Time and Space

I have always been intrigued and challenged by *The URANTIA Book* discussions of time and space. These presentations have motivated me to seek out books and articles on these subjects. Many of these are consistent with the information in *The URANTIA Book* and offer examples or theories that provide further insight into the sometimes tantalizing possibilities suggested in various places in *The URANTIA Book*. I have selected some examples that illustrate this as the basis for this presentation.

I will juxtapose *URANTIA Book* quotations with related discussions from a variety of recent sources, most of which are on the accompanying bibliography. At the same time, I am attempting here to better understand the associated concepts by the selection and organization of the material. I will begin by examining some descriptions of time and space from *The URANTIA Book* and elsewhere. Please note that all quotations with a page number indicated and no other attribution are from *The URANTIA Book*. In some instances, these are not complete sentences, only phrases.

**TIME**—the moving image of eternity (\*2021)

**SPACE**—the fleeting shadow of Paradise realities (\*2021)

These are poetic, but lacking in specificity.

**TIME**—a succession of instants (\*1297)

**SPACE**—a system of associated points (\*1297)

These are more specific but still in need of development.

**TIME**—the succession-arrangement whereby events are recognized and segregated (\*1439)

**SPACE**—a property of all material bodies ... when a body moves through space, it also takes all its properties with it, even the space which is in and of such a moving body (\*1297)

*A Course in Miracles* has this to say about time:

"...time is a learning device to be abolished when it is no longer necessary." (*A Course in Miracles*, Foundation for Inner Peace, 1976)

Suppose we travel back in time about three centuries and note what the 17th century German mathematician Leibniz wrote:

SPACE is the order of coexistence whereas TIME is the order of successive existence. (Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, 1646-1716)

Two *URANTIA Book* references deal with the combination of time and space. From Paper



106, Universe Levels of Reality, it states:

*Time and space* (are) man's greatest aids to relative reality perception and yet his most formidable obstacles to complete reality perception. (\*1173)

From Paper 118, Supreme and Ultimate—Time and Space:

*Time and Space*—a conjoined mechanism of the master universe... the devices whereby finite creatures are enabled to coexist in the cosmos with the Infinite. Finite creatures are effectively insulated from the absolute levels by time and space. (\*1303)

Let's focus briefly on "time" and some recent writings from physicists. Fred Wolf, in his 1984 book *Star Wave*, which is subtitled *Mind, Consciousness and Quantum Physics*, writes:

There has never been an adequate definition, a clear metaphor, or even a good physical picture of what *time* is.

He goes on to say, "In quantum mechanics, time is not an observable... it is only an extraneous ordering parameter."

Paul Davies in his book, *The Cosmic Blueprint*, published this year, in a section called "Whatever happened to time?" observes:

*Time* exists merely as a parameter for gauging the interval between events.

David R. Griffin, in the Preface to *Physics and the Ultimate Significance of Time*, a 1986 publication of essays and discussion, states:

The notion that physics is in some fundamental sense 'timeless' has been widely accepted.

It may be helpful before moving on to space to mention a time interval of significance in quantum physics.

Shortest meaningful lapse of time:

Planck Time =  $5.36 \times 10^{-44}$ sec

Chronon =  $10^{-23}$ sec

The time required for light to travel the radius of an electron

Suppose we turn for a brief, but somewhat longer, time interval to space. First, another statement from Fred Wolf and then one from Paper 12, *The Universe of Universes*:

In quantum mechanics, *space* is an observable. To observe space, we need the observer and the observed. Their separation is 'space.'

*Space* is, from the human viewpoint, nothing—negative; it exists only as related to something positive and nonspatial. *Space* is, however, real. (\*133)

In his discourse at Carthage on time and space, Jesus stated:

"Time and space (are) man's greatest aids to relative reality perception and yet his most formidable obstacles to complete reality perception."

"...time is a learning device to be abolished when it is no longer necessary."

Space is not merely an intellectual concept of the variation in relatedness of universe objects. (\*1439)

Then, from Paper 118, Supreme and Ultimate Time and Space:

The real difficulty we have in understanding space on the material level is due to the fact that, while material bodies exist in space, space also exists in these same material bodies. (\*1297)



The concept of space includes extension and measure. For the quantum level, we should know this:

Shortest meaningful space measurement:  
Planck Length =  $1.61 \times 10^{-33}$  cm  
(21 powers of 10 smaller than the diameter of an atomic nucleus)

Planck, by the way, is Max Planck who, in 1899, discovered Planck's constant which, when combined with the velocity of light and Newton's gravitational constant, establishes a system of units that sets the scale for quantum gravity.

- Planck's Constant,  $\hbar$
- Newton's Gravitational Constant,  $g$
- Velocity of Light,  $c$
- System of units for Quantum Gravity

In reference to this scale, Bryce DeWitt makes this observation in an article entitled "Quantum Gravity" that appeared in Scientific American in December, 1983:

To probe these scales of distance and time experimentally, using instruments built with present technology, one would need a particle accelerator the size of the galaxy!

In his 1980 book, *Quantum Theory and Gravitation*, John Wheeler writes:

At Planck length, the effects of quantum gravity make our notions of 'before' and 'after' meaningless.

At Planck length, all geometric concepts break down, including connectedness, containment, locality, and especially order, and one is therefore forced into a set of assumptions prior to any kind of geometry.

Now let's explore some connections between time and space. In Paper 196, Universe Levels of Reality, we read:

Without time sensitivity, no evolutionary creature could possibly perceive the relations of sequence. (\*1173) and

Without space sensitivity, no creature could fathom the relations of simultaneity. (\*1173)

This is a puzzling statement since "simultaneity" means, basically, "at the same time." A quotation from Fred Wolf is helpful. "When we say we are measuring space, we are simultaneously measuring two or more locations. It would not make sense to measure the distance

between a point where one end of an object is at noon and a point where the other end is at midnight. Thus, the measure of space implies the single instant. It implies what we call 'now.' "

Then, Wolf makes these connections:

NOW = SPACE = THE OBSERVED  
HERE = TIME = THE OBSERVER

He also offers this geometrical analogy:

NOW is a line, surface or solid  
HERE is a point.

All lines, surfaces and solids can be generated from a point. Thus:

SPACE IS GENERATABLE FROM TIME.

The latter statement is consistent with one made by Jesus in his discourse on time and space:

Space is measured by time, not time by space. (\*1439)

Jesus goes on to say:

The confusion of the scientist grows out of failure to recognize the reality of space. (\*1439)

The concept of motion is a link between time and space. From Paper 12:

Time comes by virtue of motion and because mind is inherently aware of sequentiality. (\*134)

Wolf writes that "We do not observe time .. (we observe motion) .. we infer time by comparing movements...the sweep second hand does not sweep time; it sweeps space periodically." He goes on to say:

When we say we are observing the passing of time...we are observing...the 'movement' of our own thought processes.

Two additional quotations from Paper 12 are helpful here:

Relationships to time do not exist without motion in space, but consciousness of time does. Sequentiality can consciousness time even in the absence of motion. (\*135)

Man's mind is less time-bound than space-bound because of the inherent nature of mind. (\*135)

Some of the difficulties associated with analysis of time are discussed by physicist David Bohm in his book *Wholeness and the Implicate Order* and in a recent paper, "Time, the Implicate Order, and Pre-Space." I regard Bohm as the leading theorist on this and related topics. His ideas are consistent with information and suggestions in *The URANTIA Book*.

Consider the distinction of past, present, and future. In general, what we are conscious of as now is already past, even if only by a fraction of a second. The conscious content of the moment is therefore of that




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"In quantum mechanics, space is an observable. To observe space, we need the observer and the observed. Their separation is 'space.'"

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"The concept of motion is a link between time and space."

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which is past and gone. The future is *not yet*. The present is but it cannot be specified in words or thoughts, without its slipping into the past. When a future moment comes a similar situation will prevail. Therefore, from the *past of the present* we may be able to predict, at most, the *past of the future*. The actual immediate present is always the unknown.

All possibilities of prediction evidently depend on the assumption that the movement is sufficiently slow, regular, and unambiguously related to what comes next that the difference between the time to which our perceptions and knowledge actually refer and the present makes no significant difference.

[However] according to modern physics, microprocesses are very fast, irregular, and ambiguously related to what comes next. Indeed, it is not in general possible to relate the specifiable information content unambiguously to succeeding events (this is just the essential meaning of the Heisenberg uncertainty relations). *The relevance of the usual motions of time may be questioned.* What seems to be called for is that we recognize the "point event" of relativity theory cannot in general have an unambiguous meaning.

To expand on both the concept and the experience of time, consider this excerpt from Jesus' discourse:

*...to man...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 ~~successions~~ increasingly displace the ~~one-time~~ consciousness of the linear sequence of events. (\*1439)*

This fits in with the following statement from Paper 118:

...the Gods are related to time as an experience in eternity. In the evolutionary universes, eternity is temporal everlastingness—the everlasting *now*. (\*1295)

A section in Chapter 13 of the Text in *A Course in Miracles* is entitled "The Function of Time" and offers this:

*...now is the closest approximation of eternity that this world offers. It is in the reality of "now," without past or future, that the beginning of the appreciation of eternity lies.*

*A Course in Miracles* also speaks of "the Holy Instant":

The Holy Instant is the Holy Spirit's most useful learning device for teaching you love's meaning.

Fred Wolf writes that "The closest we come

to observing time is observing what Buddhists call 'being-time.' Everything that is, is, was and will be. Every moment remains motionless and frozen. Past, present and future represent a map for the perusal of the all-seeing being-time."

When I mentioned to a friend that I was preparing this talk, he gave me this definition of time:

**TIME IS THE STUFF THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING FROM HAPPENING AT ONCE.**

—Anonymous

Returning to the observations of David Bohm, he writes, in comparing the points of view of relativity theory and quantum theory:

Relativity theory describes *time-space* as completely analyzable down to dimensionless points related by absolute causal laws...there is no possibility of giving meaning to a moment 'now'....

However, quantum theory suggests a concept of overlapping moments with extension and duration in space and time, embedded in a broader context, and governed by the quantum-mechanical wave function.

Thus, as with a motion picture, our experience has a sense of movement, or becoming. Bohm states that:

In the time aspect, [we comprehend] the **BECOMING OF BEING**, while in the 'timeless' aspect, [we comprehend] the **BEING OF BECOMING**.

Going back to Paper 118, we are told by a Mighty Messenger that we:

...perceive time by analysis.... (\*1297)

...[perceive] space by synthesis. (\*1297)

Briefly, these words may be interpreted with these meanings:

**ANALYSIS**—separating the whole into parts to find out the nature of the whole; working from the unknown to the known.

**SYNTHESIS**—putting parts together to form the whole; working from the known to the unknown.

Suppose we now consider some more advanced concepts and ideas associated with transcending time and space. From Paper 106:

Mortals and other creatures find it necessary to think of potentials as being actualized in space and evolving to fruition in time, but this entire process is a time-space phenomenon which does not actually take place on Paradise and in eternity. On the absolute level there is neither time nor space; all potentials may be perceived as actuals. (\*1175)

With this information about Paradise, recall this statement, to me one of the most intriguing

in *The URANTIA Book*:

The ultimaton, the first measurable form of energy, has Paradise as (its nucleus.) (\*467)

Then, of course, we know from the Foreword that:

The Isle of Paradise has a universe location but (no) position in space. (\*7)

And from Paper 11, The Eternal Isle of Paradise:

Paradise exists without time and has no location in space. (\*120)

Consider how David Bohm may be making some discoveries that support this UB information. He writes that, in physics, we find that:

...atomic structure dissolves into electrons, protons, neutrons, quarks, sub-quarks, etc., and eventually into dynamically (changing forms) in an all-pervasive and universal set of fields. When these fields are treated quantum-mechanically, we find that even in what is called a vacuum, there are 'zero-point' fluctuations, giving 'empty space' an energy that is immensely beyond that contained in what is recognized as matter.

Also,

In the vacuum state the 'state function' (which represents the whole of space and time) oscillates uniformly at a frequency so high that it is utterly beyond any known physical interpretation. Further, "we would be justified in saying that the vacuum state is, in a certain sense, 'timeless' or 'beyond time,' at least as time is now known, measured and experienced."

With this in mind, it is less than surprising that science is confused about what occurs at the quantum level. For example, L. Beynam, in a paper called "The Emergent Paradigm in Science" that appeared in Revision in 1978, gave a formulation of the well-known Bell's Theorem:

Basic principles of quantum theory ⇒ spatially separated parts of reality cannot be independent

He goes on to say that this "opens up avenues of scientific development for which the classical constructs of space and time prove almost totally useless and meaningless."

Paul Davies in *God and the New Physics* reports on a 1982 experiment by Aspect, Dalibard, and Roger at the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Optics in Paris. From this experiment, this conclusion is drawn:

Either objective reality does not exist and it is meaningless for us to speak of things or objects as having any reality above and beyond the mind of an observer OR faster-than-light communication with the future

and the past is possible.

In a recent book called *Time—The Familiar Stranger*, J.T. Fraser writes:

For a photon traveling at the speed of light, the passage of time has no reality. In the "life" of a photon, all events happen (at once), and all distances shrink to zero.

Returning briefly to Paradise, we read in Paper 11:

The eternal Isle is composed of a single form of materialization—stationary systems of reality. This literal substance of Paradise is a homogeneous organization of space potency... (called) absolutum. (\*120)

Space potency is a term difficult to define...its meaning should convey the idea of potencies and potentials existent within space. (\*126)

David Bohm seems to be coming up with theories along these lines when he states this:

The implicate order leads to the notion of a pre-space expressed in terms of algebraic relationships, out of which ordinary space-time emerges as a special case.

A few other glimpses into the mysteries of space and time should be mentioned here. From Paper 9, Relation of the Infinite Spirit to the Universe, we have this:

Infinite mind ignores time, ultimate mind transcends time, cosmic mind is conditioned by time. And so with space: the Infinite Mind is independent of space, but as descent is made from the infinite to the Adjutant levels of mind, intellect must increasingly reckon with the fact and limitations of space. (\*102)

And from Paper 12:

Time and space are inseparable only in the time-space creations, the seven super-universes. Nontemporal space (space without time) theoretically exists, but the only truly nontemporal place is Paradise area. Nonspatial time (time without space) exists in mind of the Paradise level of function. (\*135)

During our time-space careers, there are many areas ripe for exploration. Perhaps time is the concept most closely related to personal experience. For example, in Paper 12, we are presented with the "three levels of time cognizance."

1. Mind-perceived time consciousness of sequence, motion, and a sense of duration.
2. Spirit-perceived time insight into motion Godward and the awareness of the motion of ascent to levels of increasing divinity.
3. Personality creates a unique time sense out of insight into Reality plus a consciousness of presence and an awareness of duration. (\*135)



PRE-SPACE

"...now is the closest approximation of eternity that this world offers. It is in the reality of 'now,' without past or future, that the beginning of the appreciation of eternity lies."

"TIME IS THE STUFF THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING FROM HAPPENING AT ONCE."

"Perhaps time is the concept most closely related to personal experience."

"The miracle minimizes the need for time ...[it] substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years."



"Perhaps 'inward' and 'upward' are higher space dimensions; and each of us has an independent, personal time scale for these dimensions."

The first section of the Text of *A Course in Miracles*, following a listing of the "Principles of Miracles," is entitled "Revelation, Time and Miracles." The section ends with this passage:

The miracle minimizes the need for time ...the longitudinal or horizontal plane ...appears to involve almost endless time. However, the miracle entails a sudden shift from horizontal to vertical perception.

This introduces an interval from which the giver and the receiver both emerge farther along in time than they would otherwise have been. The miracle thus has the unique property of abolishing time to the extent that it renders the interval of time it spans unnecessary. There is no relationship between the time a miracle takes and the time it covers. The miracle substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years. It does so by the underlying recognition of perfect equality of giver and receiver on which the miracle rests. The miracle shortens time by collapsing it, thus eliminating certain intervals within it. It does this, however, within the larger temporal sequence.

As you know, *The URANTIA Book* often refers to advancement as being "inward" and "upward." In the light of this discussion of time and space, here is an interpretation of one meaning of these terms:

Inward/Inner Space → Transcendence of Time  
Upward/Outer Space → Transcendence of Space

Now, consider this statement from Jesus' discourse:

There are seven different conceptions of space as it is conditioned by time. (\*1439)

I will close with this conjecture: Perhaps "inward" and "upward" are higher space dimensions; and each of us has an independent, personal time scale for these dimensions.

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Ganid why he did not smite the drunken man. Ganid thought this man should have been struck at least as many times as he had struck the girl.

6. THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS AFRAID

While they were up in the mountains, Jesus had a long talk with a young man who was fearful and downcast. Failing to derive comfort and courage from association with his fellows, this youth had sought the solitude of the hills; he had grown up with a feeling of helplessness and inferiority. These natural tendencies had been augmented by numerous difficult circumstances which the lad had encountered as he grew up, notably, the loss of his father when he was twelve years of age. As they met, Jesus said: "Greetings, my friend! Why so downcast on such a beautiful day? If something has happened to distress you, perhaps I can in some manner assist you. At any rate it affords me real pleasure to proffer my services." The young man was disinclined to talk, and so Jesus made a second approach to his soul, saying: "I understand you come up in these hills to get away from folks; so, of course, you do not want to talk with me, but I would like to know whether you are familiar with these hills; do you know the direction of the trails? and, perchance, could you inform me as to the best route to Phenix?" Now this youth was very familiar with these mountains, and he really became much interested in telling Jesus the way to Phenix, so much so that he marked out all the trails on the ground and fully explained every detail. But he was startled and made curious when Jesus, after saying good-bye and making as if he were taking leave, suddenly turned to him, saying: "I well know you wish to be left alone with your disconsolation; but it would be neither kind nor fair for me to receive such generous help from you as to how best to find my way to Phenix and then unthinkingly to go away from you without making the least effort to answer your appealing request for help and guidance regarding the best route to the goal of destiny which you seek in your heart while you tarry here on the mountainside. As you so well know the trails to Phenix, having traversed them many times, so do I well know the way to the city of your disappointed hopes and thwarted ambitions. And since you have asked me for help, I will not disappoint you." The youth was almost overcome, but he managed to stammer out, "But—I did not ask you for anything—" And Jesus, laying a gentle hand on his shoulder, said: "No, son, not with words but with longing looks did you appeal to my heart! My boy, to one who loves his fellows there is an eloquent appeal for help in your countenance of discouragement and despair. Sit down with me while I tell you of the service trails and happiness highways which lead from the sorrows of self to the joys of loving activities in the brotherhood of men and in the service of the God of heaven."

By this time the young man very much desired to talk with Jesus, and he knelt at his feet imploring Jesus to help him, to show him the way of escape from his world of personal sorrow and defeat. Said Jesus: "My friend, arise! Stand up like a man! You may be surrounded with small enemies and be retarded by many obstacles, but the big things and the real things of this world and the universe are on your side. The sun rises every morning to salute you just as it does the most powerful and prosperous man on earth. Look—you have a strong body and powerful muscles—your physical equipment is better than the average. Of course, it is just about useless while you sit out here on the mountainside and

grieve over your misfortunes, real and fancied. But you could do great things with your body if you would hasten off to where great things are waiting to be done. You are trying to run away from your unhappy self, but it cannot be done. You and your problems of living are real; you cannot escape them as long as you live. But look again, your mind is clear and capable. Your strong body has an intelligent mind to direct it. Set your mind at work to solve its problems; teach your intellect to work for you; refuse longer to be dominated by fear like an unthinking animal. Your mind should be your courageous ally in the solution of your life problems rather than your being, as you have been, its abject fear-slave and the bond-servant of depression and defeat. But most valuable of all, your potential of real achievement is the spirit which lives within you, and which will stimulate and inspire your mind to control itself and activate the body if you will release it from the fetters of fear and thus enable your spiritual nature to begin your deliverance from the evils of inaction by the power-presence of living faith. And then, forthwith, will this faith vanquish fear of men by the compelling presence of that new and all-dominating *love of your fellows* which will so soon fill your soul to overflowing because of the consciousness which has been born in your heart that you are a child of God.

"This day, my son, you are to be reborn, re-established as a man of faith, courage, and devoted service to man, for God's sake. And when you become so readjusted to life within yourself, you become likewise readjusted to the universe; you have been born again—born of the spirit—and henceforth will your whole life become one of victorious accomplishment. Trouble will invigorate you; disappointment will spur you on; difficulties will challenge you; and obstacles will stimulate you. Arise, young man! Say farewell to the life of cringing fear and fleeing cowardice. Hasten back to duty and live your life in the flesh as a son of God, a mortal dedicated to the ennobling service of man on earth and destined to the superb and eternal service of God in eternity."

And this youth, Fortune, subsequently became the leader of the Christians in Crete and the close associate of Titus in his labors for the uplift of the Cretan believers.

The travelers were truly rested and refreshed when they made ready about noon one day to sail for Carthage in northern Africa, stopping for two days at Cyrene. It was here that Jesus and Ganid gave first aid to a lad named Rufus, who had been injured by the breakdown of a loaded oxcart. They carried him home to his mother, and his father, Simon, little dreamed that the man whose cross he subsequently bore by orders of a Roman soldier was the stranger who once befriended his son.

#### 7. AT CARTHAGE—DISCOURSE ON TIME AND SPACE

Most of the time en route to Carthage Jesus talked with his fellow travelers about things social, political, and commercial; hardly a word was said about religion. For the first time Gonod and Ganid discovered that Jesus was a good storyteller, and they kept him busy telling tales about his early life in Galilee. They also learned that he was reared in Galilee and not in either Jerusalem or Damascus.

When Ganid inquired what one could do to make friends, having noticed that the majority of persons whom they chanced to meet were attracted to Jesus, he

# The Coming Scientific Validation of The Urantia Book

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*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.<sup>1</sup> 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 is 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  $\pi$ .

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 Jackson<sup>2</sup>: "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 Block<sup>3</sup>, 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."<sup>4</sup> 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."<sup>5</sup>

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. Bishop<sup>6</sup> "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."<sup>7</sup>

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."<sup>8</sup>

*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.<sup>9</sup> 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)

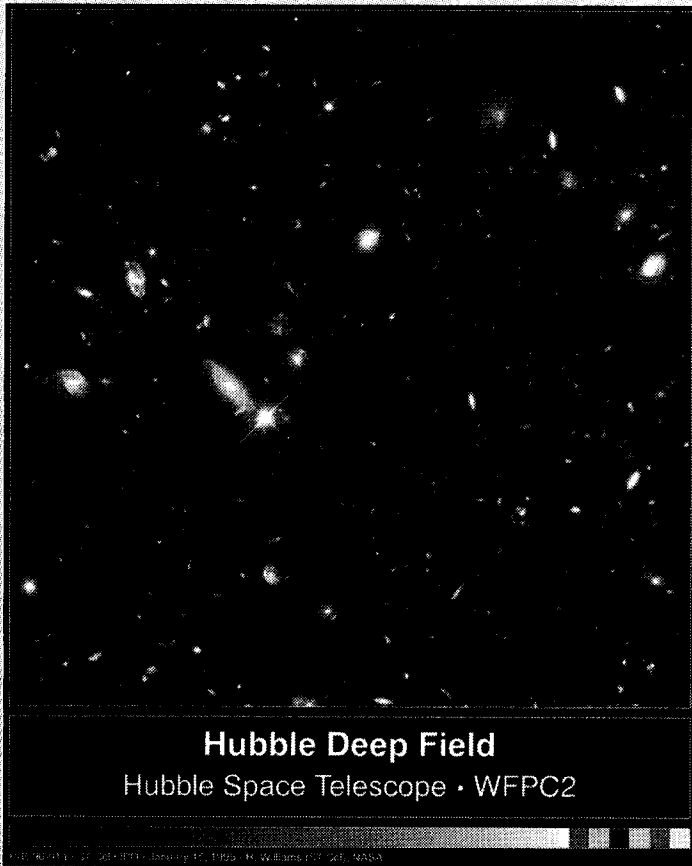
Already much has been fulfilled. Many significant scientific predictions have already been confirmed.

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."<sup>10</sup>

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!



**Hubble Deep Field**  
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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)<sup>11</sup>

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.”<sup>12</sup> These maps were first published by Margaret Geller and John Huchra.<sup>13</sup>

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)*

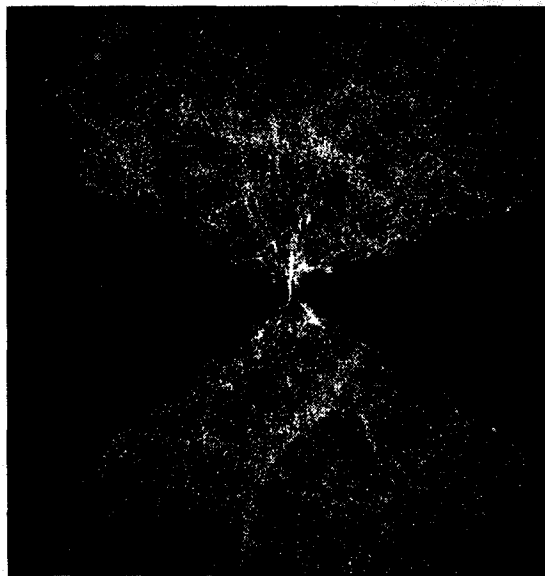
*The relatively quiet zones between the space levels, such as the one separating the seven superuniverses from the first outer space level, are enormous elliptical regions of quiescent space activities. These zones separate the vast galaxies which race around Paradise in orderly procession. [11:7.7] (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."<sup>14</sup> 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."<sup>15</sup>

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

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 data<sup>17</sup> 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
Irsa Major II	2700	41000

d) **Dark Matter Holds the Universe Together.** That dark matter holds luminous bodies together was first noticed in 1970s. Wikipedia,<sup>18</sup> 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, Austerberry<sup>19</sup> 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.<sup>20</sup>

*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

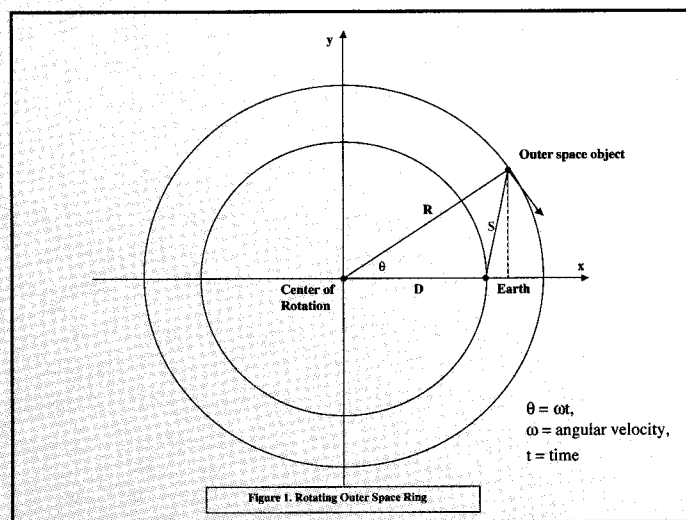
Given that superhumans wrote *The Urantia Book*, what were they trying to accomplish? As stated previously, the authors of *The Urantia Book* provided "instruction in cosmology" in order to facilitate the human understanding of the accompanying spiritual revelation. The authors were also permitted to 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.<sup>21</sup>



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

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.<sup>22</sup> "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.<sup>23</sup>

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*<sup>24</sup>

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

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

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

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."<sup>26</sup>

#### 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 ultimaton, 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. Ultimaton 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)

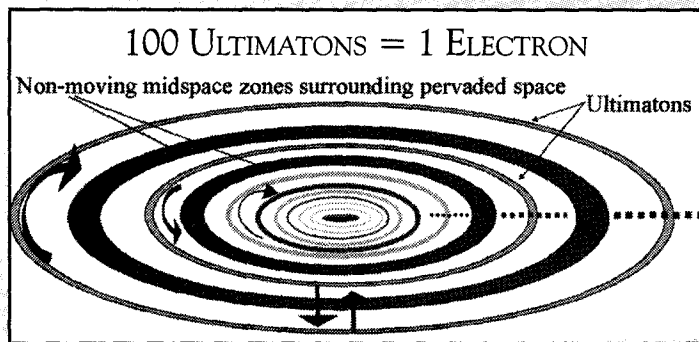
b) **Constructing Electrons from Ultimatons.** In a paper presented in 1973, I offered an idea of what an ultimaton looks like, how 100 concentrically arranged ultimatons make up an electron as I had gleaned from my reading of *The Urantia Book*. Since then Stefan Tallqvist<sup>27</sup> has offered an 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 ultimattons give rise to 100 octaves of wave energy, and that the ultimattons 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.<sup>28</sup>

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.<sup>29</sup>

*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,<sup>30</sup> 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."<sup>31</sup>

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 paper<sup>32</sup> 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!<sup>33</sup>

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 Sarmast<sup>34</sup> 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."<sup>35</sup>

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,<sup>36</sup> 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.<sup>37</sup> 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."<sup>38</sup>

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,<sup>39</sup> 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)

## THE SPIRIT NUCLEUS

Mortal man has a spirit nucleus. The mind is a personal-energy system existing around a divine spirit nucleus and functioning in a material environment. Such a living relationship of personal mind and spirit constitutes the universe potential of eternal personality. [12:9.6] (P. 142)

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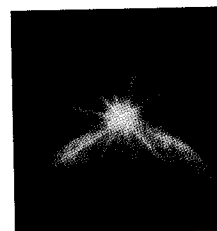
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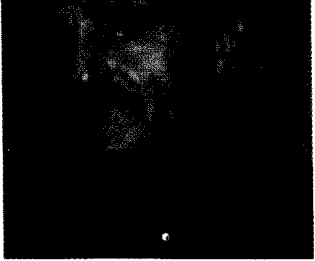
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"Larry Mullins and Dr. Meredith Sprunger's *A History of the Urantia Papers* is by far the clearest, most carefully researched and documented history of *The Urantia Book* yet to appear in print. Their team explores the inconsistencies in the 'official' story, removing much of the fog from the speculative windows through which the formative events of the readership community have been traditionally viewed. The careful review of the process by which changes have been made to the text between printings as well as the concluding analysis of Urantia Foundation's use of 'messages' as a means of attempting to establish proprietary control over the revelation border on shocking and raise questions which cry out for answers. This is a must-read for any serious student of the fifth epochal revelation."

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Are there Spiritual Beings of higher intelligence in the vast universe? Do they take any notice of us? Presuming there are such intelligences and they do care about us, would they ever try to communicate with us and attempt to assist us? In other words, is the concept of *revelation* a valid premise? What would — or what could — higher, more mature celestial intelligences safely reveal to us?

## *CHAPTER ONE — Page 14*

*“If this is not an authentic picture of reality, it is the way it ought to be!”*

Dr. Meredith Sprunger first saw *The Urantia Book* in 1955, when he was 40 years of age. He was not impressed. However, in 1956, while on an automobile trip to a church conference board meeting, a conversation with a companion set into motion a series of events that would cause him to reconsider *The Urantia Book*, events that would eventually reconfigure his life.

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*Chicago and Dr. William S. Sadler*

On May 7, 1958, the stage was set for a remarkable meeting. Dr. Meredith Justin Sprunger sought out Dr. William S. Sadler in hopes of learning more about the origin of the Urantia Papers. Dr. Sprunger wanted to know how the Urantia Papers came to be written, and who had authored them. What Dr. Sprunger learned in that Chicago meeting so intrigued him that he began a lifelong search to better understand the origin and meaning of the Urantia Papers.

## **FORMATTING OF QUOTES:**

Quotes from the Urantia Papers are set in **bold-face, standard** (not *italic*) type. Reference pages and paragraphs of these notes refer to, and were derived from, the original text of the 1955 printing of *The Urantia Book*, unless otherwise stated.

## **SOURCE MATERIALS:**

Key source materials used as references in this history may be found and down-loaded. A summary list of these documents will be found in Appendix A.

The main website access is through <http://urantiabook.org> (English) and through <http://librourantia.org> (Spanish).

Access to source material documents will be found at:  
<http://urantiabook.org/mullinshistory>

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*“Something has happened to my husband”*

One summer between 1906 and 1911, there was a remarkable encounter involving two couples. One of the couples was Dr. William Sadler and his wife, Doctor Lena Sadler; the identity of the other couple is not known. The event would completely alter the lives of all four individuals, and have implications that are still not fully grasped nearly a century later.

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*“There is one peculiar case I have not yet been able to solve”*

Dr. Sadler: “With one or two exceptions, all the psychic phenomena which I have investigated have turned out to be either conscious or unconscious frauds. Some were deliberate frauds — others were those peculiar cases in which the performer was a victim of the deceptions of his own subconscious mind.” Another member of the group spoke up. “What were the exceptions? Doctor, if you have found cases which you have been unable to solve, this would be interesting. Tell us more about them.”

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*“We were introduced to many new, and to us, somewhat strange concepts”*

Dr. Sadler: “We never realized how much our religious thinking had expanded until the Papers began to arrive. As the revelation progressed we came to more fully appreciate how much we had been prepared for the vast alteration of our religious beliefs by these preliminary contacts extending over a period of twenty years of pre-education.”

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*“The majority of your Forum shock me with their lack of enthusiasm”*

The purported message said in part: “Your group of Seventy may seem to show more interest because you are selected and because you are under more or less discipline. But the majority of your Forum shock me with their lack of enthusiasm. . . I admonish you to be ever alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust that has been placed in your hands.”

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*“It was not portrayed to be error-free”*

Carolyn Kendall: “The multiple processes of transcribing from handwritten manuscript to typewritten pages; the retyping of these pages two to five times; and from typewritten to typeset form, presented opportunities for errors to creep into the papers which were not caught by even two professional proofreadings. By publication day, Christy and Marian had already collected a list of errors noticed by sharp-eyed Forum members. The midways did not volunteer the location of errors, just that there were errors in the published text.”

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*“You are now on your own”*

Shortly after the publication of *The Urantia Book*, a final message from the Revelators was received: “You are now on your own.” After nearly fifty years, the connection between the mortals of our planet and the unseen Revelators was severed and went dead. “They didn’t even say goodbye,” remarked Dr. Sadler.

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*“In my opinion there can be only one edition of The Urantia Book, the first”*

Trustee Emeritus James C. Mills believed there was only one editorial change in *The Urantia Book*, and that it had been changed back. When confronted with evidence to the contrary, he wrote to Ken and Betty Glasziou in the letter dated March 5, 1991: “It looks like we need to carefully proofread the present printing against the first printing. In my opinion, there can be only one edition of The Urantia Book, the first.”

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Dr. Sprunger has noted: “Most of us now realize that the Fifth Epochal Revelation has been launched on the troubled and turbulent seas of evolutionary struggle.”

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The purpose of this epilogue is twofold. First, to review some of the most important information and some conclusions the team reached about the history of the Urantia Papers. Second, to consider examples of the effects of proprietary and entitlement attitudes toward the Urantia Papers.

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# Preface

by Dr. Ángel F. Sánchez-Escobar

**A**NOMALIES IN THE “OFFICIAL” interpretation of the origins of the Urantia Papers along with a much needed restructuring of events within a sound historical inquiry prompted Larry Mullins to write *A History of the Urantia Papers*.

Conventional wisdom tells us that a narrative is a recorded account of how specific events followed each other in the temporal flow of things. And this has been done by Urantians without too much disagreement. However, more than a laundry list of a series of milestones, history is ideally an interpretation of linkages. To be truly understood and meaningful, events must be examined within the context of numerous connections and the holistic patterns they collectively create. Among Urantians, there has been considerable disagreement about the *meaning* of the various remarkable episodes that have driven the movement. Indeed, this second level of historic endeavor, the discovery and interpretation of meaningful patterns, had not been significantly achieved until the publication of *A History of the Urantia Papers*.

The historic inquiry cannot simply leap from the discovery of documentary evidence to analysis. There are rules that govern historical narrative, all of which have been followed by Larry Mullins. Initially, the historian must seek evidence, and historical

## "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).

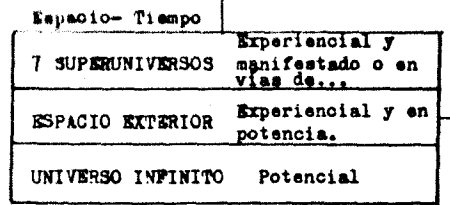
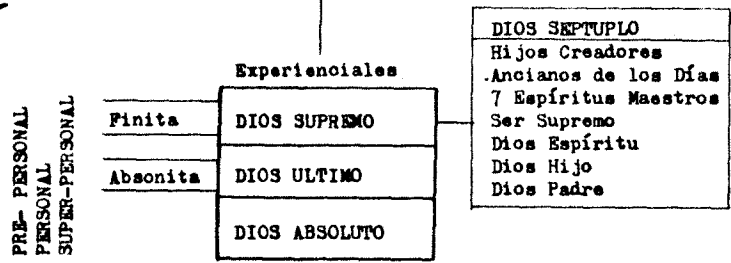
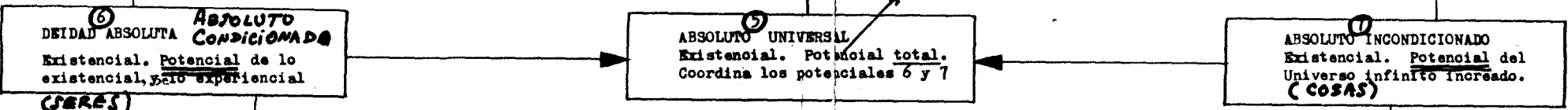
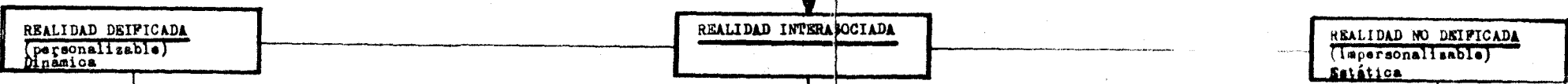
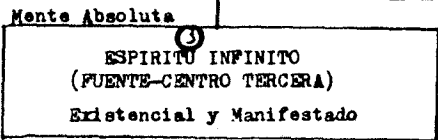
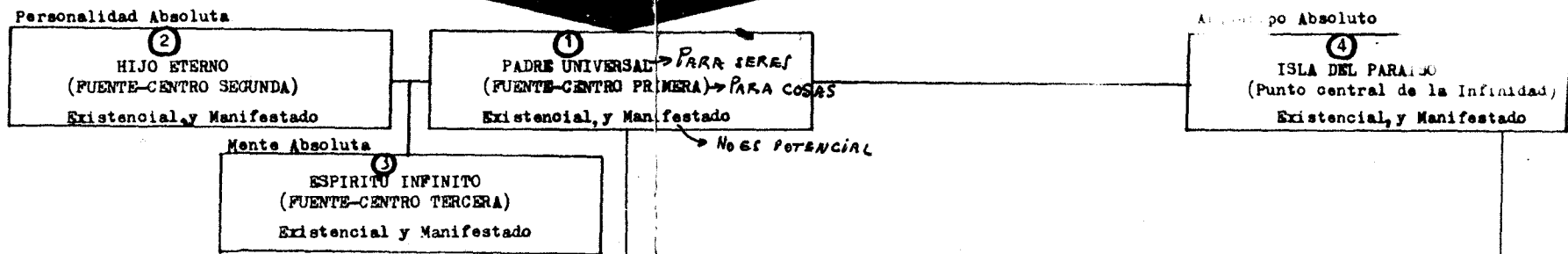
Y así sucesivamente, "lo que pudo haber sido y no fue" , de lo más significativo en lo que nos ocupa, ya que en las 2.097 páginas del "Urantia" todo aparece expresado con una notable precisión, hasta con meticulosidad, el estilo es de lo más funcional y ajustado a lo que se pretende describir, se puede 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 <sup>COMO ES</sup> 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 <sup>EN APARIENCIA</sup> <sup>CON</sup> 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 embarañar 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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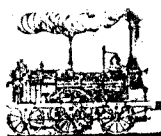
"The Urantia Book", en el que te interesas, trata de lo que hay, de ti y de mí, de los soldados rasos, oficiales y coroneles de otros rediles, de lo que tenemos que hacer, y de otros muchos asuntos colaterales. Adentrarse en sus 2.097 páginas sin una sola errata de imprenta constituye una vasta e impar 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. Varies 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 quiénes 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.

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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 sólo 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 acostubraremos, 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 universal. 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 sobre-esfuerzo 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 <sup>TODAS</sup> 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 camigantes. Un "The End" muy a lo Hollywood con sus doradas refulgencias, esp de que comprenderlo todo es perdonarlo todo. Y de nuevo...

# The Supreme and Outreach

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At first glance, it may appear as if the Supreme and Outreach may be an unusual combination of topics for a presentation. As we proceed, this integration will become clearer.

## UNDERSTANDING THE SUPREME

Some basic understanding of the Supreme is necessary. Many readers of the Revelation tend to shy away from study of and discussion about the Supreme. And yet: "...he is the maximum of Deity which finite creatures can actually comprehend" [56:8.1] (P. 643)

**Source:** The Supreme Being is a creation of the Paradise Trinity and God the Sevenfold (also called the Supreme Creators) [17:2.2] (P. 199) Actually, it is only the first three of the Sevenfold (The Creator Sons and Spirits, The Ancients of Day, and The Seven Master Spirits) that participated in this creation. [116:2.5] (P.1270)

**Function:** There are too many functions of the Supreme to mention in this article, however a few are: allows the Father to achieve freewill liberation from the terrible limitations of absoluteness, as an incomplete *experiential* God of time and space, the avenue through which finite creatures pass inward, a catalyzer of all universe growth, as the mother of our morontia soul, as a conduit through which the Father's love passes to the entire cosmos, and the sum total of all finite growth.

**Destiny:** The destiny of the Supreme Being is to become perfect; from potential to actual. This will happen at the moment when the entire seven superuniverses become settled in light and life. What a stupendous moment in time! No one finds the Supreme until we *all* find the Supreme; and it will be at that incredible instant. Many readers speculate this will be the equivalent to fusion, because: the Trinity is to the Supreme, what the Thought Adjuster is to mortals [116:3.4] (P. 1271) [117:3.10] (P. 1282) Then, one day, the Supreme will take his/her place among the Experiential Trinity.

When the Supreme reaches full maturity at the time of Grand Universe perfection, the Third Universe age is initiated and God the Ultimate in the outer space levels becomes the focus. But for now we live and have our being in the Second Universe Age of the Supreme (the First Universe Age was the Age of Havona). Duality is our nature.

Of course there is unity and triunity existent in different

realms of reality, but within the seven superuniverses we are *dual origin* beings (Supreme and Father). There are endless ways to view duality: male/female, perfect/imperfect, being/doing, spiritual/material; existential/experiential; the yin and yang of practically everything.

With this in mind, let us look at some of the fundamentals of the Supreme. *The Urantia Book* offers three papers on the Supreme: The Supreme Being (Paper 115) , The Almighty Supreme (Paper 116), and God the Supreme (Paper 117). Like most of the Revelation, these papers appear to be presented in reverse order; but so much for *human* thinking. In the Foreword it says: "*The Almighty Supreme, evolving on the value-level of nonpersonal activities, and the spirit person of God the Supreme are one reality—The Supreme Being.*" [0:8.3] (P.12)

## THE BASICS

A fairly simple way to view the Supreme makes use of the philosopher George W.F. Hegel's dialectical method of thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. (This is *simple*!) A Mighty Messenger temporarily sojourning on Urantia reminds us: "*But when all creatures and all Creators in the grand universe likewise strive for God-attainment and divine perfection, there is built up a profound cosmic tension which can only find resolution in the sublime synthesis of almighty power with the spirit person of the evolving God of all creatures, the Supreme Being.*" [116:7.6] (P.1276-77)

The *thesis* could be viewed as God the Supreme; as a personality resident somewhere in Havona. The *antithesis* could be the Almighty Supreme; as the pulsating power throughout the organism of the Grand Universe, while the *synthesis* is the becoming of the Supreme Being.

To further confuse understanding, the authors throw in the concept of "Supreme Mind". The Supreme Mind is in Paper 116 on the Almighty Supreme, thereby connecting it with the physical energy of the cosmos. Our morontia mind is built on living physical systems for the purpose of seeking unity between these seemingly opposites.

OK, you are asking by now: How does this apply to me? Using Hegel's ideas again, the synthesis represents a process for *growth*. So growth is what it's all about, for the Supreme Being as well as all ascendant beings.

The Supreme grows as a result of the "food" we provide by decision-action; and is the same technique whereby our soul grows. Hence the oft quoted statement: "*The act is ours, the consequences God's.*" [48:7.13] (P. 556) [117:5.5] (P. 1286)



This represents our highest duty as cosmic citizens—to feed the Supreme. We have the power to do, the personality to choose, and the synthesis in which the Supreme and our unique soul matures.

We the peoples of Urantia have been so fortunate to be one of only seven places out of 10,000,000 possibilities where our Creator Son Michael incarnated. We are doubly blessed with the ideal teachings, his teaching for growth—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And, we are further blessed with the endowment of his Spirit of Truth; which allows for a reinterpretation of this Gospel with every succeeding generation.

Acceptance, by faith of sonship with the Father, results in an increased *spirit* consciousness in our relationship with the Father, *entrance* into the kingdom. But it is our participation in the brotherhood of man that effects our soul growth; and hence the way is open to becoming good cosmic citizens. “*With God the Father, sonship is the great relationship. With God the Supreme, achievement is the prerequisite to status—one must do something as well as be something.*” [115:0.0] (P.1260) (There’s duality again.)

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The Father requires *growth*; a continuous *doing* of His will. Said Jesus: “...*the Father requires of me only that you shall bear much fruit.*” [180:2.1] (P.1945) And: “*The fruits of the spirits are the substance of the Supreme as he is realizable in human experience.*” [117:6.17] (P.1290) Jesus called attention to eleven fruits of the spirit, and presented them in *dual* form as: *loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty*, etc. This represents pure revelation. By comparison, the biblical presentation of the fruits of the spirit are in singular form: love, joy, peace, etc.

So, you want to be like Jesus? Then: “*When man yields the ‘fruits of the spirit’ in his life, he is simply showing forth the traits which the Master manifested in his own earthly life.*” [194:3.1] (P. 2062)

#### OUTREACH AND JESUS

Rodan of Alexandria said: “*If something has become a religion in your experience, it is self evident that you have become an active evangel...*” [160:5.3] (P. 1780) (our emphasis)

What is outreach? For us the multifaceted process of sharing the gospel of the kingdom in living ministry is outreach; for some this is a ministerial duty. Jesus, when speaking to about fifty of his

trusted followers, said: “*Remember that you are commissioned to preach this gospel of the kingdom...and you must not allow anything to divert your devotion to this one duty.*” [178:1.11] (P.1931)

Outreach ministry can be differentiated into many categories to embrace the believer’s, commitment to and capacity for, living these truths; all of which aids in the growth of the Supreme. To illustrate this, it can be helpful to explore the following:

**Personal Ministry:** Usually having a one-to-one sharing with family members, friends, and examples of as you pass by.

**As a Messenger:** Direct sharing in small groups or by indirect (bootlegging) during public speaking; and in creative expression as an artist, teacher, writer, or musician.

**Discipleship:** Publicly teaching/preaching the Gospel, and serving as a social example of loving God and serving humanity.

**An Apostle:** Being an ambassador of the kingdom. Giving up all and going forth actively proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world.

The flavor of Jesus’ outreach was first, by *living faith* in God’s guidance and watchcare. He was a living example of the divinity of God, and displayed this divine enthusiasm by spreading good cheer wherever he went. The consecration of will and his unselfish devotion to mankind were the hallmarks of his truths, as was the positive approach of love and mercy in the place of negativity—fear and sacrifice.

Second, his ministry had an aroma of friendship with God while extolling the many gifts from our Father. He always appealed to the divine spirit within each person by looking for the good (God) in them. Jesus completely understood that man, as both human and divine, was best led lead by love. His faith was resolute; while he remained keenly aware of the one battle each Gospel believer had to fight—the battle against *doubt*. And like his Father, he always respected the personality of each person in front of him—the absolute power of choice to determine their own destiny—making that person the most important thing happening to him at that moment.

Third, the substance of his outreach was his balanced and unified personality. He was unflinchingly kind yet truthful; truly sincere but without pretense; practical yet original; loving the

sinner while hating the sin. Jesus was never in a hurry; he was approachable. His look into the eyes would change a person's life forever.

The form of Jesus' outreach ministry was twofold in nature: personal and public.

**Personal:** He challenged his parents' belief in a wrathful god. "*The heavenly father cannot love his children less than you love me.*" [125:0.6] (P. 1378) Of course, at age fourteen he became father to his siblings and a comfort to his mother after the death of Joseph. He used the family council method of running the family and the positive approach to disciplining, especially with Jude, until he finally left home at the age of twenty-eight.

For two years he was on the Mediterranean tour with Ganid and Gonod, ministering to fearful, downhearted, and discouraged souls. With the young man who was afraid, Jesus first asked for directions to Phenix, then explained to the boy the route to the goal of destiny. [130:6] (P.1437) And with the man mistreating his wife at the Tarentum ship landing, after separating them, he led the man to the side and reminded him what a good and virtuous person he was, then parted, reminding the man of the God the Father's equal treating of *all* His children. [133:2] (P.1470) In his personal ministry there was a constant bearing of the fruits of the spirit in his outreach ministry.

*Outreach is the ministry of sharing the Gospel, and each individual must find their level of participation. When doing outreach, share in the living faith of your Thought Adjuster's guidance, show friendship with God, and strive toward a balanced and unified approach.*

**Public:** After the selection of the apostles, Jesus prepared them for outreach ministry by instructing them on the many facets of the kingdom of God; ever reminding them of the personal interpretation of fatherly love and brotherly love. He first sent them out two by two to local communities. He then prepared them with spiritual teaching and religious training; and went with them on teaching and preaching tours throughout Palestine and the surrounding regions.

He often counseled the apostles, asking them to refrain from interfering with others who may misrepresent the Gospel. He preferred to teach in parables to the end that: "...*those who desire to know the truth may find that which they seek, while our enemies and those who love not the truth may hear without understanding.*" [151:1.4] (P.1689)

Nevertheless, he commissioned the apostles to proclaim the Gospel to all nations; even to every man, women, and child. "I

*send you forth to proclaim liberty to the spiritual captives, joy to those in bondage of fear, and to heal the sick in accordance with the will of my Father in Heaven.*" [140:3.2] (P.1570)

#### CONCLUSION

To our Father, the Supreme may represent the whole of the grand universe while each of us represent the *part*. The more we understand the more we come to realize our duty to do our part to help the Supreme grow. The Supreme has a Havona personality (God the Supreme), a physical energy throughout the Grand Universe (Almighty Supreme), and an emerging self (Supreme Being). Mortals have a Paradise personality, a Thought Adjuster, a material physical energy (body), and an emerging self (soul). Added to this is the Supreme Mind and our morontia (soul) mind.

The substance whereby the Supreme Being grows is in the living fruits of the spirit as experienced by evolving mortals. May we bear much fruit.

Outreach is the ministry of sharing the Gospel, and each individual must find their level of participation. When doing outreach, share in the living faith of your Thought Adjuster's guidance, show friendship with God, and strive toward a balanced and unified approach. Because we are both unique individuals

and social beings, we can share in the Master's ways of personal and public outreach. Consciously or unconsciously we are, in fact, doing both.

*"As faith-enlightened and spirit-liberated sons of the kingdom of heaven, you face a double responsibility of duty to man and duty to God while you voluntarily assume a third obligation: service to the brotherhood of God-knowing believers."* [178:1.5] (P. 1930)

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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 Joseph 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 desafia 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

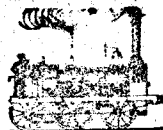
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midas secretas y encerradas en un cofre colocado en la cámara fuerte de un banco de Chicago, y sólo eran consultadas durante los fines de semana. En algunas de esas ocasiones, se comprobó, se dice, no sin sorpresa, que unos errores contenidos en el 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 propio 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 <sup>75</sup>.

*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, retorcidos<sup>77</sup>. 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

<sup>77</sup> 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.

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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,

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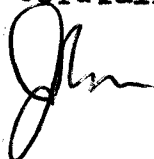
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The AR stands for Arkansas. Harold is almost 80 now. He is one of the best psychics today, and just as important he is honest and trustworthy. He was not the man who channelled the Urantia papers; he was a member of the group which assisted in receiving 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

**W**hy 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

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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 <sup>DE REPUESTO.</sup> 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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# Time and Space

I have always been intrigued and challenged by *The URANTIA Book* discussions of time and space. These presentations have motivated me to seek out books and articles on these subjects. Many of these are consistent with the information in *The URANTIA Book* and offer examples or theories that provide further insight into the sometimes tantalizing possibilities suggested in various places in *The URANTIA Book*. I have selected some examples that illustrate this as the basis for this presentation.

I will juxtapose *URANTIA Book* quotations with related discussions from a variety of recent sources, most of which are on the accompanying bibliography. At the same time, I am attempting here to better understand the associated concepts by the selection and organization of the material. I will begin by examining some descriptions of time and space from *The URANTIA Book* and elsewhere. Please note that all quotations with a page number indicated and no other attribution are from *The URANTIA Book*. In some instances, these are not complete sentences, only phrases.

**TIME**—the moving image of eternity (\*2021)

**SPACE**—the fleeting shadow of Paradise realities (\*2021)

These are poetic, but lacking in specificity.

**TIME**—a succession of instants (\*1297)

**SPACE**—a system of associated points (\*1297)

These are more specific but still in need of development.

**TIME**—the succession-arrangement whereby events are recognized and segregated (\*1439)

**SPACE**—a property of all material bodies ... when a body moves through space, it also takes all its properties with it, even the space which is in and of such a moving body (\*1297)

*A Course in Miracles* has this to say about time:

"...time is a learning device to be abolished when it is no longer necessary." (*A Course in Miracles*, Foundation for Inner Peace, 1976)

Suppose we travel back in time about three centuries and note what the 17th century German mathematician Leibniz wrote:

**SPACE** is the order of *coexistence* whereas **TIME** is the order of *successive existence*. (Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, 1646-1716)

Two *URANTIA Book* references deal with the combination of time and space. From Paper



106, Universe Levels of Reality, it states:

*Time and space* (are) man's greatest aids to relative reality perception and yet his most formidable obstacles to complete reality perception. (\*1173)

From Paper 118, Supreme and Ultimate—  
Time and Space:

*Time and Space*—a conjoined mechanism of the master universe... the devices whereby finite creatures are enabled to coexist in the cosmos with the Infinite. Finite creatures are effectively insulated from the absolute levels by time and space. (\*1303)

Let's focus briefly on "time" and some recent writings from physicists. Fred Wolf, in his 1984 book *Star Wave*, which is subtitled *Mind, Consciousness and Quantum Physics*, writes:

There has never been an adequate definition, a clear metaphor, or even a good physical picture of what *time* is.

He goes on to say, "In quantum mechanics, time is not an observable... it is only an extraneous ordering parameter."

Paul Davies in his book, *The Cosmic Blueprint*, published this year, in a section called "Whatever happened to time?" observes:

*Time* exists merely as a parameter for gauging the interval between events.

David R. Griffin, in the Preface to *Physics and the Ultimate Significance of Time*, a 1986 publication of essays and discussion, states:

The notion that physics is in some fundamental sense 'timeless' has been widely accepted.

It may be helpful before moving on to space to mention a time interval of significance in quantum physics.

Shortest meaningful lapse of time:  
Planck Time =  $5.36 \times 10^{-44}$ sec  
Chronon =  $10^{-23}$ sec

The time required for light to travel the radius of an electron

Suppose we turn for a brief, but somewhat longer, time interval to space. First, another statement from Fred Wolf and then one from Paper 12, *The Universe of Universes*:

In quantum mechanics, *space* is an observable. To observe space, we need the observer and the observed. Their separation is 'space.'

*Space* is, from the human viewpoint, nothing—negative; it exists only as related to something positive and nonspatial. *Space* is, however, real. (\*133)

In his discourse at Carthage on time and space, Jesus stated:

"Time and space (are) man's greatest aids to relative reality perception and yet his most formidable obstacles to complete reality perception."

"...time is a learning device to be abolished when it is no longer necessary."

Space is not merely an intellectual concept of the variation in relatedness of universe objects. (\*1439)

Then, from Paper 118, Supreme and Ultimate Time and Space:

The real difficulty we have in understanding space on the material level is due to the fact that, while material bodies exist in space, space also exists in these same material bodies. (\*1297)



The concept of space includes extension and measure. For the quantum level, we should know this:

Shortest meaningful space measurement:  
Planck Length =  $1.61 \times 10^{-33}$  cm  
(21 powers of 10 smaller than the diameter of an atomic nucleus)

Planck, by the way, is Max Planck who, in 1899, discovered Planck's constant which, when combined with the velocity of light and Newton's gravitational constant, establishes a system of units that sets the scale for quantum gravity.

- Planck's Constant,  $\hbar$
- Newton's Gravitational Constant,  $g$
- Velocity of Light,  $c$
- System of units for Quantum Gravity

In reference to this scale, Bryce DeWitt makes this observation in an article entitled "Quantum Gravity" that appeared in Scientific American in December, 1983:

To probe these scales of distance and time experimentally, using instruments built with present technology, one would need a particle accelerator the size of the galaxy!

In his 1980 book, *Quantum Theory and Gravitation*, John Wheeler writes:

At Planck length, the effects of quantum gravity make our notions of 'before' and 'after' meaningless.

At Planck length, all geometric concepts break down, including connectedness, containment, locality, and especially order, and one is therefore forced into a set of assumptions prior to any kind of geometry.

Now let's explore some connections between time and space. In Paper 196, Universe Levels of Reality, we read:

Without time sensitivity, no evolutionary creature could possibly perceive the relations of sequence. (\*1173) and

Without space sensitivity, no creature could fathom the relations of simultaneity. (\*1173)

This is a puzzling statement since "simultaneity" means, basically, "at the same time." A quotation from Fred Wolf is helpful. "When we say we are measuring space, we are simultaneously measuring two or more locations. It would not make sense to measure the distance

between a point where one end of an object is at noon and a point where the other end is at midnight. Thus, the measure of space implies the single instant. It implies what we call 'now.' "

Then, Wolf makes these connections:

NOW = SPACE = THE OBSERVED  
HERE = TIME = THE OBSERVER

He also offers this geometrical analogy:

NOW is a line, surface or solid  
HERE is a point.

All lines, surfaces and solids can be generated from a point. Thus:

SPACE IS GENERATABLE FROM TIME.

The latter statement is consistent with one made by Jesus in his discourse on time and space:

Space is measured by time, not time by space. (\*1439)

Jesus goes on to say:

The confusion of the scientist grows out of failure to recognize the reality of space. (\*1439)

The concept of motion is a link between time and space. From Paper 12:

Time comes by virtue of motion and because mind is inherently aware of sequentiality. (\*134)

Wolf writes that "We do not observe time .. (we observe motion) .. we infer time by comparing movements...the sweep second hand does not sweep time; it sweeps space periodically." He goes on to say:

When we say we are observing the passing of time...we are observing...the 'movement' of our own thought processes.

Two additional quotations from Paper 12 are helpful here:

Relationships to time do not exist without motion in space, but consciousness of time does. Sequentiality can consciousness time even in the absence of motion. (\*135)

Man's mind is less time-bound than space-bound because of the inherent nature of mind. (\*135)

Some of the difficulties associated with analysis of time are discussed by physicist David Bohm in his book *Wholeness and the Implicate Order* and in a recent paper, "Time, the Implicate Order, and Pre-Space." I regard Bohm as the leading theorist on this and related topics. His ideas are consistent with information and suggestions in *The URANTIA Book*.

Consider the distinction of past, present, and future. In general, what we are conscious of as now is already past, even if only by a fraction of a second. The conscious content of the moment is therefore of that




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*"...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."*

which is past and gone. The future is *not yet*. The present is but it cannot be specified in words or thoughts, without its slipping into the past. When a future moment comes a similar situation will prevail. Therefore, from the *past of the present* we may be able to predict, at most, the *past of the future*. The actual immediate present is always the unknown.

All possibilities of prediction evidently depend on the assumption that the movement is sufficiently slow, regular, and unambiguously related to what comes next that the difference between the time to which our perceptions and knowledge actually refer and the present makes no significant difference.

[However] according to modern physics, microprocesses are very fast, irregular, and ambiguously related to what comes next. Indeed, it is not in general possible to relate the specifiable information content unambiguously to succeeding events (this is just the essential meaning of the Heisenberg uncertainty relations). *The relevance of the usual motions of time may be questioned.* What seems to be called for is that we recognize the "point event" of relativity theory cannot in general have an unambiguous meaning.

To expand on both the concept and the experience of time, consider this excerpt from Jesus' discourse:

...to man...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 ~~successions~~ increasingly displace the ~~one-time~~ consciousness of the linear sequence of events. (\*1439)

This fits in with the following statement from Paper 118:

...the Gods are related to time as an experience in eternity. In the evolutionary universes, eternity is temporal everlastingness—the everlasting *now*. (\*1295)

A section in Chapter 13 of the Text in *A Course in Miracles* is entitled "The Function of Time" and offers this:

...now is the closest approximation of eternity that this world offers. It is in the reality of "now," without past or future, that the beginning of the appreciation of eternity lies.

*A Course in Miracles* also speaks of "the Holy Instant":

The Holy Instant is the Holy Spirit's most useful learning device for teaching you love's meaning.

Fred Wolf writes that "The closest we come

to observing time is observing what Buddhists call 'being-time.' Everything that is, is, was and will be. Every moment remains motionless and frozen. Past, present and future represent a map for the perusal of the all-seeing being-time."

When I mentioned to a friend that I was preparing this talk, he gave me this definition of time:

**TIME IS THE STUFF THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING FROM HAPPENING AT ONCE.**

—Anonymous

Returning to the observations of David Bohm, he writes, in comparing the points of view of relativity theory and quantum theory:

Relativity theory describes *time-space* as completely analyzable down to dimensionless points related by absolute causal laws...there is no possibility of giving meaning to a moment 'now'....

However, quantum theory suggests a concept of overlapping moments with extension and duration in space and time, embedded in a broader context, and governed by the quantum-mechanical wave function.

Thus, as with a motion picture, our experience has a sense of movement, or becoming. Bohm states that:

In the time aspect, [we comprehend] the BECOMING OF BEING, while in the 'timeless' aspect, [we comprehend] the BEING OF BECOMING.

Going back to Paper 118, we are told by a Mighty Messenger that we:

...perceive time by analysis.... (\*1297)

...[perceive] space by synthesis. (\*1297)

Briefly, these words may be interpreted with these meanings:

ANALYSIS—separating the whole into parts to find out the nature of the whole; working from the unknown to the known.

SYNTHESIS—putting parts together to form the whole; working from the known to the unknown.

Suppose we now consider some more advanced concepts and ideas associated with transcending time and space. From Paper 106:

Mortals and other creatures find it necessary to think of potentials as being actualized in space and evolving to fruition in time, but this entire process is a time-space phenomenon which does not actually take place on Paradise and in eternity. On the absolute level there is neither time nor space; all potentials may be perceived as actuals. (\*1175)

With this information about Paradise, recall this statement, to me one of the most intriguing

in *The URANTIA Book*:

The ultimatton, the first measurable form of energy, has Paradise as (its nucleus.) (\*467)

Then, of course, we know from the Foreword that:

The Isle of Paradise has a universe location but (no) position in space. (\*7)

And from Paper 11, The Eternal Isle of Paradise:

Paradise exists without time and has no location in space. (\*120)

Consider how David Bohm may be making some discoveries that support this UB information. He writes that, in physics, we find that:

...atomic structure dissolves into electrons, protons, neutrons, quarks, sub-quarks, etc., and eventually into dynamically (changing forms) in an all-pervasive and universal set of fields. When these fields are treated quantum-mechanically, we find that even in what is called a vacuum, there are 'zero-point' fluctuations, giving 'empty space' an energy that is immensely beyond that contained in what is recognized as matter.

Also,

In the vacuum state the 'state function' (which represents the whole of space and time) oscillates uniformly at a frequency so high that it is utterly beyond any known physical interpretation. Further, "we would be justified in saying that the vacuum state is, in a certain sense, 'timeless' or 'beyond time,' at least as time is now known, measured and experienced."

With this in mind, it is less than surprising that science is confused about what occurs at the quantum level. For example, L. Beynam, in a paper called "The Emergent Paradigm in Science" that appeared in Revision in 1978, gave a formulation of the well-known Bell's Theorem:

Basic principles of quantum theory ⇒ spatially separated parts of reality cannot be independent

He goes on to say that this "opens up avenues of scientific development for which the classical constructs of space and time prove almost totally useless and meaningless."

Paul Davies in *God and the New Physics* reports on a 1982 experiment by Aspect, Dalibard, and Roger at the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Optics in Paris. From this experiment, this conclusion is drawn:

Either objective reality does not exist and it is meaningless for us to speak of things or objects as having any reality above and beyond the mind of an observer OR faster-than-light communication with the future

and the past is possible.

In a recent book called *Time—The Familiar Stranger*, J.T. Fraser writes:

For a photon traveling at the speed of light, the passage of time has no reality. In the "life" of a photon, all events happen (at once), and all distances shrink to zero.

Returning briefly to Paradise, we read in Paper 11:

The eternal Isle is composed of a single form of materialization—stationary systems of reality. This literal substance of Paradise is a homogeneous organization of space potency... (called) absolutum. (\*120)

Space potency is a term difficult to define...its meaning should convey the idea of potencies and potentials existent within space. (\*126)

David Bohm seems to be coming up with theories along these lines when he states this:

The implicate order leads to the notion of a pre-space expressed in terms of algebraic relationships, out of which ordinary space-time emerges as a special case.

A few other glimpses into the mysteries of space and time should be mentioned here. From Paper 9, Relation of the Infinite Spirit to the Universe, we have this:

Infinite mind ignores time, ultimate mind transcends time, cosmic mind is conditioned by time. And so with space: the Infinite Mind is independent of space, but as descent is made from the infinite to the Adjutant levels of mind, intellect must increasingly reckon with the fact and limitations of space. (\*102)

And from Paper 12:

Time and space are inseparable only in the time-space creations, the seven super-universes. Nontemporal space (space without time) theoretically exists, but the only truly nontemporal place is Paradise area. Nonspatial time (time without space) exists in mind of the Paradise level of function. (\*135)

During our time-space careers, there are many areas ripe for exploration. Perhaps time is the concept most closely related to personal experience. For example, in Paper 12, we are presented with the "three levels of time cognizance."

1. Mind-perceived time consciousness of sequence, motion, and a sense of duration.
2. Spirit-perceived time insight into motion Godward and the awareness of the motion of ascent to levels of increasing divinity.
3. Personality creates a unique time sense out of insight into Reality plus a consciousness of presence and an awareness of duration. (\*135)



PRE-SPACE

"...now is the closest approximation of eternity that this world offers. It is in the reality of 'now,' without past or future, that the beginning of the appreciation of eternity lies."

"TIME IS THE STUFF THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING FROM HAPPENING AT ONCE."

"Perhaps time is the concept most closely related to personal experience."

"The miracle minimizes the need for time ...[it] substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years."



"Perhaps 'inward' and 'upward' are higher space dimensions; and each of us has an independent, personal time scale for these dimensions."

The first section of the Text of *A Course in Miracles*, following a listing of the "Principles of Miracles," is entitled "Revelation, Time and Miracles." The section ends with this passage:

The miracle minimizes the need for time ...the longitudinal or horizontal plane ...appears to involve almost endless time. However, the miracle entails a sudden shift from *horizontal to vertical perception*.

This introduces an interval from which the giver and the receiver both emerge *farther along in time* than they would otherwise have been. *The miracle thus has the unique property of abolishing time to the extent that it renders the interval of time it spans unnecessary.* There is no relationship between the time a miracle takes and the time it covers. The miracle substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years. It does so by the underlying recognition of perfect equality of giver and receiver on which the miracle rests. The miracle shortens time by collapsing it, thus eliminating certain intervals within it. It does this, however, within the larger temporal sequence.

As you know, *The URANTIA Book* often refers to advancement as being "inward" and "upward." In the light of this discussion of time and space, here is an interpretation of one meaning of these terms:

Inward/Inner Space → Transcendence of Time  
Upward/Outer Space → Transcendence of Space

Now, consider this statement from Jesus' discourse:

There are seven different conceptions of space as it is conditioned by time. (\*1439)

I will close with this conjecture: Perhaps "inward" and "upward" are higher space dimensions; and each of us has an independent, personal time scale for these dimensions.

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Ganid why he did not smite the drunken man. Ganid thought this man should have been struck at least as many times as he had struck the girl.

6. THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS AFRAID

While they were up in the mountains, Jesus had a long talk with a young man who was fearful and downcast. Failing to derive comfort and courage from association with his fellows, this youth had sought the solitude of the hills; he had grown up with a feeling of helplessness and inferiority. These natural tendencies had been augmented by numerous difficult circumstances which the lad had encountered as he grew up, notably, the loss of his father when he was twelve years of age. As they met, Jesus said: "Greetings, my friend! Why so downcast on such a beautiful day? If something has happened to distress you, perhaps I can in some manner assist you. At any rate it affords me real pleasure to proffer my services." The young man was disinclined to talk, and so Jesus made a second approach to his soul, saying: "I understand you come up in these hills to get away from folks; so, of course, you do not want to talk with me, but I would like to know whether you are familiar with these hills; do you know the direction of the trails? and, perchance, could you inform me as to the best route to Phenix?" Now this youth was very familiar with these mountains, and he really became much interested in telling Jesus the way to Phenix, so much so that he marked out all the trails on the ground and fully explained every detail. But he was startled and made curious when Jesus, after saying good-bye and making as if he were taking leave, suddenly turned to him, saying: "I well know you wish to be left alone with your disconsolation; but it would be neither kind nor fair for me to receive such generous help from you as to how best to find my way to Phenix and then unthinkingly to go away from you without making the least effort to answer your appealing request for help and guidance regarding the best route to the goal of destiny which you seek in your heart while you tarry here on the mountainside. As you so well know the trails to Phenix, having traversed them many times, so do I well know the way to the city of your disappointed hopes and thwarted ambitions. And since you have asked me for help, I will not disappoint you." The youth was almost overcome, but he managed to stammer out, "But—I did not ask you for anything—" And Jesus, laying a gentle hand on his shoulder, said: "No, son, not with words but with longing looks did you appeal to my heart! My boy, to one who loves his fellows there is an eloquent appeal for help in your countenance of discouragement and despair. Sit down with me while I tell you of the service trails and happiness highways which lead from the sorrows of self to the joys of loving activities in the brotherhood of men and in the service of the God of heaven."

By this time the young man very much desired to talk with Jesus, and he knelt at his feet imploring Jesus to help him, to show him the way of escape from his world of personal sorrow and defeat. Said Jesus: "My friend, arise! Stand up like a man! You may be surrounded with small enemies and be retarded by many obstacles, but the big things and the real things of this world and the universe are on your side. The sun rises every morning to salute you just as it does the most powerful and prosperous man on earth. Look—you have a strong body and powerful muscles—your physical equipment is better than the average. Of course, it is just about useless while you sit out here on the mountainside and



grieve over your misfortunes, real and fancied. But you could do great things with your body if you would hasten off to where great things are waiting to be done. You are trying to run away from your unhappy self, but it cannot be done. You and your problems of living are real; you cannot escape them as long as you live. But look again, your mind is clear and capable. Your strong body has an intelligent mind to direct it. Set your mind at work to solve its problems; teach your intellect to work for you; refuse longer to be dominated by fear like an unthinking animal. Your mind should be your courageous ally in the solution of your life problems rather than your being, as you have been, its abject fear-slave and the bond-servant of depression and defeat. But most valuable of all, your potential of real achievement is the spirit which lives within you, and which will stimulate and inspire your mind to control itself and activate the body if you will release it from the fetters of fear and thus enable your spiritual nature to begin your deliverance from the evils of inaction by the power-presence of living faith. And then, forthwith, will this faith vanquish fear of men by the compelling presence of that new and all-dominating *love of your fellows* which will so soon fill your soul to overflowing because of the consciousness which has been born in your heart that you are a child of God.

"This day, my son, you are to be reborn, re-established as a man of faith, courage, and devoted service to man, for God's sake. And when you become so readjusted to life within yourself, you become likewise readjusted to the universe; you have been born again—born of the spirit—and henceforth will your whole life become one of victorious accomplishment. Trouble will invigorate you; disappointment will spur you on; difficulties will challenge you; and obstacles will stimulate you. Arise, young man! Say farewell to the life of cringing fear and fleeing cowardice. Hasten back to duty and live your life in the flesh as a son of God, a mortal dedicated to the ennobling service of man on earth and destined to the superb and eternal service of God in eternity."

And this youth, Fortune, subsequently became the leader of the Christians in Crete and the close associate of Titus in his labors for the uplift of the Cretan believers.

The travelers were truly rested and refreshed when they made ready about noon one day to sail for Carthage in northern Africa, stopping for two days at Cyrene. It was here that Jesus and Ganid gave first aid to a lad named Rufus, who had been injured by the breakdown of a loaded oxcart. They carried him home to his mother, and his father, Simon, little dreamed that the man whose cross he subsequently bore by orders of a Roman soldier was the stranger who once befriended his son.

#### 7. AT CARTHAGE—DISCOURSE ON TIME AND SPACE

Most of the time en route to Carthage Jesus talked with his fellow travelers about things social, political, and commercial; hardly a word was said about religion. For the first time Gonod and Ganid discovered that Jesus was a good storyteller, and they kept him busy telling tales about his early life in Galilee. They also learned that he was reared in Galilee and not in either Jerusalem or Damascus.

When Ganid inquired what one could do to make friends, having noticed that the majority of persons whom they chanced to meet were attracted to Jesus, he

# The Coming Scientific Validation of The Urantia Book

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*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.<sup>1</sup> 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 is 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  $\pi$ .

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 Jackson<sup>2</sup>: "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 Block<sup>3</sup>, 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."<sup>4</sup> 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."<sup>5</sup>

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. Bishop<sup>6</sup> "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."<sup>7</sup>

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."<sup>8</sup>

*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.<sup>9</sup> 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)

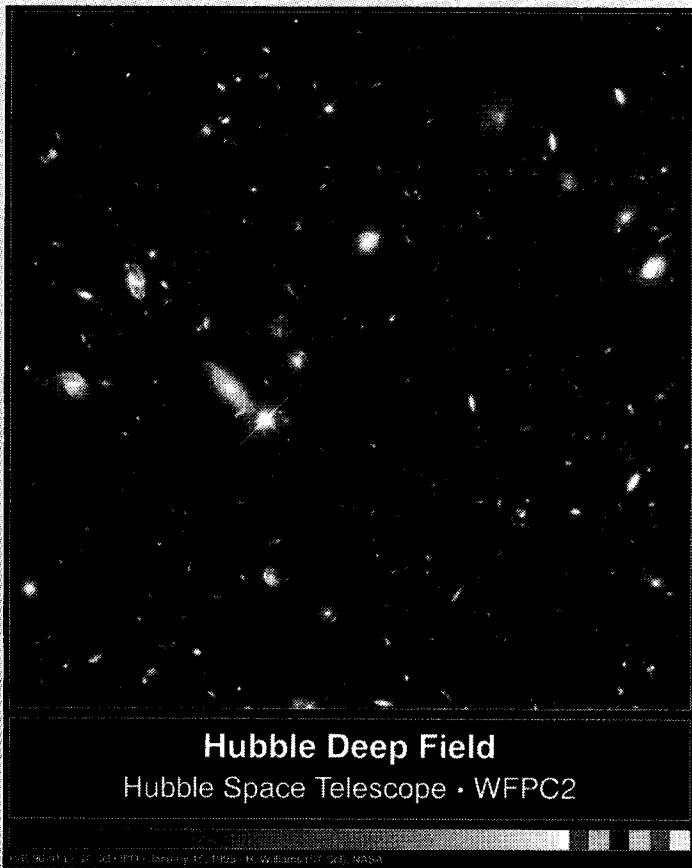
Already much has been fulfilled. Many significant scientific predictions have already been confirmed.

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."<sup>10</sup>

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)”<sup>11</sup>

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.”<sup>12</sup> These maps were first published by Margaret Geller and John Huchra.<sup>13</sup>

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)*

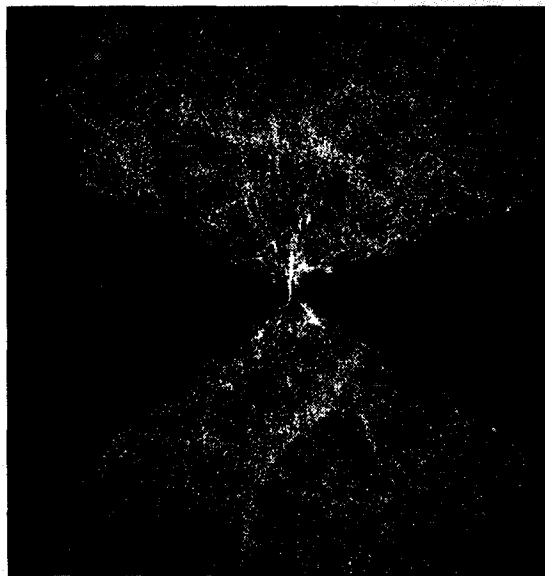
*The relatively quiet zones between the space levels, such as the one separating the seven superuniverses from the first outer space level, are enormous elliptical regions of quiescent space activities. These zones separate the vast galaxies which race around Paradise in orderly procession. [11:7.7] (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."<sup>14</sup> 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."<sup>15</sup>

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

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 data<sup>17</sup> 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
Irsa Major II	2700	41000

d) **Dark Matter Holds the Universe Together.** That dark matter holds luminous bodies together was first noticed in 1970s. Wikipedia,<sup>18</sup> 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, Austerberry<sup>19</sup> 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.<sup>20</sup>

*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

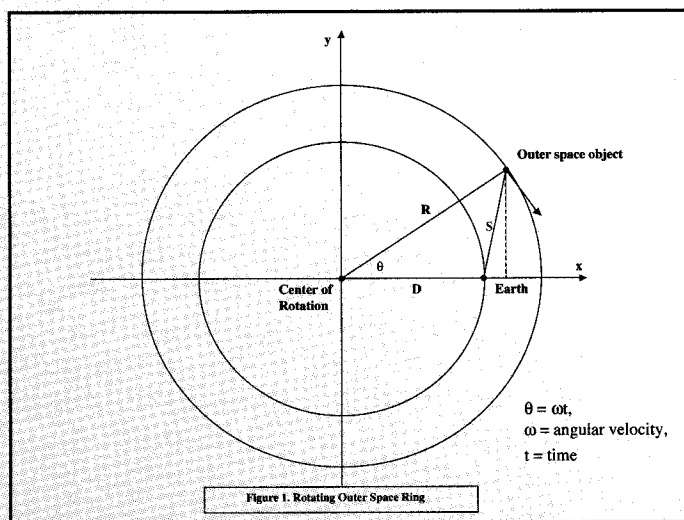
Given that superhumans wrote *The Urantia Book*, what were they trying to accomplish? As stated previously, the authors of *The Urantia Book* provided "instruction in cosmology" in order to facilitate the human understanding of the accompanying spiritual revelation. The authors were also permitted to 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.<sup>21</sup>



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

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.<sup>22</sup> "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.<sup>23</sup>

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*<sup>24</sup>

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

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

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

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."<sup>26</sup>

## 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.

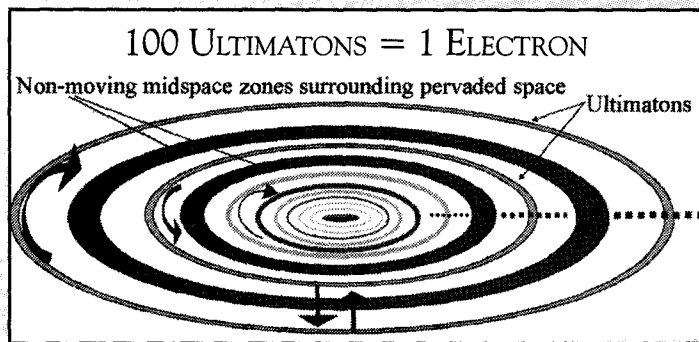
*Primary Master Force Organizers are the manipulators of the primordial or basic space-forces of the Unqualified Absolute; they are nebulae creators. They are the living instigators of the energy cyclones of space and the early organizers and directionizers of these gigantic manifestations. These force 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 Tallqvist<sup>27</sup> 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 ultimatons, *The Urantia Book* makes it clear that an ultimatons is a “minute sphere,” not a wave: “The assembly of energy into the minute spheres of the ultimatons occasions vibrations in the content of space which are discernible and measurable. And long before physicists ever discover the ultimatons, 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 ultimatons 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 ultimatons, 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.<sup>28</sup>

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.<sup>29</sup>

*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,<sup>30</sup> 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."<sup>31</sup>

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 paper<sup>32</sup> 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!<sup>33</sup>

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 Sarmast<sup>34</sup> 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."<sup>35</sup>

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,<sup>36</sup> 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.<sup>37</sup> 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."<sup>38</sup>

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,<sup>39</sup> 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)

## THE SPIRIT NUCLEUS

Mortal man has a spirit nucleus. The mind is a personal-energy system existing around a divine spirit nucleus and functioning in a material environment. Such a living relationship of personal mind and spirit constitutes the universe potential of eternal personality. [12:9.6] (P. 142)

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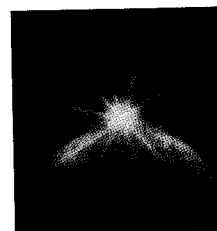
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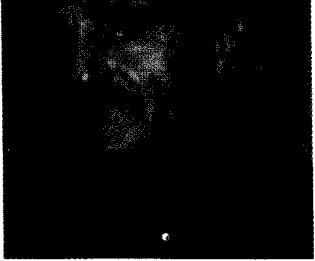
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Are there Spiritual Beings of higher intelligence in the vast universe? Do they take any notice of us? Presuming there are such intelligences and they do care about us, would they ever try to communicate with us and attempt to assist us? In other words, is the concept of *revelation* a valid premise? What would — or what could — higher, more mature celestial intelligences safely reveal to us?

## *CHAPTER ONE — Page 14*

*“If this is not an authentic picture of reality, it is the way it ought to be!”*

Dr. Meredith Sprunger first saw *The Urantia Book* in 1955, when he was 40 years of age. He was not impressed. However, in 1956, while on an automobile trip to a church conference board meeting, a conversation with a companion set into motion a series of events that would cause him to reconsider *The Urantia Book*, events that would eventually reconfigure his life.

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*Chicago and Dr. William S. Sadler*

On May 7, 1958, the stage was set for a remarkable meeting. Dr. Meredith Justin Sprunger sought out Dr. William S. Sadler in hopes of learning more about the origin of the Urantia Papers. Dr. Sprunger wanted to know how the Urantia Papers came to be written, and who had authored them. What Dr. Sprunger learned in that Chicago meeting so intrigued him that he began a lifelong search to better understand the origin and meaning of the Urantia Papers.

## **FORMATTING OF QUOTES:**

Quotes from the Urantia Papers are set in **bold-face, standard** (not *italic*) type. Reference pages and paragraphs of these notes refer to, and were derived from, the original text of the 1955 printing of *The Urantia Book*, unless otherwise stated.

## **SOURCE MATERIALS:**

Key source materials used as references in this history may be found and down-loaded. A summary list of these documents will be found in Appendix A.

The main website access is through <http://urantiabook.org> (English) and through <http://librourantia.org> (Spanish).

Access to source material documents will be found at:  
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*“Something has happened to my husband”*

One summer between 1906 and 1911, there was a remarkable encounter involving two couples. One of the couples was Dr. William Sadler and his wife, Doctor Lena Sadler; the identity of the other couple is not known. The event would completely alter the lives of all four individuals, and have implications that are still not fully grasped nearly a century later.

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*“There is one peculiar case I have not yet been able to solve”*

Dr. Sadler: “With one or two exceptions, all the psychic phenomena which I have investigated have turned out to be either conscious or unconscious frauds. Some were deliberate frauds — others were those peculiar cases in which the performer was a victim of the deceptions of his own subconscious mind.” Another member of the group spoke up. “What were the exceptions? Doctor, if you have found cases which you have been unable to solve, this would be interesting. Tell us more about them.”

## CHAPTER FIVE — Page 86

*“We were introduced to many new, and to us, somewhat strange concepts”*

Dr. Sadler: “We never realized how much our religious thinking had expanded until the Papers began to arrive. As the revelation progressed we came to more fully appreciate how much we had been prepared for the vast alteration of our religious beliefs by these preliminary contacts extending over a period of twenty years of pre-education.”

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*“The majority of your Forum shock me with their lack of enthusiasm”*

The purported message said in part: “Your group of Seventy may seem to show more interest because you are selected and because you are under more or less discipline. But the majority of your Forum shock me with their lack of enthusiasm. . . I admonish you to be ever alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust that has been placed in your hands.”

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*“It was not portrayed to be error-free”*

Carolyn Kendall: “The multiple processes of transcribing from handwritten manuscript to typewritten pages; the retyping of these pages two to five times; and from typewritten to typeset form, presented opportunities for errors to creep into the papers which were not caught by even two professional proofreadings. By publication day, Christy and Marian had already collected a list of errors noticed by sharp-eyed Forum members. The midways did not volunteer the location of errors, just that there were errors in the published text.”

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*“You are now on your own”*

Shortly after the publication of *The Urantia Book*, a final message from the Revelators was received: “You are now on your own.” After nearly fifty years, the connection between the mortals of our planet and the unseen Revelators was severed and went dead. “They didn’t even say goodbye,” remarked Dr. Sadler.

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*“In my opinion there can be only one edition of The Urantia Book, the first”*

Trustee Emeritus James C. Mills believed there was only one editorial change in *The Urantia Book*, and that it had been changed back. When confronted with evidence to the contrary, he wrote to Ken and Betty Glasziou in the letter dated March 5, 1991: “It looks like we need to carefully proofread the present printing against the first printing. In my opinion, there can be only one edition of The Urantia Book, the first.”

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*“The baptism of joys and sorrows”*

Dr. Sprunger has noted: “Most of us now realize that the Fifth Epochal Revelation has been launched on the troubled and turbulent seas of evolutionary struggle.”

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The purpose of this epilogue is twofold. First, to review some of the most important information and some conclusions the team reached about the history of the Urantia Papers. Second, to consider examples of the effects of proprietary and entitlement attitudes toward the Urantia Papers.

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# Preface

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**A**NOMALIES IN THE “OFFICIAL” interpretation of the origins of the Urantia Papers along with a much needed restructuring of events within a sound historical inquiry prompted Larry Mullins to write *A History of the Urantia Papers*.

Conventional wisdom tells us that a narrative is a recorded account of how specific events followed each other in the temporal flow of things. And this has been done by Urantians without too much disagreement. However, more than a laundry list of a series of milestones, history is ideally an interpretation of linkages. To be truly understood and meaningful, events must be examined within the context of numerous connections and the holistic patterns they collectively create. Among Urantians, there has been considerable disagreement about the *meaning* of the various remarkable episodes that have driven the movement. Indeed, this second level of historic endeavor, the discovery and interpretation of meaningful patterns, had not been significantly achieved until the publication of *A History of the Urantia Papers*.

The historic inquiry cannot simply leap from the discovery of documentary evidence to analysis. There are rules that govern historical narrative, all of which have been followed by Larry Mullins. Initially, the historian must seek evidence, and historical

## "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 merezcáis 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).

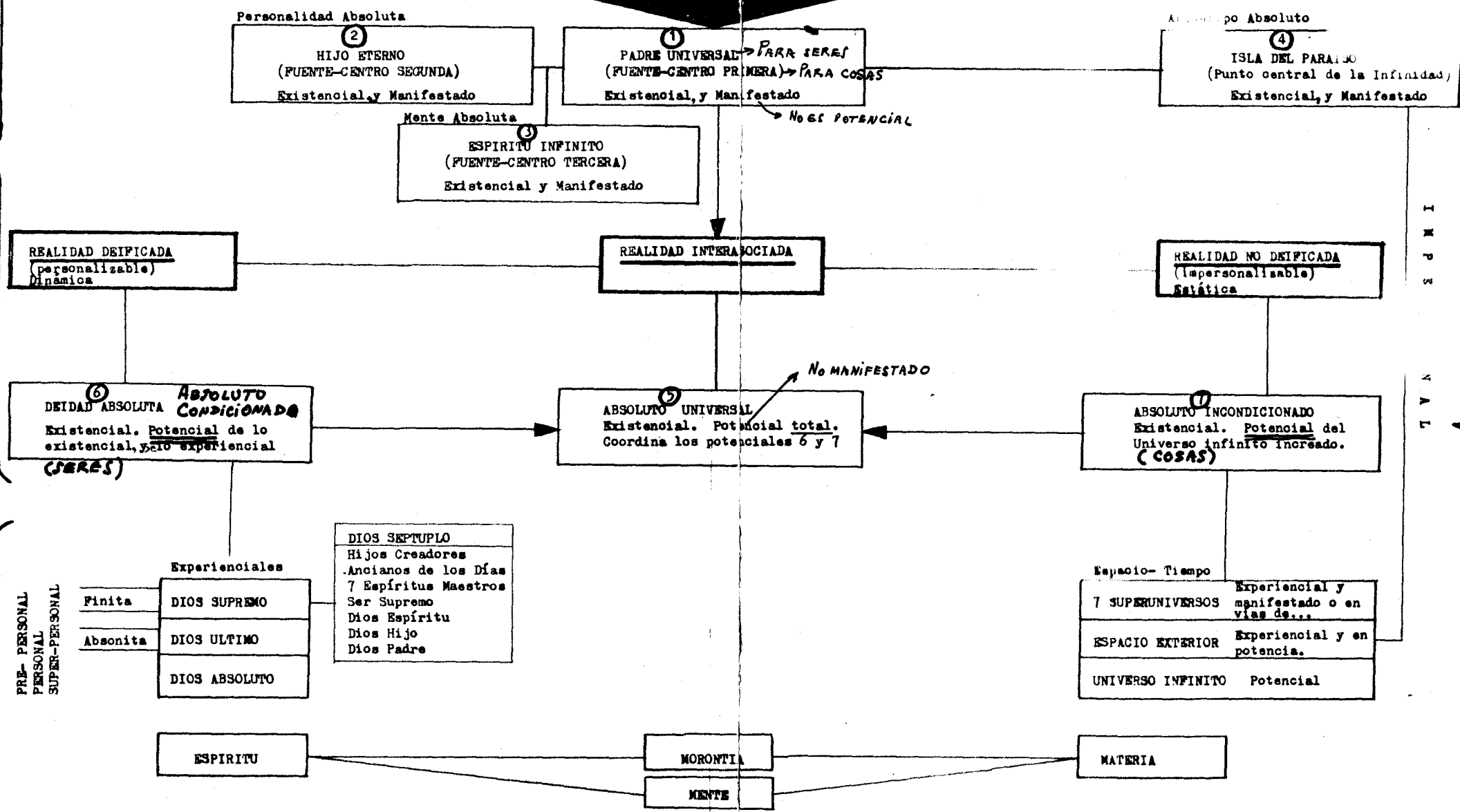
Y así sucesivamente, "lo que pudo haber sido y no fue" , de lo más significativo en lo que nos ocupa, ya que en las 2.097 páginas del "Urantia" todo aparece expresado con una notable precisión, hasta con meticulosidad, el estilo es de lo más funcional y ajustado a lo que se pretende describir, se puede 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 <sup>COMO ES</sup> 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 <sup>EN APARIENCIA</sup> ~~teorías~~ <sup>COV</sup> ~~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- pedimnos pendón 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.

El YO SOY - INFINITO - UNO separó  
la REALIDAD TOTAL en :



1, 2, 3, etc.: Los 7 Absolutos de la Infinitud

22-12-1985 , ANTONIO MOYA CERPA

16 Noviembre 1989

Querido Robert:

"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?

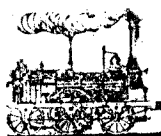
En lo que se refiere a los mensajes telepáticos que me dices estás recibiendo de "Khari Mundi", para hacerme una idea y poder comentártelos necesito leerlos, así es que quedo a tu disposición en este sentido. Tu caso no es único ni raro por otra parte. Varías millares de personas están recibiendo en 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 sólo 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 escotéricos 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 acostubraremos, 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 sobre esfuerzo 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 <sup>TODAS</sup> 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 camigantes. Un "The End" muy a lo Hollywood con sus doradas refulgencias, esp de que comprenderlo todo es perdonarlo todo. Y de nuevo...

# The Supreme and Outreach

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At first glance, it may appear as if the Supreme and Outreach may be an unusual combination of topics for a presentation. As we proceed, this integration will become clearer.

## UNDERSTANDING THE SUPREME

Some basic understanding of the Supreme is necessary. Many readers of the Revelation tend to shy away from study of and discussion about the Supreme. And yet: "...he is the maximum of Deity which finite creatures can actually comprehend" [56:8.1] (P. 643)

**Source:** The Supreme Being is a creation of the Paradise Trinity and God the Sevenfold (also called the Supreme Creators) [17:2.2] (P. 199) Actually, it is only the first three of the Sevenfold (The Creator Sons and Spirits, The Ancients of Day, and The Seven Master Spirits) that participated in this creation. [116:2.5] (P.1270)

**Function:** There are too many functions of the Supreme to mention in this article, however a few are: allows the Father to achieve freewill liberation from the terrible limitations of absoluteness, as an incomplete *experiential* God of time and space, the avenue through which finite creatures pass inward, a catalyzer of all universe growth, as the mother of our morontia soul, as a conduit through which the Father's love passes to the entire cosmos, and the sum total of all finite growth.

**Destiny:** The destiny of the Supreme Being is to become perfect; from potential to actual. This will happen at the moment when the entire seven superuniverses become settled in light and life. What a stupendous moment in time! No one finds the Supreme until we *all* find the Supreme; and it will be at that incredible instant. Many readers speculate this will be the equivalent to fusion, because: the Trinity is to the Supreme, what the Thought Adjuster is to mortals [116:3.4] (P. 1271) [117:3.10] (P. 1282) Then, one day, the Supreme will take his/her place among the Experiential Trinity.

When the Supreme reaches full maturity at the time of Grand Universe perfection, the Third Universe age is initiated and God the Ultimate in the outer space levels becomes the focus. But for now we live and have our being in the Second Universe Age of the Supreme (the First Universe Age was the Age of Havona). Duality is our nature.

Of course there is unity and triunity existent in different

realms of reality, but within the seven superuniverses we are *dual origin* beings (Supreme and Father). There are endless ways to view duality: male/female, perfect/imperfect, being/doing, spiritual/material; existential/experiential; the yin and yang of practically everything.

With this in mind, let us look at some of the fundamentals of the Supreme. *The Urantia Book* offers three papers on the Supreme: The Supreme Being (Paper 115) , The Almighty Supreme (Paper 116), and God the Supreme (Paper 117). Like most of the Revelation, these papers appear to be presented in reverse order; but so much for *human* thinking. In the Foreword it says: "*The Almighty Supreme, evolving on the value-level of nonpersonal activities, and the spirit person of God the Supreme are one reality—The Supreme Being.*" [0:8.3] (P.12)

## THE BASICS

A fairly simple way to view the Supreme makes use of the philosopher George W.F. Hegel's dialectical method of thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. (This is *simple*!) A Mighty Messenger temporarily sojourning on Urantia reminds us: "*But when all creatures and all Creators in the grand universe likewise strive for God-attainment and divine perfection, there is built up a profound cosmic tension which can only find resolution in the sublime synthesis of almighty power with the spirit person of the evolving God of all creatures, the Supreme Being.*" [116:7.6] (P.1276-77)

The *thesis* could be viewed as God the Supreme; as a personality resident somewhere in Havona. The *antithesis* could be the Almighty Supreme; as the pulsating power throughout the organism of the Grand Universe, while the *synthesis* is the becoming of the Supreme Being.

To further confuse understanding, the authors throw in the concept of "Supreme Mind". The Supreme Mind is in Paper 116 on the Almighty Supreme, thereby connecting it with the physical energy of the cosmos. Our morontia mind is built on living physical systems for the purpose of seeking unity between these seemingly opposites.

OK, you are asking by now: How does this apply to me? Using Hegel's ideas again, the synthesis represents a process for *growth*. So growth is what it's all about, for the Supreme Being as well as all ascendant beings.

The Supreme grows as a result of the "food" we provide by decision-action; and is the same technique whereby our soul grows. Hence the oft quoted statement: "*The act is ours, the consequences God's.*" [48:7.13] (P. 556) [117:5.5] (P. 1286)

This represents our highest duty as cosmic citizens—to feed the Supreme. We have the power to do, the personality to choose, and the synthesis in which the Supreme and our unique soul matures.

We the peoples of Urantia have been so fortunate to be one of only seven places out of 10,000,000 possibilities where our Creator Son Michael incarnated. We are doubly blessed with the ideal teachings, his teaching for growth—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And, we are further blessed with the endowment of his Spirit of Truth; which allows for a reinterpretation of this Gospel with every succeeding generation.

Acceptance, by faith of sonship with the Father, results in an increased *spirit* consciousness in our relationship with the Father, *entrance* into the kingdom. But it is our participation in the brotherhood of man that effects our soul growth; and hence the way is open to becoming good cosmic citizens. “*With God the Father, sonship is the great relationship. With God the Supreme, achievement is the prerequisite to status—one must do something as well as be something.*” [115:0.0] (P.1260) (There’s duality again.)

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The Father requires *growth*; a continuous *doing* of His will. Said Jesus: “...*the Father requires of me only that you shall bear much fruit.*” [180:2.1] (P.1945) And: “*The fruits of the spirits are the substance of the Supreme as he is realizable in human experience.*” [117:6.17] (P.1290) Jesus called attention to eleven fruits of the spirit, and presented them in *dual* form as: *loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty*, etc. This represents pure revelation. By comparison, the biblical presentation of the fruits of the spirit are in singular form: love, joy, peace, etc.

So, you want to be like Jesus? Then: “*When man yields the ‘fruits of the spirit’ in his life, he is simply showing forth the traits which the Master manifested in his own earthly life.*” [194:3.1] (P. 2062)

#### OUTREACH AND JESUS

Rodan of Alexandria said: “*If something has become a religion in your experience, it is self evident that you have become an active evangel...*” [160:5.3] (P. 1780) (our emphasis)

What is outreach? For us the multifaceted process of sharing the gospel of the kingdom in living ministry is outreach; for some this is a ministerial duty. Jesus, when speaking to about fifty of his

trusted followers, said: “*Remember that you are commissioned to preach this gospel of the kingdom...and you must not allow anything to divert your devotion to this one duty.*” [178:1.11] (P.1931)

Outreach ministry can be differentiated into many categories to embrace the believer’s, commitment to and capacity for, living these truths; all of which aids in the growth of the Supreme. To illustrate this, it can be helpful to explore the following:

**Personal Ministry:** Usually having a one-to-one sharing with family members, friends, and examples of as you pass by.

**As a Messenger:** Direct sharing in small groups or by indirect (bootlegging) during public speaking; and in creative expression as an artist, teacher, writer, or musician.

**Discipleship:** Publicly teaching/preaching the Gospel, and serving as a social example of loving God and serving humanity.

**An Apostle:** Being an ambassador of the kingdom. Giving up all and going forth actively proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world.

The flavor of Jesus’ outreach was first, by *living faith* in God’s guidance and watchcare. He was a living example of the divinity of God, and displayed this divine enthusiasm by spreading good cheer wherever he went. The consecration of will and his unselfish devotion to mankind were the hallmarks of his truths, as was the positive approach of love and mercy in the place of negativity—fear and sacrifice.

Second, his ministry had an aroma of friendship with God while extolling the many gifts from our Father. He always appealed to the divine spirit within each person by looking for the good (God) in them. Jesus completely understood that man, as both human and divine, was best led lead by love. His faith was resolute; while he remained keenly aware of the one battle each Gospel believer had to fight—the battle against *doubt*. And like his Father, he always respected the personality of each person in front of him—the absolute power of choice to determine their own destiny—making that person the most important thing happening to him at that moment.

Third, the substance of his outreach was his balanced and unified personality. He was unflinchingly kind yet truthful; truly sincere but without pretense; practical yet original; loving the

sinner while hating the sin. Jesus was never in a hurry; he was approachable. His look into the eyes would change a person's life forever.

The form of Jesus' outreach ministry was twofold in nature: personal and public.

**Personal:** He challenged his parents' belief in a wrathful god. "*The heavenly father cannot love his children less than you love me.*" [125:0.6] (P. 1378) Of course, at age fourteen he became father to his siblings and a comfort to his mother after the death of Joseph. He used the family council method of running the family and the positive approach to disciplining, especially with Jude, until he finally left home at the age of twenty-eight.

For two years he was on the Mediterranean tour with Ganid and Gonod, ministering to fearful, downhearted, and discouraged souls. With the young man who was afraid, Jesus first asked for directions to Phenix, then explained to the boy the route to the goal of destiny. [130:6] (P.1437) And with the man mistreating his wife at the Tarentum ship landing, after separating them, he led the man to the side and reminded him what a good and virtuous person he was, then parted, reminding the man of the God the Father's equal treating of *all* His children. [133:2] (P.1470) In his personal ministry there was a constant bearing of the fruits of the spirit in his outreach ministry.

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**Public:** After the selection of the apostles, Jesus prepared them for outreach ministry by instructing them on the many facets of the kingdom of God; ever reminding them of the personal interpretation of fatherly love and brotherly love. He first sent them out two by two to local communities. He then prepared them with spiritual teaching and religious training; and went with them on teaching and preaching tours throughout Palestine and the surrounding regions.

He often counseled the apostles, asking them to refrain from interfering with others who may misrepresent the Gospel. He preferred to teach in parables to the end that: "...*those who desire to know the truth may find that which they seek, while our enemies and those who love not the truth may hear without understanding.*" [151:1.4] (P.1689)

Nevertheless, he commissioned the apostles to proclaim the Gospel to all nations; even to every man, women, and child. "I

*send you forth to proclaim liberty to the spiritual captives, joy to those in bondage of fear, and to heal the sick in accordance with the will of my Father in Heaven.*" [140:3.2] (P.1570)

#### CONCLUSION

To our Father, the Supreme may represent the whole of the grand universe while each of us represent the *part*. The more we understand the more we come to realize our duty to do our part to help the Supreme grow. The Supreme has a Havona personality (God the Supreme), a physical energy throughout the Grand Universe (Almighty Supreme), and an emerging self (Supreme Being). Mortals have a Paradise personality, a Thought Adjuster, a material physical energy (body), and an emerging self (soul). Added to this is the Supreme Mind and our morontia (soul) mind.

The substance whereby the Supreme Being grows is in the living fruits of the spirit as experienced by evolving mortals. May we bear much fruit.

Outreach is the ministry of sharing the Gospel, and each individual must find their level of participation. When doing outreach, share in the living faith of your Thought Adjuster's guidance, show friendship with God, and strive toward a balanced and unified approach. Because we are both unique individuals

and social beings, we can share in the Master's ways of personal and public outreach. Consciously or unconsciously we are, in fact, doing both.

*"As faith-enlightened and spirit-liberated sons of the kingdom of heaven, you face a double responsibility of duty to man and duty to God while you voluntarily assume a third obligation: service to the brotherhood of God-knowing believers."* [178:1.5] (P. 1930)

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