

The Wings of Jesus



Who Jesus Really Is!

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PART I

God is a Universal Spirit

"God is spirit." He is a universal spiritual presence. The Universal Father is an infinite spiritual reality; He is "the sovereign, eternal, immortal, invisible and only true God." Even though we are "the offspring of God," we ought not to think that our Father is like ourselves in form and physique because we are said to be created "in His image" - indwelt by a spirit fragment of Him! Spirit beings are real, notwithstanding they are invisible to human eyes; even though they have not flesh and blood.

1. Erroneous Ideas of God

Religious tradition is the imperfectly preserved record of the experiences of the God-knowing men of past ages, but such records are untrustworthy as guides for religious living or as the source of true information about the universal Father. Such ancient beliefs have

been invariably altered by the fact that primitive man was a mythmaker. One of the greatest sources of confusion on our planet Urantia concerning the nature of God grows out of the failure of our sacred books

clearly to distinguish between the personalities of the Paradise Trinity and between Paradise Deity and the local universe creators and administrators.

During the past dispensations of partial understanding, our priests and prophets failed clearly to differentiate between Planetary Princes, System Sovereigns, Constellation Fathers, Creator Sons, Superuniverse Rulers, the Supreme Being, and the Universal Father. Many of the messages of subordinate personalities, such as Life Carriers and various orders of angels, have been, in our records, presented as coming from God Himself. Our Urantian religious thought still confuses the associate personalities of Deity with the Universal Father Himself, so that all are included under one appellation.

There are people here on our planet who continue to suffer from the influence of primitive concepts of God. The gods who go on a rampage in the storm; who shake the earth in their wrath and strike down men in their anger; who inflict their judgments of displeasure in times of famine and flood - these are the gods of primitive religion; they are not the

Gods who live and rule the universes. Such concepts are a relic of the times when men supposed that the universe was under the guidance and domination of the whims of such imaginary gods. But mortal man is beginning to realize that he lives in a realm of comparative law and order

as far as concerns the administrative policies and conduct of the Supreme Creators and the Supreme Controllers.

The barbarous idea of appeasing an angry God, of propitiating an offended Lord, of winning the favor of Deity through sacrifices and penance and even by the shedding of blood, represents a religion wholly puerile and primitive, a philosophy unworthy of an enlightened age of science and truth. Such beliefs are utterly repulsive to the celestial beings and the divine rulers who serve and reign in the universes. It is an affront to God to believe, hold, or teach that innocent blood must be shed in order to win His favor or to divert the fictitious divine wrath.

The Hebrews believe that "without the shedding of blood there could be no remission of sin." They had not found deliverance from the old and pagan idea that the Gods could not be appeased except by the sight of blood, though Moses did make a distinct advance when he forbade human sacrifices and substituted therefor, in the primitive minds of his childlike Bedouin followers, the ceremonial sacrifice of animals.

The bestowal of a Paradise Creator Son on our world - Jesus of Nazareth - was inherent in the situation of closing a planetary age; it was inescapable, and it was not made necessary for the purpose of winning the favor of God. This bestowal also happened to be

the final personal act of a Creator Son in the long adventure of earning the experiential sovereignty of his universe. What a travesty upon the infinite character of God! This teaching that His fatherly heart in all its austere coldness and hardness was so untouched by the misfortunes and sorrows of His creatures that His tender mercies were not forthcoming until He saw His blameless Son bleeding and dying upon the cross of Calvary! But we are to find deliverance from these ancient errors and pagan superstitions respecting the nature of the Universal Father. The revelation of the truth about God is appearing, and our human race is destined to know the Universal Father in all that beauty of character and loveliness of attributes so magnificently portrayed by our Creator Son who sojourned on Urantia as the Son of Man and the Son of God.

2. The Father's Primacy

With divine selflessness, consummate generosity, the Universal Father relinquishes authority and delegates power, but He is still

primal, His hand is on the mighty lever of the
circumstances of the universal realms; He has
reserved all final decisions and unerringly
wields the all-powerful veto scepter of His
eternal purpose with unchallengeable
authority over

the welfare and destiny of the outstretched, whirling, and ever-circling creation.

The sovereignty of God is unlimited; it is the fundamental fact of all creation. The universe was not inevitable. The universe is not an accident; neither is it self-existent. The universe is a work of creation and is therefore wholly subject to the will of the Creator. The will of God is divine truth, living love; therefore, are the perfecting creations of the evolutionary universes characterized by goodness - nearness to divinity; by potential evil - remoteness from divinity.

All religious philosophy, sooner or later, arrives at the concept of unified universe rule, of one God. Universe causes cannot be lower than universe effects. The source of the streams of universe life and of the cosmic mind must be above the levels of their manifestation. The human mind cannot be consistently explained in terms of the lower orders of existence. Man's mind can be truly comprehended only by recognizing the reality of higher orders of thought and purposive

will. Man as a moral being is inexplicable unless the reality of the Universal Father is acknowledged.

God, the infinite and eternal Ruler of
all, is
power, form, energy, process,

presence, and idealized reality. But He is more; He is personal; He exercises a sovereign will, experiences self-consciousness of divinity, executes the mandates of a creative mind, pursues the satisfaction of the realization of an eternal purpose, and mandates a Father's love and affection for His universe children. And all these more personal traits of the Father can be better understood by observing them as they were revealed in the bestowal life of Michael - as Jesus Christ Michael, our Creator Son, while he was incarnated here on our planet, Urantia.

3. The Universal Father

The Universal Father is the God of all creation, the First Source and Center of all things and beings. First think of God as a creator, then as a controller, and lastly as an infinite upholder. The truth about the Universal Father had begun to dawn upon mankind when the prophet said: "You, God, are alone; there is none beside You. You have created the heaven and the heaven of heavens,

with all their hosts; you preserve and control them. The Creator covers Himself with light as with a garment and stretches out the heavens as a curtain."

The myriads of planetary systems were
all made

to be eventually inhabited by many different types of intelligent creatures, beings who could know God, receive the divine affection, and love Him in return. "God created the heavens and formed the earth; He established the universe and created this world not in vain; He formed it to be inhabited."

The will creatures of all the myriads of planetary systems have embarked upon the long, long journey to Paradise, where God Himself eternally resides; the fascinating struggle of the eternal adventure of attaining God the Father. The transcendent goal of all us children of time is to find the eternal God, to comprehend the divine nature, to recognize the Universal Father. So God-knowing creatures have only one supreme ambition, just one consuming desire, and that is to become, as they are in their spheres, like God as He is in His Paradise perfection of personality and in His universal sphere of righteous supremacy.

From the Universal Father who inhabits eternity there has gone forth the supreme mandate, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect." And in love and mercy the messengers of Paradise have carried this divine

exhortation down through the ages and out through the universes, even to such lowly animal- origin creatures as our own human races of this planet, Urantia.

This magnificent and universal injunction to strive for the attainment of the perfection of divinity

is the first duty, and should be the highest ambition, of all us struggling creature creations of the God of perfection. This possibility of the attainment of divine perfection is the final and certain destiny of all our eternal spiritual progress.

We Urantia mortals can hardly hope to be perfect in the infinite sense, but it is entirely possible for human beings, starting out as we do on this planet, to attain the supernal and divine goal which the infinite God has set for us; and when we do achieve this destiny, we will, in all that pertains to self-realization and mind attainment be just as replete in our individual sphere of divine perfection as God Himself is in His sphere of infinity and eternity. Such perfection may not be universal in the material sense, unlimited in intellectual grasp, or final in spiritual experience, but it is final and complete in all finite aspects of divinity of will, perfection of personality motivation, and God-consciousness.

This is the true meaning of that divine command, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect," which ever urges us onward and beckons you

inward in that long and fascinating struggle for the attainment of higher and higher levels of spiritual values and true universe meanings. This sublime search for the God of all is the supreme adventure of all the inhabitants of all the worlds of time and space.

4. **The Eternal Son**

As the Father is the First Great Source and Center, so the Eternal Son is the Second Great Source and Center; but the Eternal Son is not Jesus Christ. The Eternal Son is the original and only-begotten Son of God. He is the perfect and final expression of the "first" personal and absolute concept of the Universal Father. Accordingly, whenever and however the Father personally and absolutely expresses Himself, He does so through the Eternal Son, whoever has been, now is, and ever will be, the living and divine Word. And this Eternal Son is residential at the center of all things, in association with, and immediately enshrouding the personal presence of, the Eternal and Universal Father.

The Eternal Son is the spiritual center and the divine Administrator of the spiritual government of the spiritual universe in the circle of eternity. The Universal Father is first a creator and then a controller; the Eternal Son is first a co-creator and then a spiritual administrator. "God is spirit," and the Son is a personal revelation of that spirit.

The Universal Father never personally functions as a creator except in conjunction with the Son or with the coordinate action of the Son. Had the New Testament writer referred to the Eternal Son, he would have uttered the truth when he wrote: "In the beginning

was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

The Eternal Son is the eternal Word of God. He is wholly like the Father; in fact, the Eternal Son is God the Father personally manifest to the spiritual universe. In nature the Son is wholly like the spirit Father. God the Son is just as divinely real and eternal in nature as God the Father.

And thus it was and is and forever will be true of the Eternal Son and of all the coordinate Creator Sons (of which our Michael of Nebadon bestowed as Jesus of Nazareth number: "He who has seen the Son has seen the Father."

When a Son of the Eternal Son appeared on our planet Urantia, those who fraternized with this divine being in human form alluded to him as "He who was from the beginning, whom we have heard, whom we have seen with our eyes, whom we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, even the Word of life." And this bestowal Son came forth from the Father just as

truly did the Original Son, as is suggested in one of his earthly prayers: "And now, O my Father, glorify me with your own self, with the glory which I had with you before this world was."

5. The Infinite Spirit

Back in eternity, when the Universal Father's "first" infinite and absolute thought finds in the Eternal Son such a perfect and adequate word for its divine expression, there ensues the supreme desire of both the Thought-God and the Word-God for a universal and infinite agent of mutual expression and combined action.

In the dawn of eternity both the Father and the Son become infinitely cognizant of their mutual interdependence, their eternal and absolute oneness; and therefore do they enter into an infinite and everlasting covenant of divine partnership. This never-ending compact is made for the execution of their united concepts throughout all of the circle of eternity; and ever since this eternity event the Father and the Son continue in this divine union.

We are now face to face with the eternity origin of the Infinite Spirit, the Third Person of Deity - God the Spirit. The very instant that God the Father and God the Son conjointly conceive an identical and infinite action -

the execution of an absolute thought-plan -
that very moment, the Infinite Spirit - the
Conjoint Actor - springs full-fledgedly into
existence.

In the eternity of the

personalization of the Infinite Spirit the divine personality cycle becomes perfect and complete. The God of Action - his dwelling enshrouding the concentric dwelling place of the Eternal Son, which itself enshrouds the nucleus central dwelling of God Himself - is existent, and the vast stage of space is set for the stupendous drama of creation - the universal adventure - the divine panorama of the eternal ages.

The first act of the Infinite Spirit is the inspection and recognition of his divine parents, the Father-Father and the Mother-Son. He, the Spirit, unqualifiedly identifies both of them. He is fully cognizant of their separate personalities and infinite attributes as well as of their combined nature and united function. Next, voluntarily, with transcendent willingness and inspiring spontaneity, the Third Person of Deity, notwithstanding his equality with the First and Second Persons, pledges eternal loyalty to God the Father and acknowledges everlasting dependence upon God the Son.

6. The Paradise Trinity

God-fragment spirit of God, the Father said:
"Let us make mortal man in our own image."
Repeatedly

throughout our Urantian writings there occurs this reference to the acts and doings of plural Deity, clearly showing recognition of the existence and working of the three Sources and Notwithstanding there is only one Deity, there are three positive and divine personalizations of Deity. Regarding the endowment of man with his/her divine indwelling Center.

The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit are unique persons, none is a duplicate; each is original; all are united.

The Universal Father, prior to His self-willed divestment of the personality, powers, and attributes which constitute the Son and the Spirit, seems to have been (philosophically considered) an unqualified, absolute, and infinite Deity.

But such a theoretical First Source and Center without a Son could not in any sense of the word be considered the Universal Father; fatherhood is not real without sonship. Furthermore, the Father, to have been absolute in a total sense, must have existed at

some eternally distant moment alone.

But He never had such a solitary existence; the Son and the Spirit are both co-eternal with the Father. The First Source and Center has always been, and will forever be, the eternal Father of the Original Son and, with the Son, the eternal progenitor of the

Infinite Spirit.

In bestowing absoluteness of personality upon the Eternal Son, the Universal Father escapes from the fetters of personality absolutism, but in so doing He takes a step which makes it forever impossible for Him to act alone as the personality-absolute. And with the final personalization of co-existent Deity - the Conjoint Actor - there ensues the critical trinitarian interdependence of the three divine personalities with regard to the totality of Deity function in absolute. As total Deity, God the Father functions only in the Paradise Trinity.

Eternal Deity is perfectly unified; nevertheless, there are three perfectly individualized persons of Deity. The Paradise Trinity makes possible the simultaneous expression of all the diversity of the character traits and infinite powers of the First Source and Center and his eternal coordinates and of all the divine unity of the universe functions of undivided Deity.

The Trinity is an association of infinite persons functioning in a non-personal capacity but not in contravention of

personality. The illustration is crude, but a father, son, and grandson could form a corporate entity which would be non-personal but nonetheless subject to their personal wills.

The functions of the Paradise Trinity are not

simply the sum of the Father's apparent endowment of divinity plus those specialized attributes that are unique in the personal existence of the Son and the Spirit. The Trinity association of the three Paradise Deities results in the evolution, eventuation, and deitization of new meanings, values, powers, and capacities for universal revelation, action, and administration. Living associations, human families, social groups, or the Paradise Trinity are not augmented by mere arithmetical summation. The group potential is always far in excess of the simple sum of the attributes of the component individuals.

The Paradise Trinity is real. It exists as the Deity union of Father, Son, and Spirit; yet the Father, the Son, or the Spirit, or any two of them, can function in relation to this selfsame Paradise Trinity.

The Father, Son, and Spirit can collaborate in a non- Trinity manner, but not as three Deities. As persons they can collaborate as they choose, but that is not the Trinity.

The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and

the Infinite Spirit are, in a certain sense, the constituent personalities of total Deity. Their union in the Paradise Trinity and the absolute function of the Trinity equvalate to the function of total Deity. While no single person of the Paradise Deities actually

fills all Deity potential, collectively all three do.

Ever remember that what the Infinite Spirit does is the function of the Conjoint Actor. Both the Father and the Son are functioning in and through and as him. But it would be futile to attempt to elucidate the Trinity mystery - three as one and in one, and one as two and acting for two - to our present human minds, for the Trinity functions on all levels of the cosmos, and we present mortals are currently limited to the finite level; therefore, must we now be content with a finite concept of the Trinity as the Trinity. Therefore, as a mortal in the flesh you should view the Trinity in accordance with your individual enlightenment and in harmony with the reactions of your mind and soul.

7. The Father's Supreme Rule

The Father rules through His Sons; on down through the universe organization there is an unbroken chain of rulers ending with the Planetary Princes, who direct the destinies of

the evolutionary spheres of the Father's vast domains.

It is no mere poetic expression that exclaims: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." "He removes Kings and sets up Kings." "The Most Highs

rule in the kingdoms of men."

In the affairs of men's hearts the Universal Father may not always have His way; but in the conduct and destiny of a planet the divine plan prevails - "Be ye perfect as I am perfect;" the eternal purpose of wisdom and love triumphs.

Said Jesus: "My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." As you glimpse the manifold workings and view the staggering immensity of God's well-nigh limitless creation, you may falter in your concept of His primacy, but you should not fail to accept Him as securely and everlastingly enthroned at the Paradise center of all things and as the beneficent Father of all intelligent beings.

There is but "one God and Father of all, Who is above all and in all," "and He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

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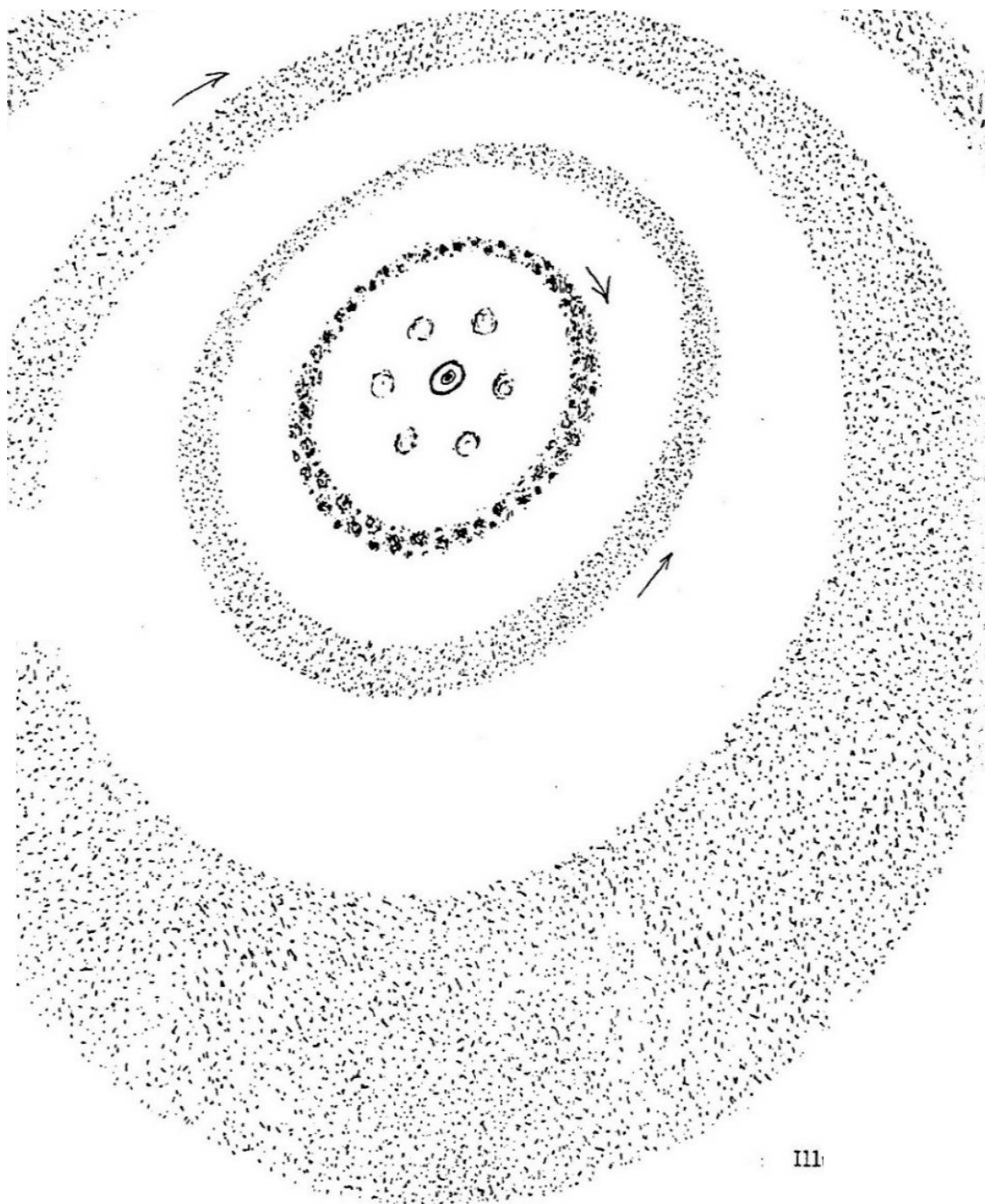
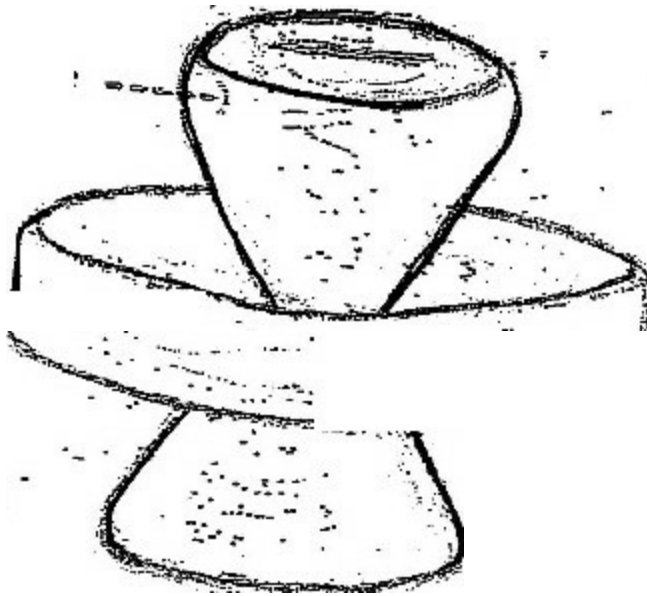


Illustration C

TOTAL SPACE



Unpervaded Space

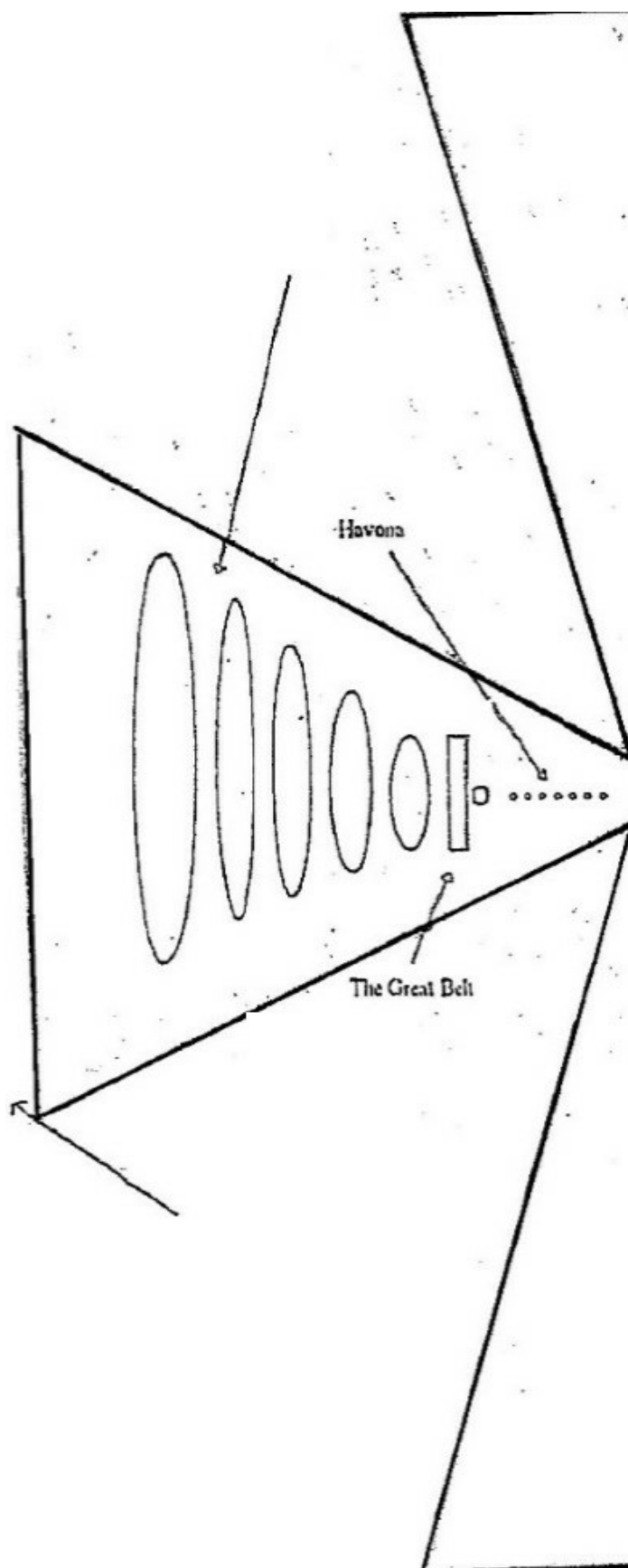
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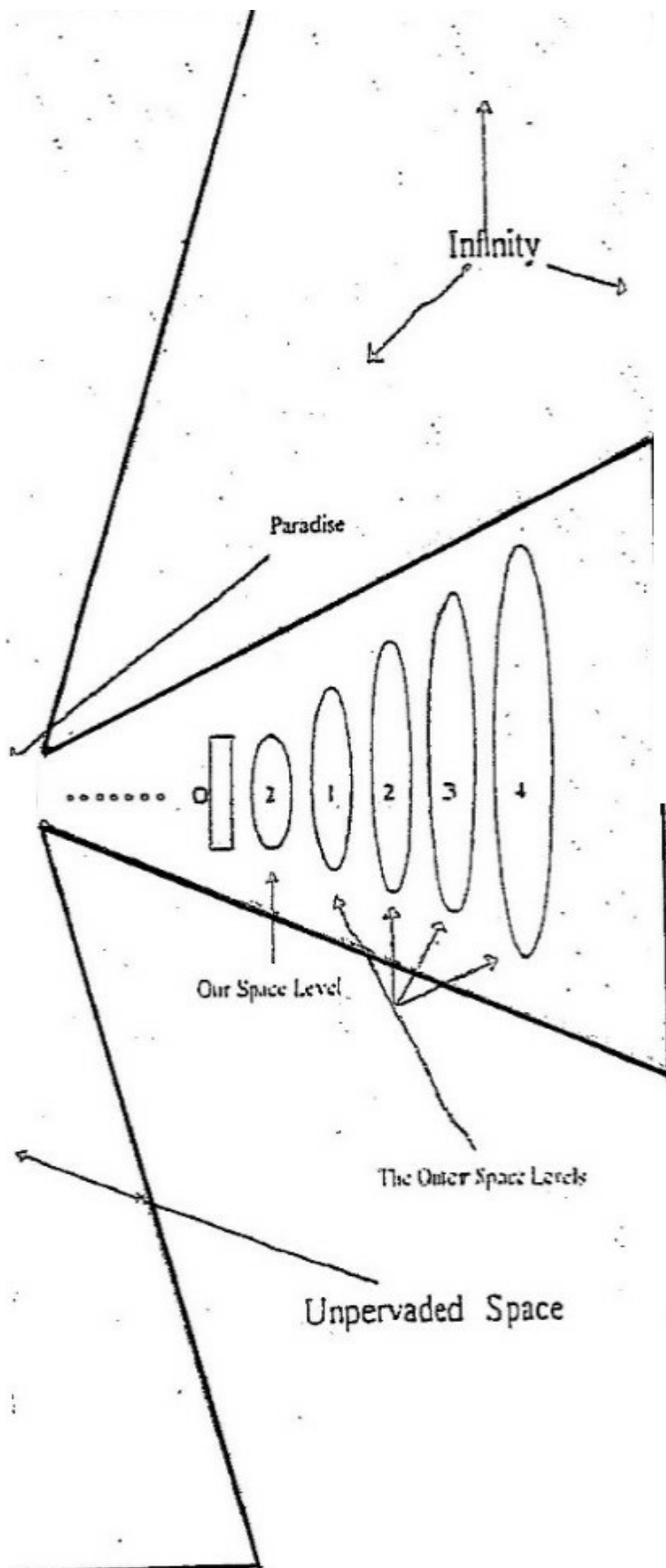
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Illustration 1!

All is the only total of all infinity! Space is therefore only a part of infinity, and is divided into pervaded and unpervaded space. The location of all creation is found only in pervaded space; and unpervaded space is its space reservoir. Therefore total space, divided into pervaded and unpervaded space, is not without dimensions; they both have a top, a bottom, a front, and an end.





Pervaded Space

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The Eternal Central Universe The 3 Circuits of the 21 Sacred Spheres surrounding Paradise, and the 7 Circuitsof the 1 billion perfect eternal worlds of Havona.

The (current) Grand Universe: Paradise, the 1st Space Level of the Eternal Central Universe, and the 2nd Space Level of the seven superuniverses in time and space.

The Master Universe: The Eternal Central Universe, the Grand Universe, and the four (4) Outer Space Levels

Seven trillion evolving inhabitable worlds (estimated to be in time and space), together with the perfect eternal central universe (in eternity), currently comprise the evolving grand universe (see Illustration E); and the grand universe, together with the four (4) Outer Space Levels, comprise the present master universe [see Illustration C).

And if you would imagine the vertical cross section of total space [not as, but similarly as seen in Illu slightly resemble a horizontal arms, being length and completely surrounded by relative quiet, represent pervaded space-- those forces, energies, powers, and presence known to exist in creation. The vertical arm extensions (described similarly to the volume outlines of a large hourglass) represent unpervaded space - vast space reservoirs. And with none of these arms touching the nucleus of this cross, found in this very

center of all infinity, is the Eternal Isle of Paradise.

The dimensions of pervaded and unpervaded space are tangent to, but do not touch Paradise itself; for it is only the quiet mid-space zones that come in contact with this motionless headquarters' nucleus of all infinity. Paradise is

in fact the motionless nucleus of the relatively quiet zones existing between pervaded and unpervaded space. Paradise therefore, does not exist in either time or space, but in reality 'pre-exists' in infinity - and is its very center! And so, pre-existentially with the freewill decision-choice of God to eternally actualize (to make real) the Eternal I AM of his infinite inherent potentials in ALL, did the Eternal Isle of Paradise, the eternal central universe, and the dimensions of space simultaneously emerge.

THE ETERNAL ISLE OF PARADISE

The Eternal Isle of Paradise is the only creation of its kind in the total of all infinity; and it's ellipsoid, not spherical, as all other inhabited bodies [see Illustration B]. If one would look up from upper Paradise, nothing but unpervaded space would be seen - coming in and going out - presently just now coming in! For there is a two

(2) billion-year expansion-contraction cycle of pervaded and unpervaded space - one billion

years to expand, one billion years to contracts. And "time" is by virtue of this 2 billion year (motion) cycle; and because the function of mind gives an awareness of sequentiality.

Concerning the total of all creation

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"space" exists in the horizontal arena of pervaded space, "time" exists by virtue of the motion inherent in the vertical arena of unpervaded space.

All space breaths; and Paradise is the source of its pulsation. Thus, as pervaded space expands, unpervaded space contracts - and vice-versa; and this respiration effects both the horizontal arm extensions of pervaded space and the vertical arm extensions of unpervaded space. And pervadable space becomes non-pervadable space, and non-pervadable space becomes pervadable, as both types of space units flow through the transmitting regulation channels found just under lower Paradise.

As lower Paradise is the source of all cosmic force-space and energy manifestations, upper Paradise is the universal headquarters for all personality activities throughout infinity. And its periphery, among other non-personal functions, serves as the actual landing port for all Paradise arrivals; for neither upper nor lower Paradise is approachable by **any** personality transport.

Being essentially flat, the north and south diameter of Paradise is one-sixth longer than its east and west diameter, and its upper and lower surface is one-tenth its east to west diameter. And taken in connection with its single form of

motionless materialization of neither dead or alive material, and the greater out-pressure of cosmic force-energy at its north end - its dimensions account for the total possibility of establishing absolute direction throughout the cosmos.

Located on the upper level, at the very center of Paradise itself, brilliantly found as the first of three concentric zones is the most glorious, perfectly ideal, and unimaginably exquisite eternal residence of the real "pure" Spirit Person of God Himself! And it is from here that God the Universal Father of ALL perfectly controls the total of all creation through the infinity of his four (4) absolute gravity circuits: spirit, mind, materialization (energy-matter), and personality.

MATTER, MIND, AND SPIRIT BESTOWERS

The bestowal of cosmic force, the domain of physical gravity, is the function of the Isle of Paradise. "God is spirit," but Paradise, the dwelling place of his home, is not. All original force-energy proceeds from

Paradise, and the matter for the making of untold universes now circulates throughout the total of all creation in the form of a super-gravity presence which constitutes the force-charge of space. The material universe always is the arena wherein take all spiritual activities; spirit beings live and work on physical spheres of

material reality - too!

Physical energy is the one reality which is true and steadfast in its obedience to universal law. Only in the realms of creature volition has there been deviation from the divine plans and the original plans. Power and energy are the universal evidences of the stability, constancy, and eternity of the central Isle of Paradise.

The bestowal of mind and the ministration of spirit are the work associate persons of God- Himself, the Infinite Spirit and the Eternal Son (not to be mistaken for Jesus of Nazareth). Total Deity reality is not mind but spirit-mind - mind- spirit unified by personality. Nevertheless, the absolutes of both the spirit and the thing (having mind) converge in the person of God Himself.

The bestowal of spirit and the spiritualization of personalities, the domain of spiritual gravity, is the realm of the Eternal Son. And this spirit gravity of the Son, ever drawing all spiritual realities to himself, is just as real and absolute as is the as is the all-powerful material grasp of the Isle of Paradise.

What Paradise is to the physical creation, and what the Eternal Son is to the spiritual universe, the Infinite Spirit is to the realms of mind - the intelligent universe of mortal, immortal, and

spiritual beings and personalities; mind is the flexible reality which creatures and Creators can so readily manipulate; it is the vital link connecting matter and spirit.

The Infinite Spirit reacts to both material and spiritual realities and therefore inherently becomes the universal minister to all intelligent beings, beings who may represent a union of both material and spiritual phases of creation. The endowment of intelligence, the ministry to the material and the spiritual in the phenomenon of mind, is the exclusive domain of the Infinite Spirit, who thus becomes the partner of the spiritual mind, the essence of the morontia (supermaterial/subspiritual) mind, and the substance of the material mind of all evolutionary creatures of time to include the minds of all of us human beings - too!

Remember: mind, matter, and spirit are equally real, but they are not of equal value to personality in the attainment of divinity. Consciousness of divinity is a progressive spiritual experience.

As the mind of any personality in the

universe becomes more spiritual -- Godlike -
- it becomes less responsive to material
gravity. Reality, measured by physical
gravity response, is the antithesis of
reality, as determined by quality of spirit
content. Physical-gravity action is a

quantitative determiner of non-spirit energy; spiritual gravity action is the qualitative measure of the living energy of divinity.

A l l created personality actually originate in, responds to, and gravitate towards the central Deity of God-Himself. All personalities therefore seek to attain God, and to perfectly respond to creation, within their particular sphere of inherent potential - as God. As the materialization circuits of physical gravity originate in and gravitate towards lower Paradise, the three remaining circuits of spirit, mind, and personality all originate in and gravitate towards upper Paradise. And in God Himself - all things return to their source of origin. Concluding, it is only God who is both the source and the destiny of all personality.

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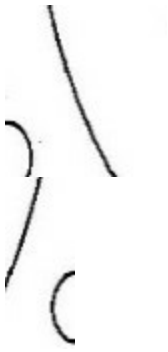
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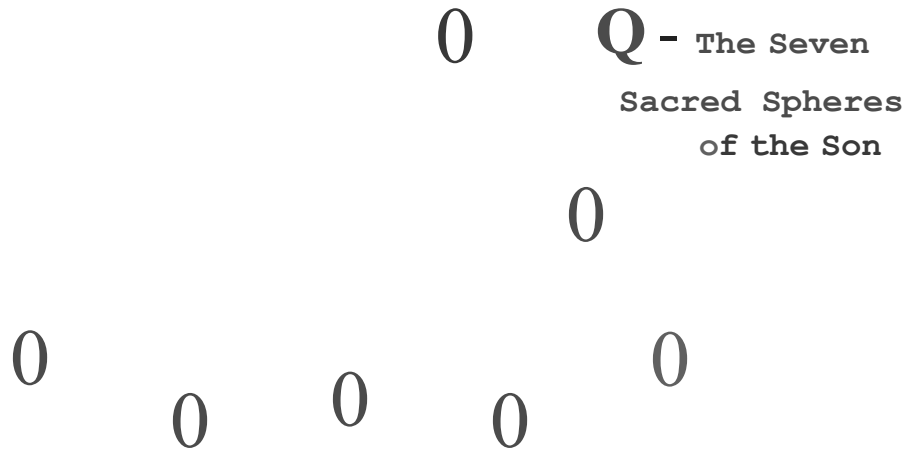
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Paradise



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Paradise is Eternal and the single largest creation in All Infinity. Located as the very nucleus of all creation • some 700,000 light years from our planet here - it is our *pre-destined* destiny and, if you so chose, where your mosl exquitse and personal Paradisicial home (right now) awaits the Eternal arrival of you'

Illustration B

PARADISE IS THE LOCATION OF OUR ETERNAL HOME!

Paradise is the eternal center of total creation - the master universe - and the abiding place of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and their divine co-ordinates and associates - and [right now] it includes, if you so decide, the location of the most glorious perfectly exquisite individual Paradise residential home -- awaiting you! This central Isle is the most gigantic organized body of cosmic reality in all the master universe. Paradise is a material sphere as well as a spiritual abode. All of the intelligent creation of the Universal Father is domiciled on material abodes; hence must the absolute controlling center also be material, literal. And remember, spirit things and spiritual beings are "real"!

God dwells, has dwelt, and everlastingly will dwell in this same central and eternal abode. The revelators have always found him there and record that we always will too. The Universal Father is cosmically focalized, spiritually personalized, and geographically

resident at this very center of total creation.

The revelators all know the direct course to pursue to find the Universal Father. Though we are

not (now) able to comprehend much about the divine residence because of its remoteness from us and the immensity of the intervening space, those who are able to comprehend the meaning of these enormous distances know God's location and residence just as certainly and literally as we could know the location of New York, London, Rome, or Singapore, cities definitely and geographically located on our planet. If you were an intelligent navigator, equipped with ship, maps, and compass, you could readily find these cities. Likewise, if you had the time and means of passage, were spiritually qualified, and had the necessary guidance, you could be piloted through the starry realms, until at last you would stand before the central shining of the spiritual glory of the Universal Father. Provided with all the necessities for the journey, it is just as possible to find the personal presence of God at the center of all things as to find distant cities on our own planet. That you have not visited these places in no way disproves their reality or actual existence. That so few of the universe creatures have found God on Paradise in no way disproves either the reality of his existence or the actuality of his spiritual person at the

very center of all things.

The Father is always to be found at the central location. Did he move, universal pandemonium would be precipitated, for there converge in him at this residential center the universal lines of gravity

from the ends of creation. Whether the personality circuit is traced back through the universes or follow the ascending personalities as they journey inward to the Father; whether the lines of material gravity is traced to nether Paradise or follow the insurging cycles of cosmic force; whether the lines of spiritual gravity is traced to the Eternal Son or follow the inward processional of the divine Sons of God; whether the mind circuits are traced out or follow the trillions upon trillion of celestial beings who spring from the Infinite Spirit - by any of these observations or by all of them, we are led directly back to the Father's presence, to his central abode. Here is God personally, literally, and actually present. And from His Infinite Being there flow the flood-streams of life, energy, and personality to all universes.

Paradise serves many purposes in the administration of the universal realms, its material beauty consisting in the magnificence of universal realms, its material beauty consisting in the magnificence of its physical perfection, but to creature beings it exists primarily as the

dwelling place of Deity. The personal presence of the Universal Father is resident at the very center of the upper surface of this geographically divided - upper, peripheral, nether (lower) surface - well-nigh circular, but not spherical, flat (coin-like) abode of the Deities. This Paradise presence of the

Universal Father is immediately surrounded by the personal presence of the Eternal Son, while they are both invested by the unspeakable glory of the Infinite Spirit.

Immediately surrounding the three concentric zones of the presence and eternal dwelling(s) of the Universal Father, surrounded by that of the Eternal Son, and the two, surrounded by that of the Infinite Spirit, is the vast concentric area named the Most Holy Sphere. Having no physical manifestations, only intellectual creations, it is this area where all Paradise personalities truly worship the Spirit Person of God. (And it is revealed that when Paradise personalities worship God, so strong and intense is their worship that even God must urge them - in His own loving way - to go on and be about the duty of their individual universe assignments!).

Surrounding the vast concentric zone of the Most Holy Sphere is the Holy Land or Holy Area - the outlying concentric residential region where "our" most exquisite eternal "individual" homes are [right now] awaiting our "personal" eternal individual arrival(s).

This Holy Area is large enough to reside almost an infinity of created personalities. In fact, if all the humanity to have ever lived on this planet were now to reside in these perfectly

beautiful and exquisitely landscaped (pre-existent) individual homes, only would a mere fraction of one-percent (1%) of this assigned area be occupied!

Divided into seven concentric zones, themselves divided into seven immense divisions each, it is the second of these concentric zones located near the actual Spirit Person of God- Himself and his associate Deities that you [right now] could actually find the perfect and exquisite individual eternal home awaiting, if you so choose, your personal, "eternal" Paradise arrival!

And to those of you, who do so choose - I'll see you there!

THE ETERNAL CENTRAL UNIVERSE

Moving out from the periphery of Paradise itself - Paradise abruptly ends! And if you would here imagine a finite, incon V- shaped plane, placed at right angles of both the upper and lower surfaces of Paradise - with its point nearly tangent this

periphery - and then visualizing this plane
in elliptical revolution about Paradise, its
revolution would (roughly) outline
the volume of pervaded
space. [See Illustration
A].

Pervaded space extends horizontally outward - through and beyond the current periphery of all creation. And with reference to any given location in creation, if one could move far enough at right angles either up or down (though how far is not known), eventually, the upper or lower limit of all creation would be encountered, and within these known dimensions, such limits draw further and further apart, at greater and greater distances, from the central location of Paradise itself.

Within the horizontal pattern of pervaded space, six concentric space levels revolve around the ellipsoid of Paradise, and each and all are surrounded by relatively quiet space zones. And the Eternal Isle of Paradise and the six concentric space levels together comprise the (present) total of all creation - and is named the Master Universe. [See Illustrations A & C].

As the first concentric space level revolves clockwise (in eternity) about the elliptic peripheral of Paradise, the second space level revolves counter-clockwise, the third space level revolves clockwise, and so on until the last and outer space level

revolves counter- clockwise (in time and space) in elliptical revolution about the Isle of Paradise. And it is this counter-balancing, in connection with the gravitational pull of lower Paradise, that

provides the entire stability of all the cosmos.

Having no beginning nor no end, or being not the result of any evolutionary development, the perfect eternal central universe maintains its **pre- existence** in the first concentric space level

- and is named Havona. [See Illustration D].

The Eternal Isle of Paradise and the simultaneously created perfect eternal central universe of Havona (together) serve as the Paradise- Havona system - and is commissioned to eternally be the actual Headquarters of all infinity!

And as its one day is just 7 minutes, 3 and 1/8th seconds less than one thousand (1,000) years of the planetary calendar of our leap year here, so too does this one day, in eternity, serve as the standard time measurement of the 2nd Space Level path of time and space (of which our planet is located); though each of the seven superuniverse, in time, maintains its own internal standard of time.

The first concentric space level comprises ten concentric stabilized units that all revolve around Paradise as one vast plane. [See Illustration D]. And this one

and only, wholly created, perfect eternal
central universe planetary family is the
external core of which all the creations of
time and space revolve.

The first three concentric circuits of Havona, having seven spheres each, are the twenty-one (21) sacred life spheres of Paradise. Together these 21 spheres embrace the potentials of the **function** of the Master Universe - in the Self- revelation of the Eternal I AM actualization of God, by God Himself.

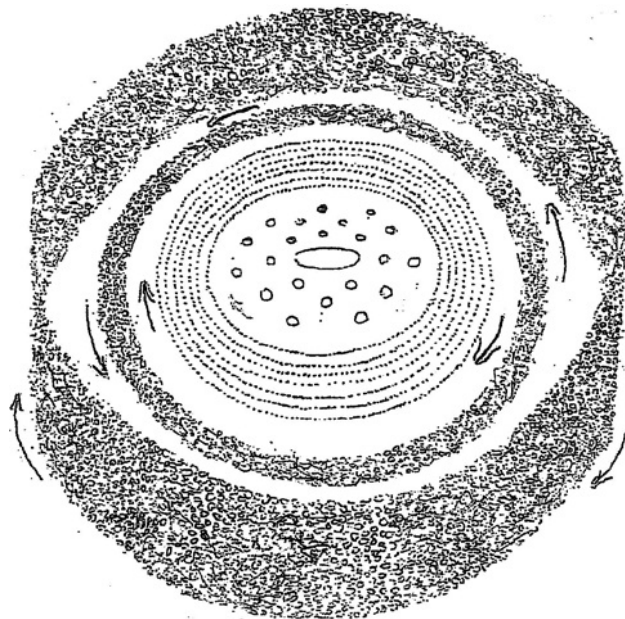
Traveling out from the clockwise processional of the three circuits of Paradise spheres, the seven concentric circuits of the Havona worlds are approached. Comprising one billion spheres of unimagined beauty and superb grandeur, each world is original and uniquely planned. And although each circuit differs having upward of 35 million worlds in its innermost circuit and over 245 million worlds in its outermost circuit, with varying proportions in between, each of these worlds in each of the seven circuits follow one another in a perfect orderly linear procession.

Of those of us who so choose, one by one we must traverse and visit each of these one billion Havona worlds as our final proving grounds to Paradise perfection, without actual replete perfection being attained on Paradise itself. And when on our visits of

the last of these billion worlds, we will
leave behind the urge-stimulation of our
present curiosity and its discover-
satisfactions inherent in time - to be
replaced

with the forward urge-impulses of the eternal-
satisfactions of our eternal spirit living.

THE GREAT UNIQUE BELT SURROUNDING



• Illustration D

THE ETRENAL CENTRAL UNIVERSE

THE GREAT UNIQUE BELT OF OUR 2nd SPACE LEVEL PATH

Continuing far out beyond the outskirts of the seventh circuit of the vast central universe of Havona, through the first semi-quiet space zone, there swirls a great belt of an unbelievable number. (See Illustration D).

These multitudinous dark masses are quite unlike other space bodies in many particulars; even in form they are very different. These dark gravity bodies neither reflect nor absorb light; they are nonreactive to physical-energy light, and they so completely encircle and enshroud Havona as to hide it from the view of even the near-by inhabited superuniverses of time and space.

Divided into two equal elliptical moving circuits of dark gravity bodies, the inner moving belt circuit revolves counterclockwise and the outer moving belt circuit revolves clockwise, and they are separated by the second unique space zone, a unique space intrusion—characterized by wave movements and permeated by tremendous

activities of an unknown order not found elsewhere in the whole wide universe.

The extraordinary mass of this great belt, coupled with the alternate direction of its inner

and outer circuits in motion, perfectly stabilize and physically balance the entirety of the vast eternal central universe of Havona.

The inner procession of dark gravity bodies is tubular in arrangement, consisting of three circular groupings. A cross section of this circuit would exhibit three concentric circles of about equal density. The outer circuit of dark gravity bodies is arranged perpendicularly, being 10,000 times higher than the inner circuit. And the up-and-down diameter of the out circuit is 50,000 times that of the transverse diameter. Truly is it a great unique belt!

Traveling some 400,000 lights years beyond the outermost borders of the first Space Level of Havona, through the (now) third semi-quiet space zone, the innermost circuits of the seven superuniverses in time are approached. And it is this seven superuniverse organization of seven trillion inhabitable worlds evolving, equally divided within of approximately one trillion inhabited or evolving inhabitable worlds each - that all together traverse and individually follow the pre-determined

counter-clockwise path of the great ellipse of the gigantic and elongated circle of our 2nd Space Level Path. (See Illustration E).

As regards **direction** on our planet - as of the beginning of this 21st Century Age, in our 2ndSpace

Level Path, Superuniverse One currently swings almost due north, approximately opposite, in an eastern direction, to the Paradise-Havona system of the vast central universe. And this eastern position, along with the corresponding western position, represents the nearest of our revolving worlds (in time) to physically approach the motionless reality of Paradise (in eternity).

THE SEVEN SPACE CONDITIONS AND MOTIONS THAT EXIST!

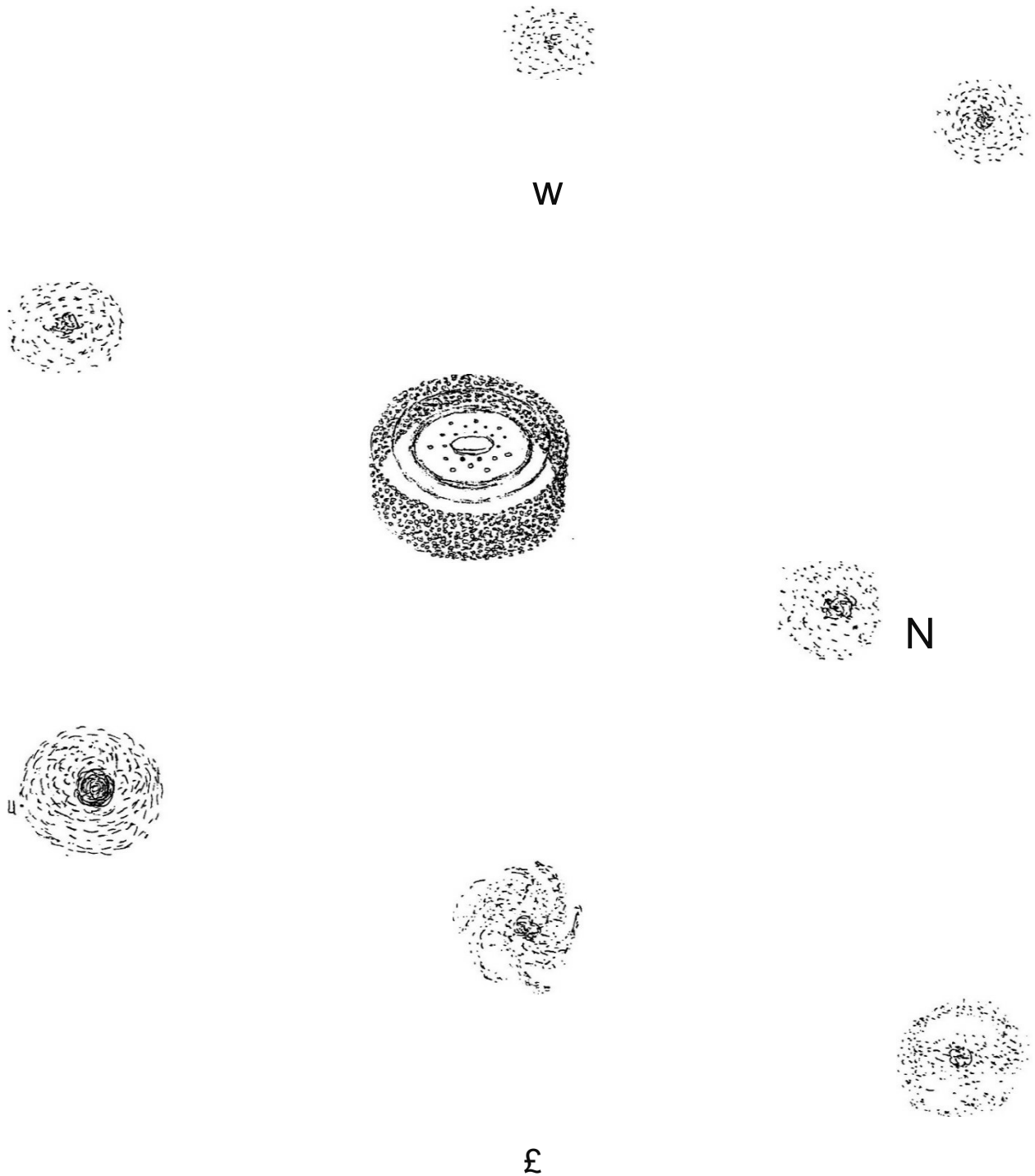
From the periphery of Paradise (in eternity), to the inner borders of the seven superuniverses (in time) - the following seven space conditions and motions exist:

1. The quiescent mid-space zones impinging on Paradise;
2. The clockwise processional of the three Paradise circuits of 21 sacred life spheres and the seven Havona circuits of one billion perfect spheres of unimagined beauty and superb grandeur;
3. The semi-quiet space zone separating the Havona circuits from the dark gravity bodies of the eternal central universe;

4. The inner, counter-clockwise moving belt of the dark gravity bodies;
5. The second unique space zone dividing the two space paths of the dark gravity bodies;

6. The outer belt of gravity bodies,
revolving clockwise around Paradise; and
7. A third space zone, a semi-quiet zone,
separating the outer belt of dark gravity
bodies from the innermost circuits of the
seven superuniverses.

THE GRAND UNI VERSE



THE GRAND UNIVERSE

The grand universe is the presently organized and inhabited material creation; and it consists of the central universe of Havona, in eternity, and the seven evolving superuniverses, in time - all revolving about the Paradise-Havona system. The seven superuniverses are unfinished and therefore new nebulae are constantly being organized. When finished, each superuniverse will contain 100,000 local universes, containing about 10,000,000 inhabited planets each.

It is 400,000 light years between the Great Unique Belt and our 2nd Space Level Path; and our seventh superuniverse, Orvonton, is presently located in the southeast between superuniverse one and six. Having a diameter of approximately 500,000 light years, containing more than ten trillion suns, practically all of the starry realms visible to our naked eye belong to Orvonton. Forming a watchlike, elongated-circular grouping, this great aggregation of suns, dark islands of space, double stars, globular clusters, star clouds, spiral and other nebulae - together with the myriads of

individual planets - is about one seventh of
the inhabited evolutionary universes; and
its vast Milky Way starry system
represents its central

nucleus. Gazing through the main body of this realm of maximum density, when the angle of observation is propitious, you are looking toward Paradise.

Our local universe, Nebadon, is located near the edge of Orvonton, and has not long since (as we reckon time) turned the southeastern bend of the Orvonton space level path. And well out towards the borderland of Nebadon is our planet Urantia, which belongs to our local system, Satania, and is a member of our solar system, Momantia.

Today, **Momantia** is a few billion years past the swing around the southern curvature of the 2nd Space Level Path so that we are just now advancing beyond the southeastern bend and are moving swiftly through the long and comparatively straightaway northern path. And for untold ages Orvonton will pursue this almost direct northerly course.

And consider, whereas one (1) light year is equal to 6 trillion of our standard planetary miles, it is some two hundred (200) thousand light years from Jerusem, the capital of our local system Satania, to the physical center of our 7th superuniverse, Orvonton; and a trifle less than two hundred

and fifty (250) thousand light years from the center of Orvonton to its outermost system of inhabited worlds. Truly, we are not alone!

Imagining the north end of Paradise in eternity, and the counter-clockwise direction of

our immense 2nd Space Level Path in time, Superuniverse Two is in the north, preparing for our path's westward swing; while Superuniverse Three, having already turned into the curve leading to the southernly plunge, now maintains the curve's northernmost segment. Whereas the advanced regions of Superuniverse Four are now approaching opposition to Paradise, and is on our path's comparatively straightaway flight, Superuniverse Five has almost left its position opposite Paradise, while continuing on the direct southernly course just proceeding the path's eastward swing. Superuniverse Six now occupies most of the southern curve, the segment from which our 7th Superuniverse, Orvonton, has nearly passed. And Orvonton, having not long turned the path's southeastern bend, swings between Superuniverse Six and One. Thereby, completing our great elliptic 2nd Space Level Path of the seven superuniverses in time.

[Oh yes, the location of our planet, Urantia, is denoted in Illustration E as 'U' !]

And the grand universe is not only a material creation of physical grandeur, spirit sublimity, and intellectual magnitude, it is also a magnificent and responsive living organism. There is actual life pulsating throughout the mechanism of the vast creation of the vibrant cosmos. This material and living organism is penetrated by

intelligence circuits, even as the human body is traversed by a network of neural sensation paths. This physical universe is permeated by energy lanes which effectively activate material creation, even as the human body is nourished and energized by the circulatory distribution of the assimilable energy products of nourishment. The vast universe is not without those co-ordinating centers of magnificent overcontrol which might be compared to the delicate chemical-control system of the human mechanism.

Much as mortals look to solar energy for life maintenance, so does the grand universe depend upon the unfailing energies emanating from nether Paradise to sustain the material activities and cosmic motions of space.

Mortal man is responsive to spirit guidance, even as the grand universe responds to the far-flung spirit-gravity grasp of the Eternal Son, the universal supermaterial cohesion of the eternal spiritual values of all the creations of the finite cosmos of time and space.

Man's urge for Paradise perfection, his striving for God-attainment, creates a genuine divinity tension in the living

cosmos which can only be resolved by the evolution of an immortal soul; this is what happens in the experience of a single mortal creature. 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 experiencing creatures, the Supreme Being.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SUPERUNIVERSES

Only the Universal Father knows the location and actual number of inhabited worlds in space; he calls them all by name and number. This revelator therefore could only give the approximate number of inhabited or inhabitable planets, for some local universes have more worlds suitable for intelligent life than others. Nor have all projected local universes been organized. Therefore, the estimates which are offered are only for the purpose of affording some idea of the immensity of the material creation.

There are seven superuniverse in the grand universe, and they are constituted approximately as follows:

1. **The System.** The basic unit of the

supergovernment consists of about one thousand (1,000) inhabited or inhabitable worlds. Blazing suns, cold worlds, planets too near hot suns, and other spheres not suitable for creature habitation are included in this group. These one thousand

worlds adopted to support life are called a system, but in the younger systems only a comparatively small number of these worlds may be inhabited. Each inhabited planet is presided over by a Planetary Prince, and each local system has an architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by a System Sovereign.

Satania, the name of our local system, is an unfinished system containing only 619 inhabited worlds. Such planets are numbered serially in accordance with their registration as inhabited worlds, as worlds inhabited by will creatures. Thus, was our planet Urantia given the number **606 of Satania**, meaning the 606th world in our local system on which the long evolutionary life process culminated in the appearance of human beings.

There are nearly two hundred spheres which are evolving so as to be ready for life implantation within the next few million years. **Jerusem** is the name of the headquarters' sphere.

The oldest inhabited world of Satania, world number one, is Anova, one of the forty-four satellites revolving around an

enormous dark planet but exposed to the differential light of three neighboring suns. Avona is in an advanced stage of progressive civilization.

2. **The Constellation.** One hundred systems (about 100,000 inhabitable planets) make-up a

constellation. Each constellation has an architectural headquarters sphere and is presided over by the Most Highs. **Norlatiadek** is the name of our constellation; and **Edentia** is the name of its headquarters and the seat of the administration of the Most Highs, the Constellation Fathers. Edentia is approximately one hundred times as large as our world Urantia.

3. **The Local Universe.** One hundred constellations (about 10,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a local universe. Each local universe has a magnificent architectural headquarters world and is ruled by one of the coordinate Creator Father-Sons of God of the order of Michael. The name of our local universe is **Nebadon**; and its headquarters capital is **Salvington**. The organization of planetary abodes is still progressing in Nebadon, for this universe is, indeed, a young cluster in the starry and planetary realms of our seventh superuniverse, Orvonton. At the last registry, there were 3,840,101 inhabited planets in Nebadon, and Satania, the local system of our world, is fairly typical of other systems. This local

universe sovereign is the God-man of Nebadon, Jesus of Nazareth and Michael of Salvington; for it was indeed this same Michael of Nebadon who was bestowed and born on our planet August 21, 7 B.C. at High Noon.

4. **The Minor Sector.** One hundred local universes

(about 1,000,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a minor sector of the superuniverse government; it has a wonderful headquarters world, whereon its rulers, the Recents of Days, administer the affairs of the minor sector. The name of our minor sector is **Ensa**, and its headquarters is **Uminor the third**.

5. **The Major Sector.** One hundred minor sectors (about 100,000,000,000 inhabitable worlds) make one major sector. Each sector is provided with a superb headquarters and is presided over by three Perfections of Days. Our major sector's name is **Splandon**; and its headquarters is **Umajor the fifth**.

6. **The Superuniverse.** Ten major sectors (about 1,000,000,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a superuniverse. Each superuniverse is provided with an enormous and glorious headquarters world and is ruled by three Ancients of Days. **Orvonton** is the name of our seventh superuniverse, and **Uversa** is the name of its spiritual and administrative headquarters. The glory, grandeur, and perfection of the Orvonton capital

surpasses any of the wonders of the time-space creations.

7. **The Grand Universe.** Seven superuniverses make- up the present organized grand universe, consisting of approximately seven trillion inhabitable worlds plus the architectural spheres of the one billion inhabited spheres of the eternal

central universe of Havona. The superuniverses are ruled and administered indirectly and reflectively from Paradise by the Seven Master Sprits. The billion worlds of Havona are directly administered by the Eternal of Days. If all the projected local universes and their component parts were established, there would be slightly less than five hundred billion architectural worlds in the seven superuniverses.

Excluding the Paradise-Havona spheres, the plan of universe organization provides for the following units:

Superuniverses	7	
Major Sectors	70	
Minor Sectors	-----	
7,000		
Local Universes	-----	
700,000		
Constellations	-----	
70,000,000		
Local Systems	-----	
7,000,000,000		
Inhabitable Planets	-----	
7,000,000,000,000		

Each of the seven superu

constituted, approximately as follows:

One System embraces, approximately -----
1,000 worlds

One Constellation (100 local systems) -----
100,000 worlds

One Universe (100 constellations) -----
10,000,000

worlds

One Minor Sector (100 universes) ----
1,000,000,000 worlds

One Major Sector (100 minor sets) -
100,000,000,000 worlds

One Superuniverse (10 major
sets)/1,000,000,000,000 worlds

All such estimates are approximations at best, for new systems are constantly evolving while other organizations are temporarily passing out of material existence.

OUR SEVENTH SUPERUNIVERSE

1. **Orvonton** is the name of the seventh superuniverse in which our planet, Urantia, is found, and **Uversa** is the name of its spiritual and administrative architectural headquarter capital. And the glory, grandeur, and perfection of this Orvonton capital surpasses any of the wonders of the time-space creations.
2. **Splandon** is the name of our major sector; and the name of its superb headquarters is **Umajor the fifth**.
3. **Ensa** is the name of our minor sector; and the name of its wonderful headquarters

world is **Uminor the third**.

4. **Nebadon** is the name of our local universe,
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5. **Norlatiadek** is the name of our constellation; and **Edentia** is the name of its architectural headquarters. Edentia is approximately one hundred times as large as our world Urantia.

6. **Satania** is the name of our local system, and **Jerusem** is the name of its headquarters sphere. The local system is the basic unit of the superuniverse government and consists of about one thousand inhabited or inhabitable worlds. Blazing suns, cold worlds, planets too near hot suns, and other spheres not suitable for creature habitation are not included in this group. These one thousand worlds adapted to support life are called a system, but in the younger systems only a comparatively small number

of these worlds may be inhabited.

Satania is an unfinished system containing only 619 inhabited worlds. There are thirty-six uninhabited planets nearing the life-endowment stage, and several are now being made ready for life-implantation; and there are nearly two hundred

spheres which are evolving so as to be ready for life implantation within the next few million years. Such planets are numbered serially in accordance with their registration as inhabited worlds. Our planet Urantia was thus given the number 606 of Satania, meaning the 606th world in our local system on which the long evolutionary life process culminated in the appearance of all us human beings.

The oldest inhabited world of Satania, world number one, is Avona, one of the forty-four satellites revolving around an enormous dark planet but exposed to the differential light of three neighboring suns; and Avona is in an advanced stage of progressive civilization.

7. **Urantia** is the universal nomenclature of our planet, and it is of origin of our sun, and our sun is one of the multifarious offspring of the Andronover nebula, which was one time organized as a component part of the physical power and material matter of our local universe Nebadon. And the great Andronover nebula itself took origin in the universal force-charge of space in our seventh

superuniverse Orvonton, long, long, ago.

THE INHABITED WORLDS

All mortal-inhabited worlds are
evolutionary

in origin and nature. These spheres are the spawning ground, the evolutionary cradle, of the mortal races of time and space. Each unit of the ascendant life is a veritable training school for the stage of existence just ahead, and this is true of every stage of our progressive Paradise ascent; just as true of the initial mortal experience on an evolutionary planet as of the final universe headquarters school of the Melchizedeks, a school which is not attended by ascending mortals until just before their translation to the regime of the superuniverse and the attainment of first-stage spirit existence.

All inhabited worlds are basically grouped for celestial administration into the local systems, and each of these local systems is limited to about one thousand evolutionary worlds. This limitation is by the decree of the Ancients of Days, and it pertains to actual evolutionary planets whereon mortals of survival status are living. Neither worlds finally settled in light and life - the final stage of planetary evolution - nor planets in the prehuman stage of life development are reckoned in this group.

Satania itself is an unfinished system

containing only 619 inhabited worlds. Such planets are numbered serially in accordance with their registration as inhabited worlds, as worlds inhabited by will creatures, such as ourselves.

Thus, was Urantia given the number 606 of Satania, meaning the 606th world in this local system on which the long evolutionary life process culminated in the appearance of human beings. There are thirty-six uninhabited planets nearing the life-endowment stage, and several are now being made ready for the Life Carriers. There are nearly two hundred spheres which are evolving so as to be ready for life implantation within the next few million years.

Not all planets are suited to harbor mortal life. Small ones having a high rate of axial revolution are wholly unsuited for life habitats. In several of the physical systems of Satania the planets revolving around the central sun are too large for habitation, their great mass occasioning oppressive gravity. Many of these enormous spheres have satellites, sometimes a half dozen or more, and these moons are often in size very near that of Urantia, so that they are almost ideal for habitation.

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PART II

The Paradise Creator Sons

Outside of the eternal and perfect central universe in the circle of eternity, God the Father functions in the evolving and perfecting universes of time and space, as creator, through the Creator Sons, His grandsons.

The Creator Sons are the makers and rulers of the local universes of time and space. These universe creators and sovereigns are of dual origin, embodying the characteristics of God the Father and God the Son.

In our 2nd Space Level Path, of a total of five in time and space, there are 700,000 local universes, organized into seven evolving superuniverses having 100,000 local universes comprising 10 million evolving inhabitable worlds each; all of which alternately revolve clockwise and counterclockwise around the one billion perfect worlds of the eternal central

universe, where they themselves revolve as well around the Eternal Isle of Paradise - where God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, each eternally reside.

In the vast work of organizing, evolving, and perfecting a local universe the high Creator Sons always enjoy the sustaining approval of the Universal Father. The relationship of the Creator Sons with their Paradise Father is touching and superlative. No doubt the profound affection of the Deity parents for their divine progeny is the wellspring of that beautiful and well-nigh divine love which even our mortal parents bear their children.

These primary Paradise Sons are personalized as Michaels. As they go forth from Paradise to found their universes, they are known as Creator Michaels. When settled in supreme authority, they are called Master Michaels. In our local universe of Nebadon the sovereign Creator Son is sometimes referred to as Christ Michael.

1. Our World

Our world is Urantia, one of many similar inhabited planets which comprise the local universe of Nebadon. This universe, together with similar creations, makes up the superuniverse of Orvonton. Orvonton is

one of the seven evolutionary superuniverses of time and space which circle the never-beginning, never-ending creation of divine perfection - the central universe of Havona. At the heart of this eternal and central universe is the stationary Isle of

Paradise, the geographic center of infinity and the dwelling place of our Eternal God.

The seven evolving superuniverses in association with the central and divine universe, commonly is referred to as the grand universe; these are the now organized and inhabited creations. (See Exh. A) They are all a part of the master universe which also embraces the uninhabited but mobilizing universes of outer space; (See Exh. B) where in the 1st Outer

Space Level, 490 trillion inhabitable worlds are now being prepared for which we are now being educated and trained in an adventurous journey to serve as their administrators and directors. (See Illustrations A and B). (See also Illustration C: Total Space).

2. The Creation of Local Universes

The Creator Sons are the designers, creators, builders, and administrators of their respective domains, the local universes of time and space, the basic creative units of the seven evolutionary

superuniverses. A Creator Son is permitted to choose the space site of his future cosmic activity, but before he may begin even the physical organization of his universe, he must spend a long period of observation devoted to the study of the

efforts of his older brothers in various creations located in the superuniverse of his projected action.

When a Creator Son departs from Paradise to embark upon the adventure of universe making, to become the head - virtually the God - of the local universe of his own organization, then, for the first time, he finds himself in intimate contact with, and in many respects dependent upon, the Third Source and Center. The Infinite Spirit, though abiding with the Father and the Son at the center of all things, is destined to function as the actual and effective helper of each Creator Son. Therefore is each Creator son accompanied by a Creative Daughter of the Infinite Spirit, that being who is destined to become the Divine Minister, the Mother Spirit of the new local universe - the Creative Spirit.

When such a perfect and divine Son has taken possession of the space site of his chosen universe; when the initial problems of universe materialization and of gross equilibrium have been resolved; when he has formed an effective and cooperative working

union with the complemental Daughter of the Infinite Spirit - then do this Universe Son and this Universe Spirit initiate that liaison which is designed to give origin to the innumerable hosts of their local universe children.

Their first-born native being is the Bright and

Morning Star, Gabriel - the local universe chief executive; and when a Michael Son is absent from his universe, its government is directed by him. During these absences a Creator Son is able to invest the associated Mother Spirit with the overcontrol of his spiritual presence on the inhabited worlds and in the hearts of his mortal children. And the Mother Spirit of a local universe remains always at its headquarters, extending her fostering care and spiritual ministry to the uttermost parts of such an evolutionary domain.

And remember, as the spirit circuit of the Divine Creative Mother Spirit is the Holy Spirit, the bestowal spirit of the Creator Son is the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter.

2. Universe Organization

The Creator Sons are preceded in universe organization by the power directors and other beings originating in the Third Source and Center. From the energies of space, thus previously organized, Michael,

our Creator Son, established the inhabited realms of our local universe of Nebadon and ever since has been painstakingly devoted to their administration. From pre-existent energy these

divine Sons materialize visible matter, project living creatures, and with the cooperation of the universe presence of the Infinite Spirit - the Creative Spirit, create a diverse retinue of spirit personalities.

The first completed act of physical creation in Nebadon consisted in the organization of the headquarters world, the architectural sphere of Salvington, with its satellites. From the time of the initial moves of the power centers and physical controllers to the arrival of the living staff on the completed spheres of Salvington, there intervened a little over one billion years of our present planetary time.

Salvington, the headquarters of Nebadon, is situated at the exact energy mass center of the local universe. But our local universe is not a single astronomic system, though a large system does exist at its physical center.

A local universe comprises one hundred constellations, each embracing one hundred systems of inhabited worlds. Each system will eventually contain approximately one

thousand inhabited spheres. Thus the construction of Salvington was immediately followed by the creation of the one hundred headquarters worlds of the projected constellations and the ten thousand headquarters spheres of the projected local systems of planetary

control and administration, together with their architectural satellites. Such architectural worlds are designed to accommodate both physical and spiritual personalities as well as the intervening morontia or transition stages of being - the immortal being(s), utilized to journey our next life experience(s), prior to our becoming eternal spirit beings.

Salvington is also the personal headquarters of Michael of Nebadon, but he will not always be found there.

While the smooth functioning of our local universe no longer requires the fixed presence of our Creator Son at the capital sphere, this was not true of the earlier epochs of physical organization.

A Creator Son is unable to leave his headquarters world until such a time as gravity stabilization of the realm has been effected through the materialization of sufficient energy to enable the various circuits and systems to counterbalance one another by mutual material attraction.

Presently, the physical plan of a universe is completed, and the Creator Son,

in association with the Creative Spirit,
projects his plan of life creation;
whereupon does this representation of the
Infinite Spirit begin her universe function
as a

distinct creative personality. When this first creative act is formulated and executed, there springs into being the Bright and Morning Star, the personification of this initial creative concept of identity and ideal of divinity. This is the chief executive of the universe - Gabriel, the personal associate of the Creator Son, one like him in all aspects of character, though markedly limited in the attributes of divinity.

And now that the right-hand helper and chief executive of the Creator Son has been provided, there ensues the bringing into existence of a vast and wonderful array of diverse creatures. (Detailed in the Urantia Book).

The sons and daughters of the local universe are forthcoming, and soon thereafter the government of such a creation is provided, extending from the supreme councils of the universe to the fathers of the constellations and the sovereigns of the local systems - the aggregations of those worlds which are designed subsequently to

become the homes of the varied mortal races of will creatures; and each of these worlds will be presided over by a Planetary Prince.

The organization of planetary abodes is still progressing in. Nebadon, for this universe is,

indeed, a young cluster in the starry and planetary realms of Orvonton, the nomenclature of our 7th Superuniverse in which Nebadon is found. At the last registry there were 3,840,101 inhabited planets in Nebadon, and Satania, the local system of our world Urantia, is fairly typical of other systems.

Satania is not a uniform physical system, a single astronomic unit or organization. Its 619 inhabited worlds, of which our planet Urantia evolved as Number 606, are located in over five hundred different physical systems. Only five have more than two inhabited worlds, and of these only one has four peopled planets, while there are forty-six having two inhabited worlds.

The Satania system of inhabited worlds is far removed from Uversa, the headquarters of Orvonton, and that great sun cluster which functions as the physical or astronomic center of our seventh superuniverse. From Jerusem, the headquarters of Satania, it is

over two hundred thousand light-years (at 6 trillion miles per light-year) to the physical center of our superuniverse of Orvonton, far, far away in the dense diameter of the Milky Way. Satania is on the periphery of our local universe Nebadon, and Nebadon is now well out towards the edge of Orvonton. And f c the outermost system of inhabited

worlds to the center of our superuniverse is a trifle less than two hundred and fifty thousand light-years.

The universe of Nebadon now swings far to the south and east in the superuniverse circuit of Orvonton. The nearest neighboring universes are: Avalon, Henselon, Sanselon, Portalon, Wolvering, Fanoving, and Alvoring.

While the Universal Father most certainly rules over His vast creation, He functions in a local universe administration through the person of the Creator Son. The Father does not otherwise personally function in the administrative affairs of a local universe. These matters are intrusted to the Creator Son and to the local universe Mother Spirit and to their manifold children. The plans, policies, and administrative acts of the local universe are formed and executed by this Son, who, in conjunction with his Spirit associate, delegates executive power to Gabriel and jurisdictional authority to the Constellation Fathers, System Sovereigns, and Planetary Princes.

Thus, although Michael's headquarters is

officially located on Salvington, the capital of Nebadon, he spends much of his time visiting the constellation and system headquarters and even the

individual planets. And periodically he journeys to Paradise and often to Uversa, where he counsels with the superuniverse rulers Ancient of Days. When he is away from Salvington, his place is assumed by Gabriel, who then functions as regent of the universe of Nebadon.

1. Local Universe Sovereignty

A Creator Son is given the range of a universe by the consent of the Paradise Trinity. Such action constitutes title of physical possession, a cosmic leasehold. But the elevation of a Michael Son from this initial and self-limited stage of rulership to the experiential supremacy of self-earned sovereignty comes as a result of his own personal experiences in the work of universe creation and incarnated bestowal. Until the achievement of bestowal-earned sovereignty, he rules as vicegerent of the Universal Father.

A Creator Son could assert full sovereignty over his personal creation at any time, but he wisely chooses not to. If, prior to passing through the creature bestowals, he assumed an unearned supreme sovereignty, the Paradise personalities assigned resident

in his local universe would withdraw. But this has never happened throughout all the creations of time and space.

The fact of creatorship implies the fullness

of sovereignty, but the Michaels choose to experientially earn it, thereby retaining the full cooperation of all Paradise personalities attached to the local universe administration. No Michael is known ever to do otherwise; but they all could, they are truly freewill Sons.

In accepting the initial vicegerent sovereignty of a projected local universe, a Creator Michael takes an oath to the Trinity not to assume supreme sovereignty until he completes seven creator bestowals and is certified by the superuniverse rulers - the Ancient of Days.

Even in the pre-bestowal ages a Creator Son rules his domain well-nigh supremely when there is no dissent in any of its parts. Limited rulership would hardly be manifest if sovereignty were never challenged. The sovereignty exercised by a pre-bestowal Creator Son in a universe without rebellion is no greater than in a universe with rebellion; but in the first instance sovereignty limitations are not apparent; in the second, they are. If ever the authority or administration of a Creator Son is challenged, attacked, or jeopardized, he is eternally pledged to uphold, protect, defend, and if necessary retrieve his personal

creation.

In settling the question of sovereignty in a local universe, the Creator Son is not only demonstrating his own fitness to rule but is also revealing the nature and portraying the sevenfold attitude of the Paradise Deities: God the Father, God

the Son, God the Spirit, God the Father and the Son, God the Father and the Spirit, God the Son and the Spirit, and God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

The finite understanding and creature appreciation of the Father's primacy is concerned in the adventure of a Creator Son when he condescends to take upon himself the form and experiences of his creatures. These primary Paradise Sons are the real revealers of the Father's loving nature and beneficent authority, the same Father who, in association with the Son and the Spirit, is the universal head of all power, personality, and government throughout all the universal realms.

Before the completion of the bestowal career a Creator Son rules with certain self-imposed limitations of sovereignty, but subsequent to his finished bestowal service he rules by virtue of his actual experience in the form and likeness of his manifold creatures. When a Creator has seven times sojourned among his creatures, when the bestowal career is finished, then is he supremely settled in universe authority; he has become a Master Son, a sovereign and supreme ruler.

2. The Michael Bestowals

There are seven groups of bestowal Creator Sons, and they are so classified in accordance with the number of times they have bestowed themselves

upon the creatures of their realms. They range from the initial experience up through five additional spheres of progressive bestowal until they attain the seventh and final episode of creature-Creator experience.

The seven bestowals of a Creator Son involve his appearing on seven creature levels of being and pertain to the revelation of the seven primary expressions of the will and nature of Deity. Without exception, all Creator Sons pass through this seven times giving of themselves to their created children before they assume settled and supreme jurisdiction over the universes of their own creator.

Though these seven bestowals vary in different sectors and universes, they always embrace the mortal-bestowal adventure. In the final bestowal a Creator Son appears as a member of one of the higher mortal races on some inhabited world. Only once in his sevenfold career as a bestowal Son is a Paradise Michael born of woman as we have in our record of the babe of Bethlehem. Only once does he live and die as a member of the lowest order of evolutionary will creatures.

After each of his bestowals a Creator Son proceeds to the "right hand of the Father," there to gain the Father's acceptance of the bestowal and to receive instruction preparatory to the next episode of universe service. Following the seventh

and final bestowal a Creator Son receives from the Universal Father supreme authority and jurisdiction over his universe.

It is of record that the divine Son of last appearance on our planet (as Jesus Christ Michael) was a Paradise Creator Son who had completed six phases of his bestowal career; consequently, when he gave up the conscious grasp of this incarnated life on our planet Urantia, he could, and did, truly say, "It is finished" - it was literally finished. His death upon the cross of Calvary completed his bestowal career; it was the last step in fulfilling the sacred oath of a Paradise Creator Son. And when this experience has been acquired, such Sons are supreme universe sovereigns; no longer do they rule as vicegerents of the Father but in their own right and name as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." With certain stated exceptions these sevenfold bestowal Sons are unqualifiedly supreme in the universes of their abode. Concerning his local universe, he is God, for "all power in heaven and on earth" was relegated to this triumphant and enthroned Master Son.

The Master Michaels are supreme in their own local universes when once they have been

installed as sovereign rulers. The few limitations upon their rule are those inherent in the cosmic pre-existence of certain forces and personalities. Otherwise these Master Sons are supreme in authority, responsibility, and administrative power in their

respective universes; they are as Creators and Gods, supreme in virtually all things. There is no penetration beyond their wisdom regarding the functioning of a given universe.

After his elevation to settled sovereignty in a local universe a Paradise Michael is in full control of all functioning in his domain, and such Sons do make and carry out the plans of their own choosing in all matters of special planetary needs, in particular regarding the worlds of their creature sojourn and still more concerning the realm of terminal bestowal, the planet of incarnation in the likeness of mortal flesh. That means in our case - right here!

The Master Sons seem to be in perfect communication with their bestowal worlds. This contact is maintained by their own spiritual presence, the Spirit of Truth, which they are able to "pour out upon all flesh." These Master Sons also maintain an unbroken connection with the Eternal Mother Son at the center of all things. They possess a sympathetic reach which extends from the Universal Father on high to the lowly races of planetary life in the realms of time.

PART IV

THE BESTOWALS OF CHRIST MICHAEL

When the Eternal Son bestows a Creator Son upon a projected local universe, the Creator Son assumes full responsibility for the completion, control, and composure of that new universe, including the solemn oath to the eternal Trinity not to assume full sovereignty of the new creation until his seven creature bestowals shall have been successfully completed and certified by the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse of jurisdiction. This obligation is assumed by every Michael Son who volunteers to go out from Paradise to engage in universe organization and creation.

The purpose of these creature incarnations is to enable such Creators to become wise, sympathetic, just, and understanding sovereigns. These divine Sons are innately just, but they become understandingly merciful as a result of these successive bestowal experiences; they

are naturally merciful, but these experiences make them merciful in new and additional ways. These bestowals are the last steps in their education and training for the sublime tasks of ruling the local universes in

divine righteousness and by just judgment.

Though numerous incidental benefits accrue to the various worlds, systems, and constellations, as well as to the different orders of universe intelligences affected and benefited by these bestowals, still they are primarily designed to complete the personal training and universe education of a Creator Son himself. These bestowals are not essential to the wise, just, and efficient management of a local universe, but they are absolutely necessary to a fair, merciful, and understanding administration of such a creation, teeming with its varied forms of life and its myriads of intelligent but imperfect creatures.

The Michael Sons begin their work of universe organization with a full and just sympathy for the various orders of beings whom they have created. They have vast stores of mercy for all these differing creatures, even pity for those who err and flounder in the selfish mire of their own production. But such endowments of justice and

righteousness will not suffice in the estimate of the Ancients of Days. These triune rulers of the superuniverses will never certify a Creator Son as Universe Sovereign until he has really acquired the viewpoint of his own

creatures by actual experience in the environment of their existence and as these very creatures themselves. In this way such Sons become intelligent and understanding rulers; they come to know the various groups over which they rule and exercise universe authority. By living experience, they possess themselves of practical mercy, fair judgment, and the patience born of experiential creature existence.

Our local universe of Nebadon is now ruled by a Creator Son who has completed his service of bestowal; he reigns in just and merciful supremacy over all the vast realms of his evolving and perfecting universe. Michael of Nebadon is the 611,121st bestowal of the Eternal Son upon the universes of time and space, and he began the organization of our local universe about four hundred billion years ago. Michael made ready for his first bestowal adventure about the time our planet Urantia was taking on its present form, one billion years ago. His bestowals have occurred about one hundred and fifty million years apart, the last taking place here on our planet, as of this

writing, about two thousand years ago - or
precisely at High Noon, August 21, 7. B.C.
through just before three o'clock in the
afternoon, Friday, April 7, 30
- the precise period of Jesus' life on earth.

First Michael passed through

experience of three orders of his created universe Sons: the Melchizedeks, the Lanonandeks, and the Material Sons. Next he condescended to personalize in the likeness of angelic life as a supreme seraphim before turning his attention to the various phases of the ascending careers of those of us, his lowest form of will creatures, the evolutionary mortals of time and space.

1. The First Bestowal

It was a solemn occasion on Salvington almost one billion years ago when the assembled directors and chiefs of the universe of Nebadon heard Michael announce that his elder Paradise brother, Immanuel, the Union of Days, would presently assume authority in Nebadon while he (Michael) would be absent on an unexplained mission. No other announcement was made about this transaction except that the farewell broadcast the Constellation Fathers, among other instructions, said: "And for this period I place you under the care and keeping of

Immanuel while I go to do the bidding of my Paradise Father."

After sending this farewell broadcast, Michael appeared on the dispatching field of Salvington, just as on many previous occasions when preparing

for departure to Uversa or Paradise except that he came alone. He concluded his statement of departure with these words: "I leave you but for a short season. Many of you, I know, would go with me, but whither I go you cannot come. That which I am about to do, you cannot do. I go to do the will of the Paradise Deities, and when I have finished my mission and have acquired this experience, I will return to my place among you." And having thus spoken, Michael of Nebadon vanished from the sight of all those assembled and did not reappear for twenty years of Salvington standard time. [The standard day of Nebadon is equal to eighteen days and six hours of Urantia time (on our planet) plus two and one-half minutes. The Nebadon year consists of a segment of the time of universe swing in relation to the Uversa (capital of our 7th superuniverse) circuit and is equal to 100 days of standard universe time, about five years of Urantia time. Nebadon time, broadcast from Salvington, is the standard for all constellations and systems in our local

universe of Nebadon.] In all Salvington, only the Divine Minister and Immanuel knew what was taking place, and the Union of Days shared his secret only with the chief executive of the universe, Gabriel, the Bright and Morning Star.

All the inhabitants of Salvington and those dwelling on the constellation and system headquarters worlds assembled about their respective receiving stations for universe intelligence, hoping to get some word of the mission and whereabouts of the Creator Son. Not until the third day after Michael's departure was any message of possible significance received. On this day a communication was registered on Salvington from the Melchizedek sphere, the headquarters of that order in Nebadon, which simply recorded this extraordinary and never-before-heard-of transaction: "At noon today there appeared on the receiving field of this world a strange Melchizedek Son, a universe intelligent advisor, not of our number but wholly like our order. He was accompanied by a solitary omniaphim {exclusive spirit servants and messengers in ultimate liaison with the Infinite Spirit) who bore credentials from Uversa and presented orders addressed to our chief, derived from the Ancients of Days and concurred in by Immanuel of Salvington, directing th2t this

new Melchizedek Son be received into our order and assigned to the emergency service of the Melchizedeks of Nebadon. And it has been so ordered; it has been done."

And this is about all that appeared on the records of Salvington regarding the first Michael bestowal. Nothing more appears until after one hundred years of Urantia when there was recorded the fact unannounced resumption of universe affairs. But a strange record is to be found on the Melchizedek world, a recital of the service of this unique emergency corps of that preserved in a simple temple which now occupies the foreground of the home of the Father Melchizedek, the first executive associate of the Bright and Morning Star, and it comprises the narration of the service of this transitory Melchizedek Son in connection with his assignment to twenty-four missions of universe emergency. And this record ends thus:

"And at noon on this day, without previous announcement and witnessed by only three of our brotherhood, this visiting Son of our order disappeared from our world as he came accompanied only by a solitary omniaphim; and this record is now closed with the certification that this visitor lived as a Melchizedek, in the likeness of a Melchizedek he worked as a Melchizedek, and he

faithfully performed all of his assignments as an emergency Son of our order. By universal consent he has become chief of Melchizedeks, having earned our love and adoration by his matchless wisdom supreme love, and superb devotion to duty. He loved us, understood us, and served us, and forever we are his loyal and devoted fellow Melchizedeks, for this stranger on our world has now eternally become a universe minister of Melchizedek nature."

Thereby, the ruler of a universe, the creator of the Melchizedeks, had so suddenly and mysteriously become one of their number and, as one of them, lived among them and worked as a Melchizedek Son for one hundred years.

1. Father Melchizedek and The Melchizedek Sons

After bringing into existence the beings of personal aid, such as the Bright and Morning Star and other administrative personalities, in accordance with the divine

purpose and creative plans of a given universe, there occurs a new form of creative union between the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit, the local universe Daughter of the Infinite Spirit. The personality offspring resulting from this creative partnership is the

original Melchizedek - the Father Melchizedek - that unique being who subsequently collaborates with the creator Son and the Creative Spirit to bring into existence the entire group of that name.

In our universe of Nebadon the Father Melchizedek acts as the first executive associate of the Bright and Morning Star. Gabriel is occupied more with universe policies, Melchizedek with practical procedures. Gabriel presides over the special, extraordinary, and emerging commissions and advisory bodies. Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek are never away from Salvington at the same time, for in Gabriel's absence the Father Melchizedek functions as the chief executive of Nebadon.

The Melchizedeks are the first order of divine Sons to approach sufficiently near the lower creature life to be able to function directly in the ministry of mortal uplift, to intellectually serve our evolutionary races without the necessity of incarnation; though on our planet, a

Melchizedek, Machiventa Melchizedek, did
bestow himself in the likeness of mortal
flesh as the Sage of Salem in the days of
Abraham. These Sons are naturally at the mid-
point of the great personality

descent from God Himself, by origin being just about midway between the highest Divinity and the lowest creature life of creature- will endowment. They thus become the natural intermediaries between the higher and divine levels of living existence and the lower, even our material, forms of life on the evolutionary worlds. The seraphic orders, the angels, delight to work with the Melchizedeks; in fact, all forms of intelligent life find in these Sons understanding friends, sympathetic teachers, and wise counselors.

The Melchizedek order of sonship occupies the position, and assumes the responsibility, of the eldest son in a large family. Most of their work is regular and somewhat routine, but much of it is voluntary and altogether self-imposed. A majority of the special assemblies which, from time to time, convene on Salvington are called on motion of the Melchizedeks. On their own initiative these Sons patrol their native universe. They maintain an autonomous organization devoted to universe

intelligence. making periodical reports to the Creator Son independent of all information coming up to universe headquarters through the regular agencies concerned with the routine administration of the realm. They are by nature unprejudiced

observers; they have the full confidence of all classes of intelligent beings.

These eldest Sons of a universe are the chief aids of the Bright and Morning Star in carrying out the mandates of the Creator Son. When a Melchizedek goes to a remote world in the name of Gabriel, he may, for the purposes of that particular mission, be deputed in the name of the sender and in that event will appear on the planet of assignment with the full authority of the Bright and Morning Star. There is no phase of planetary spiritual need to which they do not minister. They are the teachers who so often win whole worlds of advanced life to the final and full recognition of the Creator Son and his Paradise Father.

3. The Second Bestowal

For almost one hundred and fifty million years after the Melchizedek bestowal of Michael, all went well in the universe of Nebadon, when trouble began to brew in system

11 of constellation 37. This trouble involved a misunderstanding by a Lanonandek Son, a System Sovereign, which had been adjudicated by the Vorondadeks, the Constellation Fathers,

uniformly found at the head of each constellation government in every local universe, and approved by the Faithful of Days, the Paradise counselor to that constellation, but the protesting System Sovereign was not fully reconciled to the verdict. After more than one hundred years of dissatisfaction he led his associates in one of the most widespread and disastrous rebellions against the sovereignty of the Creator Son ever instigated in our universe of Nebadon, a rebellion long since adjudicated and ended by the action of the Ancients of Days on Uversa.

This rebel System Sovereign, Lutentia, reigned supreme on his headquarters planet for more than twenty years of standard Nebadon time (about 100 Urantia years); whereupon, the Most Highs of our Constellation Norlatiadek - the three Vorondadek Sons (Constellation Fathers) - commissioned Gabriel, with approval from Uversa, ordered his segregation and requisitioned the Salvington rulers for the designation of a new System Sovereign to

assume direction of that strife-torn and confused system of inhabited worlds.

Simultaneously with the reception of this request on Salvington, Michael initiated the second of these extraordinary proclamations of intention

to be absent from the universe headquarters for the purpose of "doing the bidding of my Paradise Father," promising to "return in due season" and concentrating all authority in the hands of his Paradise brother, Immanuel, the Union of Days.

And then, by the same technique observed at the time of his departure in connection with the Melchizedek bestowal, Michael again took leave of his headquarters sphere. Three days after this unexplained leave-taking there appeared among the reserve corps of the primary Lanonandek Sons of Nebadon, a new and unknown member. This new Son appeared at noon, unannounced and accompanied by a lone tertiaphim (liaison ministers between the Creator Son and the Ancients of Days triune rulers of the superuniverse) who bore credentials from the Uversa Ancients of Days, certified by Immanuel of Salvington, directing that this new Son be assigned to system 11 of constellation 37 as the successor of the deposed Lutentia and with full authority as

acting System Sovereign pending the
appointment of a new Sovereign.

For more than seventeen years of universe
time this strange and unknown temporary
ruler administered the affairs and wisely
adjudicated the

difficulties of this confused and demoralized local system. No System Sovereign was ever more ardently loved or more widely honored and respected. In justice and mercy this new ruler set the turbulent system in order while he painstakingly ministered to all his subjects, even offering his rebellious predecessor the privilege of sharing the system throne of authority if he would only apologize to Immanuel for his indiscretions. But Lutentia spurned these overtures of mercy, well knowing that this new and strange System Sovereign was none other than Michael, the very universe ruler whom he had so recently defied. But millions of his misguided and deluded followers accepted the forgiveness of this new ruler, known in that age as the Savior Sovereign of the system of Palonia.

And then came that eventful day on which there arrived the newly appointed System Sovereign, designated by the universe authorities as the permanent successor of the deposed Lutentia, and all Palonia mourned the departure of the most noble and the most

benign system ruler that Nebadon had ever known. He was beloved by all the system and adored by his fellows of all groups of the Lanonandek Sons. His departure was not unceremonious; a great celebration was arranged

when he left the system headquarters. Even his erring predecessor sent this message: "Just and righteous are you in all your ways. While I continue in rejection of the Paradise rule, I am compelled to confess that you are a just and merciful administrator."

And then did this transient ruler of a rebellious system take leave of the planet of his short administrative sojourn, while on the third day thereafter Michael appeared on Salvington and resumed the direction of the universe of Nebadon.

4. The Lanonandek Sons

After the creation of the Vorondadeks, the Constellation Fathers, the Creator Son and the Universe Mother Spirit unite for the purpose of bringing into existence the third order of universe sonship, the Lanonandeks. Although occupied with varied tasks connected with the system administrations, they are best known as System Sovereigns, the rulers of the local systems of 1,000 evolving

inhabitable worlds each, and as Planetary Princes, the inhabited worlds' administrative heads. Our universe of Nebadon began its existence with exactly twelve million Lanonandeks.

Since Lanonandeks are a somewhat lower order of sonship than the Melchizedeks and the Vorondadeks, they are of even greater service in the subordinate units of the universe, for they are capable of drawing nearer us lower creatures of the intelligent races. They also stand in greater danger of going astray, of departing from the acceptable technique of universe government. But these Lanonandeks are the most able and versatile of all local universe administrators. In executive ability they are excelled only by Gabriel and his unrevealed associates.

Our local universe has been unfortunate in that over seven hundred Sons of the Lanonandek order have rebelled against the universe government, thus precipitating confusion in several systems and on numerous planets. Of all the local universes in Orvonton, our universe had, with the exception of Henselon, lost the largest number of this order of Sons. On Uversa it is the consensus that we have had so much administrative trouble in Nebadon because our Sons of the Lanonandek order have been

created with such a large degree of personal liberty in choosing and planning. This observation is not by way of criticism. The Creator of our universe, Michael of Nebadon, has full authority and power to do this. It is the contention

of our high rulers that, while such free-choosing Sons make excessive trouble in the earlier ages of the universe, when things are fully sifted and finally settled, the gains of higher loyalty and fuller volitional service on the part of these thoroughly tested Sons will far more than compensate for the confusion and tribulations of earlier times.

The Lanonandeks are the continuous rulers of the planets and the rotating sovereigns of the systems. Such a Son now rules on Jerusem, the headquarters of our local system of inhabited worlds, Satania.

In the event of rebellion on a system headquarters, such as occurred on ours during the Lucifer rebellion, a new sovereign is usually installed within a comparatively short time; but not so on the individual planets, as in our planet's rebellion, the Planetary Prince, Caligastia, remained. The inhabited planets are the component units of the material creation, and creature free Mill is a factor in the final adjudication of all sue problems.

Successor Planetary Princes are designated for isolated worlds, planets whose princes of authority may have gone astray, but they do not assume active rulership of such worlds until the results of insurrection are partially overcome

and removed by the remedial measures adopted by the Melchizedeks and other ministering personalities. Rebellion by a Planetary Prince instantly isolates his planet - as is ours, presently; the local spiritual circuits being immediately severed. Only a bestowal Son can reestablish interplanetary lines of communication on such a spiritually isolated world.

There exists a plan for saving these wayward and unwise Sons, and many have availed themselves of this merciful provision; but never again may they function in those positions wherein they defaulted. After rehabilitation they are assigned to custodial duties and to departments of physical administration.

4. The Third Bestowal

The supreme council on Salvington had just finished the consideration of the Life Carriers - who are intrusted with establishing physical life on the evolving

worlds - on planet 217 in system 87 in
constellation 61 for the dispatch to their
assistance of a Material Son, the biologic
uplifters to upstep primitive man. Now this
planet

was situated in a system of inhabited worlds where another System Sovereign had gone astray, the second such rebellion in all Nebadon up to that time.

Upon the request of Michael, action on the petition of the Life Carriers of this planet was deferred pending its consideration by Immanuel and his report thereon. Not held long in suspense, Michael thereafter proceeded to place universe direction in the hands of Immanuel, while he intrusted command of the celestial forces to Gabriel, and having thus disposed of his administrative responsibilities, he took leave of the Universe Mother Spirit and vanished from the dispatching field of Salvington precisely as he had done on two previous occasions.

And, as might have been expected, on the third day thereafter there appeared, unannounced, on the headquarters world of system 87 in constellation 61, a strange Material Son, accompanied by a lone seconaphim (a "reflective" living mirror

angel wherein the Ancients of Days, the
superuniverse rulers, were enabled to
perceive the voice of the Master Son of
Nebadon) accredited by the Uversa Ancients
of Days, and certified by Immanuel of

Salvington. Immediately the acting System Sovereign appointed this new and mysterious Material Son acting Planetary Prince of world 217, and this designation was at once confirmed by the Most Highs of constellation 61.

Thus did this unique Material Son begin his difficult career on a quarantined world of secession and rebellion, located in a beleaguered system without any direct communication with the outside universe, working alone for one whole generation of planetary time. This emergency Material Son effected the repentance and reclamation of the defaulting Planetary Prince and his entire staff and witnessed the restoration of the planet to the loyal service of the Paradise rule as established in the local universes. In due time a Material Son and Daughter, biologic uplifters sex pairs, arrived on this rejuvenated and redeemed world, and when they had been duly installed as visible planetary rulers, the transitory or emergency Planetary Prince took formal

leave, disappearing at noon one day. On the third day thereafter, Michael appeared in his accustomed place on Salvington, and very soon the superuniverse broadcasts carried the fourth proclamation of the Ancients of Days announcing the

further advancement of the sovereignty of Michael of Nebadon.

Never, since this marvelous bestowal as the Planetary Prince of a world in isolation and rebellion, have any of the Material Sons or Daughters in Nebadon been tempted to complain of their assignments or to find fault with the difficulties of their planetary missions. For all time the Material Sons know that in the Creator Son of the universe they have an understanding sovereign and a sympathetic friend, one who has in "all points been tried and tested," even as they must also be tried and tested.

Each of these missions was followed by an age of increasing service and loyalty among all celestial intelligences of universe origin, while each succeeding bestowal age was characterized by advancement and improvement in all methods of universe administration and in all techniques of government. Since this bestowal no Material Son or Daughter has ever knowingly joined in rebellion against

Michael; they love and honor him too
devotedly ever consciously to reject him.
Only through deception and sophistry have
the Adams and Eves of recent times - as
occurred on our planet -

been led astray by higher personalities.

6. The Material Sons

During the dispensation of a Planetary Prince, primitive man reaches the limit of natural evolutionary development, and this biologic attainment signals the System Sovereign to dispatch to such a world the second order of sonship, the biologic uplifters. These Sons, for there are two of them - the Material Son and Daughter - are usually known on a planet as Adam and Eve, varying in height from eight to ten feet, can be seen by the native mortals, and their bodies glow with the brilliance of radiant light of a violet hue. The material or sex Sons and Daughters are the offspring of the Creator Son; the Universe Mother Spirit does not participate in the production of these beings who are destined to function as physical uplifters on the evolutionary worlds. These Material Sons (the Adams) and Material Daughters (the Eves) are equal to

each other, differing only in reproductive nature and in certain chemical endowments. They are equal but differential, male and female - hence complementary - and are designed to serve on almost

all assignments in pairs.

The Material Sons enjoy a dual nutrition; they are really dual in nature and constitution, partaking of material energy much as do the mortal physical beings of the realm. while their immortal existence is fully maintained by the direct and automatic intake of certain sustaining cosmic energies - from the "Tree of Life." Should they fail on some mission of assignment or even consciously and deliberately rebel, this order of Sons becomes isolated - as occurred by our Adam and Eve, cut off from connection with the universe source of light and life; that is, being surcharged with divine energy and saturated with celestial light. Thereupon they become practically material beings, destined to take the course of material life on the world of their assignment and compelled to look to the universe magistrates for adjudication. Material death will eventually terminate the planetary career of such an unfortunate and unwise Material Son or Daughter.

Here, Adam lived for 530 years; he died of what might be termed old age. His physical mechanism simply wore out; the process of disintegration gradually gained on the process of repair, and the inevitable end came. Eve had died

nineteen years previously of a weakened heart. They were both buried in the center of the temple of divine service in the Second Garden of Eden in Mesopotamia, just a short way south where the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers came close together. On Jerusem, the capital of our local system of Satania, at the center of the seven angelic residential circles is located the headquarters of the Urantia advisory council, where both Adam and Eve serve on what John the Revelator called the four and twenty elders: the four and twenty counselors.

7. The Fourth Bestowal

It was at the end of one of the periodic millennial roll calls of Uversa that Michael proceeded to place the government of Nebadon in the hands of Immanuel and Gabriel; and, of course, recalling what had happened in times past following such action, all were prepared to witness Michael's disappearance on his fourth mission of bestowal, and were not long

kept waiting, for he shortly went out upon
the Salvington dispatching field and was
lost to view.

On the third day after

disappearance was observed in the universe broadcasts Uversa, this significant news item from the seraphic headquarters of Nebadon: "Reporting the unannounced arrival of an unknown seraphim, accompanied by a solitary supernaphim (perfect beings, placed in command of the seraphic hosts ministering on worlds isolated because of rebellion) and Gabriel of Salvington. This unregistered seraphim qualifies as of the Nebadon order and bears credentials from the Uversa Ancients of Days, certified by Immanuel of Salvington. This seraphim tests out as belonging to the supreme order of the angels of a local universe and has already been assigned to the corps of the teaching counselors."

Michael was absent from Salvington during this, the seraphic bestowal, for a period of over forty standard years. During this time he was attached as a seraphic teaching counselor, what we might denominate a private secretary, to twenty-six different master teachers, functioning on

twenty-two different worlds. His last or terminal assignment was a counselor and helper attached to a bestowal mission of a Trinity Teacher Son (divine Sons of the Paradise Trinity who arrive on the

evolutionary world to effect the transition from the evolutionary ages to the settled era of "light and life") on world 462 in system 84 of constellation 3 in the universe of Nebadon. And so it has become forever true, concerning angels, that their Creator and Ruler has been "'in all points tried and tested in the likeness of seraphic personality."

Now has Michael passed through the bestowal experience of three orders of his created universe Sons: the Melchizedeks, the Lanonandeks, and the Material Sons. As these successive bestowals partook increasingly of the nature of the lower forms of universe life, Gabriel became more and more an associate of these incarnation adventures, functioning as the universe liaison between the bestowed Michael and the acting universe ruler, Immanuel.

Michael having next condescending to personalize in the likeness of angelic life as a supreme seraphim, he now turns his attention to the various phases of the

ascending careers of all us, his lowest form
of will creatures, the evolutionary mortals
of time and space.

8. The Seraphim

Produced by the Infinite Spirit, as personalized on the local universe headquarters, the Creative Mother Spirit, seraphim are created for higher-level ministry for one or more seraphic services.

The fourth creature bestowal of the Creator Son was in the likeness of a teaching counselor of the supreme seraphim of Nebadon. These seraphim (angels) are the invaluable assistants of the spiritual teaching corps of the local universe; becoming associates of the division chiefs of the numerous educational and training institutions of the local universes, and they are attached in large numbers to the faculties of the seven training worlds of the local systems and of the seventy educational spheres of the constellations. These ministrations extend on down to the individual worlds. Even the true and consecrated teachers of time are assisted, and often attended, by these counselors of the supreme seraphim.

Teaching counselors are secretaries of all orders of teachers, from the Melchizedeks down to the morontia (immortal) mortals who are assigned as helpers to those

of their kind who are just behind them in the scale of ascendent life. We will first see these associate teaching seraphim on some one of the seven mansion worlds surrounding Jerusem.

Human beings sometime find it hard to understand tha.t a created capacity for higher-level ministry

does not necessarily imply ability to function on relatively lower service levels. We begin our life as a helpless infant; hence every mortal attainment must embrace all experiential prerequisites; seraphim have no such preadult life -- no childhood. They are, however, experiential creatures, and by experience and through additional education they can augment their divine and inherent endowment of ability by the experiential acquirement of functional skill in one or more of the seraphic services.

After being commissioned, seraphim are assigned to the reserves of their inherent group. Those of planetary and administrative status often serve for long periods as originally classified, but the higher the inherent function level, the more persistent do the angelic ministers seek assignment to the lower orders of universe service. Especially do they desire assignment to the reserves of the planetary helpers, and if successful they enroll in the celestial schools attached to the headquarters of the Planetary Prince of some evolutionary world. Here they begin the study of the languages, history, and local habits of the races of mankind. Seraphim must acquire knowledge and gain experience much as do human beings. They

are not far removed from us as human beings in certain personality attributes. And they all crave to start at the bottom, on the lowest possible level of ministry; thus may they hope to achieve the highest

possible level of experiential destiny.

9. The Fifth Bestowal

A little over three hundred million years ago, as time is reckoned here on Urantia, another of those transfers of universe authority to Immanuel was witnessed and observed the preparations of Michael for departure. This occasion was different from the previous ones in that he announced that his destination was Uversa, headquarters of our superuniverse of Orvonton. In due time our Sovereign departed, but the broadcasts of the superuniverse never made mention of Michael's arrival at the courts of the Ancients of Days. Shortly after his departure from Salvington there did appear in the Uversa broadcasts this significant statement: "There arrived today an unannounced and unnumbered ascendant pilgrim of mortal origin from the universe of Nebadon, certified by Immanuel of Salvington and accompanied by Gabriel of Nebadon. This unidentified being presents the status of a

true spirit and has been received into our fellowship."

If we should visit Uversa today, we would hear the recounting of the days when Eventod sojourned

there, this particular and unknown pilgrim of time and space being known on Uversa by that name. And this ascending mortal, at least a superb personality in the exact likeness of the spirit stage of the ascending mortals, lived and functioned on Uversa for a period of eleven years of Orvonton standard time. This being received the assignments and performed the duties of a spirit mortal in common with his fellows from the various local universes of Orvonton. In "all points he was tested and tried, even as his fellows," and on all occasions he proved worthy of the confidence and trust of his superiors, while he unflinchingly commanded the respect and loyal admiration of his fellow spirits.

On Salvington the career of this spirit pilgrim was followed with consummate interest, knowing full well, by the presence of Gabriel, this unassuming and unnumbered pilgrim spirit was none other than the bestowed ruler of our local universe. This first appearance of Michael incarnated in the role of one stage of mortal evolution

was an event which thrilled and enthralled all Nebadon. He appeared on Uversa as a fully developed and perfectly trained spirit mortal and, as such, continued his career up to the occasion of the advancement of a

group of ascending mortals to Havana; whereupon he held converse with the Ancients of Days and immediately, in the company of Gabriel, took sudden and unceremonious leave of Uversa, appearing shortly thereafter in his accustomed place on Salvington. And that Michael had in person performed in the role of an ascending mortal lent new and added interest to the whole scheme of creature progression all the way up through both the local universe and the superuniverse.

10. The Stages of Our Ascending Career

While the mortal survivors of time and space are denominated ascending pilgrims when accredited for the progressive ascent to Paradise, we being of these evolutionary creatures, the following narrative presents our universe career, for such a destiny may be anticipated by all of the human races of our planet, Urantia.

- 1. Planetary Mortals.** Mortals are all animal-origin evolutionary beings of ascendant

potential. In origin, nature, and destiny these various groups and types of human beings are not wholly unlike ourselves, of the Urantia peoples. The human races

of each world receive the same ministry of the Sons of God and enjoy the presence of the ministering spirits of time, the ministry of the various spirit and angelic personalities. After natural death all types of ascenders fraternize as one (immortal) morontia family on the mansion worlds of their respective local system.

2. **Sleeping Survivors.** All mortals of survival status, in the custody of personal guardians of destiny (angels), pass through the portals of natural death and, on the third period (day), personalize on the mansion worlds. Those accredited beings who have, for any reason, been unable to attain that level of intelligence mastery and endowment of spirituality which would entitle them to personal guardians, cannot thus immediately and directly go to the mansion worlds. Such surviving souls must rest in unconscious sleep until the judgment day of a new epoch, a new dispensation, the coming of a Son of God to call the rolls of the age and

adjudicate the realm, and this is the general practice throughout all Nebadon. It was said of Christ Michael than, when he ascended on high at the conclusion of his work on earth. "He led a great multitude of captives." And these captives were the sleeping survivors from the days

of Adam to the day of the Master's resurrection on Urantia.

The passing of time is of no moment to sleeping mortals; they are wholly unconscious and oblivious to the length of their rest. On reassembly of personality at the end of an age, those who have slept five thousand years will react no differently than those who have rested five days. Aside from this time delay these survivors pass on through the ascension regime identically with those who avoid the longer or shorter sleep of death. These dispensational classes of world pilgrims are utilized for group morontia activities in the work of the local universes. There is a great advantage in the mobilization of such enormous groups; they are thus kept together for long periods of effective service.

3. **Mansion World Students.** All surviving mortals who reawaken on the mansion worlds belong to this class. The plan of initial mortal detention on seven worlds of progressive training is nearly

universal in Orvonton. In each local system of approximately one thousand inhabited planets there are seven mansion worlds, usually satellites or subsatellites of the system capital. They are the receiving

worlds for the majority of ascending mortals. Sometimes all training worlds of mortal residence called universe "mansions," and it was to such spheres that Jesus alluded when he said: "In my Father's house are many mansions."

The physical body of mortal flesh is not a part of the reassembly of the sleeping survivor; the physical body has returned to dust. The (angel) seraphim of assignment sponsors the new body, the morontia form, as the new life vehicle for the immortal soul and for the indwelling of the ascender's returned indwelling Spirit Being. The indwelling Spirit of God Himself is the custodian of the spirit transcript of the mind of the sleeping survivor. The assigned seraphim is the keeper of the surviving identity - the immortal soul - as far as it has evolved. And when these two, the indwelling Spirit and the seraphim, reunite their personality trusts, the new individual constitutes the resurrection of the old personality, the survival of the evolving morontia identity of the soul. Such a

reassociation of soul and indwelling Spirit. Being is quite properly called a resurrection, a reassembly of personality factors - though the reappearance of the surviving personality itself is not entirely explained. However, since we will probably presently

never fully understand the fact of such an inexplicable transaction, we will sometime experientially know the truth of it if you do not reject the plan of your mortal survival.

From the resurrection halls you proceed to the Melchizedek sector, where you are assigned permanent residence. Then you enter upon ten days of personal liberty. You are free to explore the immediate vicinity of your new home and to familiarize yourself with the program which lies immediately ahead. You also have time to gratify your desire to consult the registry and call upon your loved ones and other earth friends who may have preceded you to these worlds. At the end of your ten-day period of leisure you begin the second step in the Paradise journey, for the mansion worlds are actual training spheres, not merely detention planets.

From here on, within a given group of spheres like the mansion worlds, ascenders will progress individually from one sphere

to another, but they will always advance from one stage of universe study to another in class formation.

On the mansion worlds you complete the unification of the evolving mortal personality; on

the system capital of Satania, Jerusem, you attain Jerusem citizenship and achieve the willingness to submit the self to the disciplines of group activities and coordinated undertakings; and on the constellation training worlds you are to achieve the real socialization of your evolving morontia personality.

4. **Morontia Progressors.** From the mansion worlds on up through the spheres of the system, constellation, and the universe, mortals are classified as morontia progressors; they are traversing the transition spheres of mortal ascension. As the ascending mortals progress from the lower to the higher of the morontia worlds, they serve on countless assignments in association with their teachers and in company with their more advanced and senior brethren.

Morontia progression pertains to continuing advancement of intellect, spirit, and personality form.

Survivors are still three-natured

beings. Throughout the entire morontia experience of 570 morontia life experiences they are wards of the local universe. The regime of the superuniverse does not function until the spirit career begins.

Mortals acquire real spirit identity just before they leave the local universe headquarters for the receiving worlds of the minor sectors of the superuniverse. Passing from the final morontia stage to the first or lowest spirit status is but a slight transition. The mind, personality, and character are unchanged by such an advance; only does the form undergo modification. But the spirit form is just as real as the morontia body, and it is equally discernible.

Before departing from their native local universes for the superuniverse receiving worlds, the mortals of time are recipients of spirit confirmation from the Creator Son and the local universe Mother Spirit. From this point on, the status of the ascending mortal is forever settled. Superuniverse wards have never been known to go astray. Ascending seraphim are also advanced in angelic standing at the time of their departure from the local universes.

Your passage through this wonderful

borderland life will be an unforgettable experience, a charming memory. It is the evolutionary portal to spirit life and the eventual attainment of creature perfection by which ascenders achieve the goal of

time - the finding of God on Paradise.

There is a definite and divine purpose in all this morontia and subsequent spirit scheme of mortal progression, this elaborate universe training school for all us ascending creatures. It is the design of the Creators to afford the creatures of time a graduated opportunity to master the details of the operation and administration of the grand universe, and this long course of training is best carried forward by having the surviving mortal climb up gradually and by actual participation in every step of the ascent.

The mortal-survival plan has a practical and serviceable objective; we are not the recipients of all this divine labor and painstaking training only that you may survive just to enjoy endless bliss and eternal ease. There is a goal of transcendent service concealed beyond the horizon of the present universe age. If the Gods designed merely to take us on one long and eternal joy excursion, they certainly

would not so largely turn the whole universe into one vast and intricate practical training school, requisition a substantial part of the celestial creation as teachers and instructors, and then spend ages upon ages piloting us, one by

one, through this gigantic universe school of experiential training. The furtherance of the scheme of mortal progression seems to be one of the chief businesses of the present organized universe, and the majority of innumerable orders of created intelligences are either directly or indirectly engaged in advancing some phase of this progressive perfection plan.

The early morontia life in the local systems is very much like that of our present material world, becoming less physical and more truly morontial (immortal) on the constellation study worlds. And as you advance to the Salvington spheres, you increasingly attain spiritual levels.

The Morontia Power Supervisors, who make possible the transition environment for the progressing morontia creatures, are able to effect a union of material and of spiritual energies, thereby organizing a morontia form of materialization which is receptive to the superimposition of a controlling spirit. When we traverse the morontia life of Nebadon, these same patient and skillful

Morontia Power Supervisors will successively provide each of us, who so chose, with 570 morontia bodies, each one a phase of our progressive transformation. From the time of

leaving this material world until you are constituted a first-stage spirit on Salvington, you will undergo just 570 separate and ascending morontia changes. Eight of these occur in the system, seventy-one in the constellation, and 491 during the sojourn on the spheres of Salvington; or 571, which includes the mortal native life you are living now!

In these days of the mortal flesh your divine spirit indwells you, almost as a thing apart - in reality an invasion of you by the bestowed spirit of your Universal Father. But in the morontia life the spirit will become a real part of your personality, and as you successively pass through the 570 progressive transformations, you ascend from the material being you are now to the spiritual estate of creature life.

Paul learned of the existence of the morontia worlds and of the reality of morontia materials, for he wrote, "They have in heaven a better and more enduring substance." And these morontia materials are

real, literal, even as in "the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." And each of these marvelous spheres is "a better country, that is, a heavenly one."

5. **Superuniverse Wards.** All ascenders arriving on the training worlds of the superuniverse become the wards of the Ancients of Days, the superuniverse rulers; they have traversed the morontia life of the local universe and are now accredited spirits. As young spirits they begin the ascension of the superuniverse system of training and culture, extending from the receiving spheres of their minor sector of 100 local universes each, in through the study worlds of the ten major sectors of 100 minor sectors each, having 1,000,000,000 worlds each, and on the higher cultural spheres of the superuniverse headquarters.

Before leaving the superuniverse in time and space, for the central universe of Havona in eternity, these ascending spirits, now eternal, receive the same thorough course in superuniverse management that they received during their morontia experience in local universe supervision. Before spirit mortals reach the eternal central universe of Havona, their chief study, but not

exclusive occupation, is the mastery of local and superuniverse administration. The reason for all of this experience is not now fully apparent, but no doubt such training is wise and necessary in view of their possible future destiny as members of the

Corps of the Finality.

The superuniverse regime is not the same for all ascending mortals. They receive the same general education, but special groups and classes are carried through special courses of instruction and are put through specific courses of training.

6. **Havona Pilgrims.** When spirit development is complete even though not replete, then the surviving mortal prepares for the long flight to the central universe of Havona, the haven of evolutionary spirits. On earth you are a creature of flesh and blood; through the local universe you will be a morontia being; through the superuniverse you are to be an evolving spirit; with your arrival on the receiving worlds of Havona your spiritual education begins in reality and in earnest; and your eventual appearance on Paradise will be as a perfected spirit.

The journey from the superuniverse headquarters to the Havona receiving spheres is always made alone. From now on no more

class or group instruction will be administered. first to last, throughout all Havana, the instruction is personal and threefold in nature: intellectual, spiritual, and experiential.

The first act of your Havana career will be to recognize and thank your transport seconaphim (transport personalities who carry the pilgrims of time from the headquarters worlds of the superuniverses to the outer circle of Havona) for the long and safe journey. Then you are presented to those beings who will sponsor your early Havana activities. Next you go to register your arrival and prepare your message of thanksgiving and adoration for dispatch to the Creator Son of our local universe of Nebadon, the Universe Father who made possible your sonship career. This concludes the formalities of the Havana arrival; whereupon you are accorded a long period of leisure for free observation, and this affords opportunity for looking up your friends, fellows, and associates of the long ascension experience. You may also consult the broadcasts to ascertain who of your fellow pilgrims have departed for Havana since the time of your leaving Uversa.

The fact of your arrival on the receiving worlds of Havona will be duly transmitted to

the headquarters of our local universe and
personally conveyed to your seraphic
guardian angel, wherever that seraphim may
chance to be.

The ascendant mortals have

trained in the affairs of the evolutionary worlds of space; now they begin their long and profitable contact with the created spheres of perfection. What a preparation for some future work is afforded by this combined, unique, and extraordinary experience!

7. **Paradise Arrivals.** On reaching Paradise with residential status, you begin the progressive course in divinity and absonity - reality characterized by things and beings without beginnings or endings and by the transcendence of time and space. Your residence on Paradise signifies that you have found God, and that you are to be mustered into the Mortal Corps of the Finality

- the present known destination of all us ascending mortal beings resident on Urantia. There, awaiting your arrival, is your most glorious and exquisite perfect home - right now awaiting to eternally comfort you!

11. **The Sixth Bestowal**

Now that all Salvington was familiar

with the preliminaries of an impending bestowal. Michael called the sojourners on the headquarters planet together and, for the first time, unfolded the remainder of the incarnation plan, announcing that

he was soon to leave Salvington for the purpose of assuming the career of a morontia mortal of ascending status at the courts of the Most High Fathers on the headquarters planet of the fifth constellation, of which he appeared as a full- fledged morontia mortal. And this unnumbered morontia mortal's career was one of the most extraordinary and amazing epochs in Michael's bestowal experience, not even excepting his dramatic and tragic sojourn on our planet as Jesus Christ Michael. Michael's wonderful career was as the morontia mortal of Endantum.

Informed in advance by Gabriel of the time of Michael's release from the morontia bestowal, millions upon millions of beings were assembled from the constellation headquarters worlds of Nebadon, and a majority of the sojourners on the worlds adjacent to Salvington were gathered together to welcome him back to the rulership of his universe. In response to the many addresses of welcome and expressions of appreciation of a Sovereign

so vitally interested in his creatures, he only replied: "I have simply been about my Father's business. I am only doing the pleasure of the Paradise Sons who love and crave to understand their creatures."

But from that day down to the hour when Michael embarked upon his adventure here on Urantia as the Son of Man, all Nebadon continued to discuss the many exploits of their Sovereign Ruler as he functioned on Endantum as the bestowal incarnation of a morontia mortal of evolutionary ascension, being in all points tested like his fellows assembled from the material worlds of the entire constellation of his sojourn.

12. Mortals of Time and Space

Mortals represent the last link in the chain of those beings who are called sons of God. The personal touch of the Original and Eternal Son passes on down through a series of decreasingly divine and increasingly human personalizations until there arrives a being much like ourselves, one you can hear, and touch. And then we are made spiritually aware of the great truth which our faith may grasp - sonship with the Eternal God!

Likewise does the Original and Infinite

Spirit, by a long series of decreasingly
divine and increasingly human orders, draw
nearer and nearer to the struggling creatures
of the realms, reaching

the limit of expression in the angels - than whom we were created but a little lower - who personally guard and guide each of us in the life journey of the mortal career of time.

God the Father does not, cannot, thus downstep Himself to make such near personal contact with the almost limitless number of ascending creatures throughout the total of all creation. But the Father is not deprived of personal contact with His lowly creatures; we are not, individually, without the divine presence. Although God the Father cannot be with each of us by direct personality manifestation, He is in you and of you in the identity of the indwelling Spirit Beings - the God-identity of you - the divine Monitors. Thus does the Father, who is the farthest from each of us in personality and in spirit, draw the nearest to each of us in the personality circuit and in the spirit touch of inner communion with the very souls of his mortal sons and daughters. So you can talk to God!

The mortal races stand as the

representatives of the lowest order of intelligent and personal creation. We mortals are divinely beloved, and every one of us may choose to accept the certain destiny of a glorious experience; but we are not

yet by nature of the divine order; we are presently wholly mortal. We will be reckoned as ascending sons the instant fusion takes place (likely after death) upon the event of the final amalgamation of your surviving mortal soul with your presently indwelling eternal and immortal spirit. Until that event occurs, the status of the mortals of time and space is that of faith sons.

It is a solemn and supernal fact that such lowly and material creatures as Urantia human beings are the sons of God, faith children of the Highest. 'Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God.' "As many as received him, to them gave he the power to recognize that they are the sons of God." While "it does not yet appear what you shall be," even now "you are the faith sons of God;" "for you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received ne spirit of sonship, whereby you cry, 'our Father.'" Spoke the prophet of old in the name of the eternal God: "Even to

them will I give in my house a place and a name better than sons; I will give them an everlasting name, one that shall not be cut off." "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the [Spirit of

Truth] spirit of his Son into your hearts."

All evolutionary worlds of mortal habitation (presently 7,000,000,000,000 are currently evolving) harbor these faith sons of God, sons of grace and mercy, mortal beings belonging to the divine family and accordingly called the sons of God. As Urantia mortals, we are entitled to regard ourselves as being the sons of God because:

1. We are sons of spiritual promise, faith sons - having accepted the status of sonship. Believing in the reality of your sonship, thus does your sonship with God become eternally real.
2. A Creator Son of God became one of us; he is our elder brother in fact; and if in spirit you become truly related brothers of Christ, the victorious Michael, then in spirit must we also be sons of that Father which we have in common - even the Universal Father of all.
3. We are sons because the spirit of a Son has poured out upon us all, has been freely and certainly bestowed upon all Urantia

racess - to teach and guide us to all truth. This spirit ever draws you toward the divine Son, who is its source, and toward the Paradise Father, who is the source of that divine Son.

4. Of His divine free-willness, the Universal Father has given us our creature personalities. We have been endowed with a measure of that divine spontaneity of freewill action which God shares with all who may become His sons.
5. There dwells **within** each of normal minds a fragment of God Himself, your indwelling Spirit, and you are thus directly related to the divine Father of all the Sons of God.

13. **The Seventh and Final Bestowal**

For tens of thousands of years all in Salvington looked forward to the seventh and final bestowal of Michael. Gabriel had taught that this terminal bestowal would be made in the likeness of mortal flesh, but everyone was wholly ignorant of the time, place, and manner of this culminating adventure.

The public announcement that Michael had selected our planet Urantia as the theater for his final bestowal was made shortly after

it was learned about the default of Adam and Eve. (Detailed in the Urantia Book). And thus, for this period of more than thirty-five thousand years, our world occupied a very conspicuous place in the councils of the

entire universe of ten million evolving inhabitable worlds. There was no secrecy (aside from the incarnation mystery) connected with any step in the Urantia bestowal on our planet. From first to last, up to the final and triumphant return of Michael to Salvington as supreme Universe Sovereign, there was the fullest universe publicity of all that transpired on our small but highly honored world.

For a third of a century of earth time all eyes in all parts of our local universe were focused on Urantia. All intelligences realized that the last bestowal was in progress and as it had long been known of the Lucifer rebellion in Satania and of the Caligastia disaffection on Urantia (who subsequently influenced the cause of the default of Eve, which in turn influenced the default of Adam); it was therefore well understood the intensity of the struggle which would ensue when Michael of Nebadon condescended to incarnate on our planet Urantia in the humble form and likeness of mortal flesh - as Jesus Christ Michael.

PART V

THE LUCIFER REBELLION

Lucifer was a brilliant primary Lanonandek Son of Nebadon. He had experienced service in many systems, had been a high counselor of his group, and was distinguished for wisdom, sagacity, and efficiency. Lucifer was number 37 of his order, and when commissioned by the Melchizedeks, he was designated as one of the one hundred most able and brilliant personalities in more than seven hundred thousand of his kind. In our universe of Nebadon, the domain of Christ Michael, there are ten thousand systems of inhabited worlds. In all the history of Lanonandek Sons, in all their work throughout these thousands of systems and at the universe headquarters, only three System Sovereigns have ever been found in contempt of the government of the Creator Son. And from such a magnificent beginning, through evil and error, Lucifer is now numbered as one of the three who embraced sin and succumbed to

the urge of self and surrendered to the
sophistry of spurious personal liberty -
rejection of universe allegiance and
disregard of fraternal obligations, blindness
to cosmic relationships.

1. The Leaders of Rebellion

Lucifer was not an ascendent being; he was a created Son of our local universe of Nebadon - an offspring of our Creator Son himself, in varied association with his complemental Mother Spirit; and of him it was said: 'You were perfect in all your ways from the day you were created till unrighteousness was found in you.' And Lucifer reigned "upon the holy mountain of God," the administrative mount of Jerusem, the capital of our local system Satania, for he was the chief executive (at this time] of this great system of 607 inhabited worlds - to include our Urantia planet 606.

Urantia is commonly referred to as 606 of Satania in Norlatiadek of Nebadon, meaning the six hundred sixth inhabited world in our local system oi Satania, situated in our constellation oi Norlatiadek, one oi the one hundred constellations of our local universe of Nebadon. Urantia is comparatively located on the outskirts of Satania, with one exception, being the

farthest removed from Jerusem, while Satania
itself is next to the outermost system of
Norlatiadek, and this constellation is new
traversing the outer fringe of

Nebadon. We were truly among the least of all creation until Michael's bestowal elevated our planet to a position of honor and great universe interest. Sometimes the last is first, while truly the least becomes greatest.

Lucifer was a magnificent being, brilliant personality; he stood next to the Most High Fathers of the constellations in the direct line of universe authority. Notwithstanding Lucifer's transgression, subordinate intelligences refrained from showing him disrespect and disdain prior to Michael's bestowal on Urantia. Even the archangel of Michael, the archangel of resurrection, at the time of Moses' resurrection, "did not bring against him an accusing judgment but simply said, 'the Judge rebuke you.'" Judgment in such matters belongs to the Ancients of Days, the rulers of the superuniverse, who alone can decree the extinction of intelligent life.

Lucifer is now the fallen and deposed Sovereign of Satania. Self-contemplation is most disastrous, even to the exalted

personalities of the celestial world. Of Lucifer it was said: "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom because of your brightness."

Very little was heard of Lucifer on our planet

Urantia owing to the fact that he assigned his first lieutenant, Satan, to advocate his cause on our planet. Satan was a member of the same primary group of Lanonandeks but had never functioned as a System Sovereign; he entered fully into the Lucifer insurrection. The "devil" is none other than Caligastia, the deposed Planetary Prince of Urantia and a Son of the secondary order of Lanonandeks. At the time Michael was on Urantia in the flesh as Jesus, Lucifer, Satan and Caligastia were leagued together to effect the miscarriage of his bestowal mission. But they signally failed.

Abaddon was the chief of the staff of Caligastia. He followed his master into rebellion and has ever since acted as chief executive of the Urantia rebels. Beelzebub was the leader of the disloyal midway creatures - who are functionally reckoned with the ministering spirits of time because of their intimate and effective association with the angelic hosts in the work of serving mortals on the individual worlds of space - who allied themselves with the forces

of the traitorous Caligastia.

The dragon eventually became the symbolic representation of all these evil personages. Upon the triumph of Michael, "Gabriel came down from

Salvington and bound the dragon (all the rebel leaders) for an age." Of the Jerusem seraphic rebels it is written: "And the angels who kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, he has reserved in sure chains of darkness to the judgment of the great day."

2. The Causes of Rebellion

Lucifer and first assistant, Satan, had reigned on Jerusem for more than five hundred thousand years when in their hearts they began to array themselves against the Universal Father and His then vicegerent Son, Michael. There were no peculiar or special conditions in the system of Satania which suggested or favored rebellion. It is the belief of Melchizedek revelators, presented by Manovandet Melchizedek - onetime attached to the receivership of Urantia, that the idea took origin and form in Lucifer's mind, and that he might have instigated such a rebellion no matter where he might have been stationed. Lucifer first

announced his plans to Satan, but it required several months to corrupt the mind of his able and brilliant associate. However, when once converted to the rebel theories, he became a bold and earnest advocate of "self-

assertion and liberty."

No one ever suggested rebellion to Lucifer. The idea of self-assertion in opposition to the will of Michael and to the plans of the Universal Father, as they are represented in Michael, had its origin in his own mind. His relations with the Creator Son had been intimate and always cordial. At no time prior to the exaltation of his own mind did Lucifer openly express dissatisfaction about the universe administration. Notwithstanding his silence, for more than one hundred years of standard time the Union of Days on Salvington, Immanuel, had been reflectivating to Uversa, the capital of our 7th Superuniverse Orvonton, that all was not at peace in Lucifer's mind. This information was also communicated to the Creator Son and the Constellation Fathers of Norlatiadek, our local constellation.

Throughout this period Lucifer became increasingly critical of the entire plan of universe administration but always professed wholehearted loyalty to the Supreme Rulers. His first outspoken disloyalty was manifested

on the occasion of a visit of Gabriel to
Jerusem just a few days before the open
proclamation of the Lucifer Declaration of
Liberty. Gabriel was so profoundly impressed
with the certainty of the impending

outbreak that he went direct to Edentia, the capital of our constellation Norlatiadek, to confer with the Constellation Fathers regarding the measures to be employed in case of open rebellion.

The Melchizedek revelators reveal it is very difficult to point out the exact cause or causes which finally culminated in the Lucifer rebellion. They are certain of only one thing, and that is: whatever these first beginnings were, they had their origin in Lucifer's mind. There must have been a pride of self that nourished itself to the point of self-deception, so that Lucifer for a time really persuaded himself that his contemplation of rebellion was actually for the good of the system, if not of the universe. By the time his plans had developed to the point of disillusionment, no doubt he had gone too far for his original and mischief making pride to permit him to stop. At some point in this experience he became insincere, and evil evolved into deliberate and willful sin - the deliberate choice of untruth.

That this happened is proved by the subsequent conduct of this brilliant executive. He was long offered opportunity for repentance, but only some of his subordinates ever accepted the proffered mercy. The Faithful of Days of Edentia, the

Paradise Trinity-origin advisers to the Constellation Fathers of Norlatiadek, on the request of these Most Highs, in person presented the plan of Michael for the saving of these flagrant rebels, but always was the mercy of the Creator Son rejected and rejected with increasing contempt and disdain.

3. The Lucifer Manifesto

Whatever the early origins of trouble in the hearts of Lucifer and Satan, the final outbreak took form as the Lucifer Declaration of Liberty. The cause of the rebels was stated under three heads:

1. The reality of the Universal Father.

Lucifer charged that the Universal Father did not really exist, that physical gravity and space-energy were inherent in the universe, and that the Father was a myth invented by the Paradise Sons to enable them to maintain the rule of the universes in the is Father's name. He denied that personality was a gift of the

Universal Father. He even intimated that the finalizers were in collusion with the Paradise Sons to foist fraud upon all creation since they never brought back a very clear-cut idea of the Father's actual personality as it discernible on Paradise. He traded on reverence as ignorance. The charge was

sweeping, terrible, and blasphemous. It was this veiled attack upon the finalizers that no doubt influenced the ascendant citizens then on Jerusalem to stand firm and remain steadfast in resistance to all the rebel's proposals.

2. **The universe government of the Creator Son - Michael.** Lucifer contended that the local systems should be autonomous. He protested against the right of Michael, the Creator Son, to assume sovereignty of Nebadon in the name of a hypothetical Paradise Father and require all personalities to acknowledge allegiance to this unseen Father. He asserted that the whole plan of worship was a clever scheme to aggrandize the Paradise Sons. He was willing to acknowledge Michael as his Creator-father but not as his God and rightful ruler.

Most bitterly did he attack the right of the Ancients of Days - "foreign potentates" - to interfere in the affairs of the local systems and universes. These rulers he denounced as tyrants and usurpers. He

exhorted his followers to believe that none of these rulers could do aught to interfere with the operation of complete home rule if men and angels only had the courage to assert themselves and boldly claim their rights.

He contended that the executioners of the Ancients of Days could be debarred from functioning in the local systems if the native beings would only assert their independence. He maintained that immortality was inherent in the system personalities, that resurrection was natural and automatic, and that all beings would live eternally except for the arbitrary and unjust acts of the executioners of the Ancients of Days.

3. The attack upon the universal plan of ascendant mortal training. Lucifer maintained that far too much time and energy were expended upon the scheme of so thoroughly training ascending mortals in the principles of universe administration, principles which he alleged were unethical and unsound. He protested against the agelong program for preparing the mortals of space for some unknown destiny and pointed to the presence of the finaliter corps on Jerusem as proof that these mortals had spent ages of preparation for some destiny of pure fiction. With derision he pointed

out that the finalizers had encountered a destiny no more glorious than to be returned to humble spheres similar to those of their origin. He intimated that they had been debauched by overmuch discipline and prolonged training, and that they were in reality traitors to their mortal fellows

since they were now cooperating with the scheme of enslaving all creation to the fictions of a mythical eternal destiny for ascending mortals. He advocated that ascenders should enjoy the liberty of individual self-determination. He challenged and condemned the entire plan of mortal ascension as sponsored by the Paradise Sons of God and supported by the Infinite Spirit.

And it was with such a Declaration of Liberty that Lucifer launched his orgy of darkness and death.

4. Outbreak of The Rebellion

The Lucifer manifesto was issued at the annual conclave of Satania on the sea of glass, in the presence of the assembled hosts of Jerusem, on the last day of the year, about two hundred thousand years ago (Urantia time). Satan proclaimed that worship could be accorded the universal forces - physical, intellectual, and spiritual - but that allegiance could be acknowledged only to the

actual and present ruler, Lucifer, the "friend of men and angels" and the "God of liberty."

Self-assertion was the battle cry of the Lucifer rebellion. He was bold and persistent in the advocacy of the "equality of. mind" and "the

brotherhood of intelligence." He maintained that all government should be limited to the local planets and their voluntary confederation into the local systems. All other supervision be disallowed. He promised the Planetary Princes that they should rule the worlds as supreme executives. He denounced the location of legislative activities on the constellation headquarters and the conduct of judicial affairs on the universe capital of Salvington. He contended that all these functions of government should be concentrated on the system capitals and proceeded to set up his own legislative assembly and organized his own tribunals under the jurisdiction of Satan. And he directed that the princes on the apostate worlds do the same.

The entire administrative cabinet of Lucifer went over in a body and were sworn in publicly as the officers of the administration of the new head of "the liberated worlds and systems."

While there had been two previous rebellions in Nebadon, they were in distant constellations. Lucifer held that these

insurrections were unsuccessful because the majority of the intelligences failed to follow their leaders. He contended that "majorities rule," that "mind is infallible." The freedom allowed him by the universe rulers apparently sustained many of his

nefarious contentions. He defied all his superiors; yet they apparently took no note of his doings. He was given a free hand to prosecute his seductive plan without let or hindrance.

All the merciful delays of justice Lucifer pointed to as evidence of the inability of the government of the Paradise Sons to stop the rebellion. He would openly defy and arrogantly challenge Michael, Immanuel, and the Ancients of Days and then point to the fact that no action ensued as positive evidence of the impotency of the universe and the superuniverse governments.

Gabriel was personally present throughout all these disloyal proceedings and only announced that he would, in due time, speak for Michael, and that all beings would be left free and unmolested in their choice; that the "government of the Sons for the Father desired only that loyalty and devotion which was voluntary, wholehearted, and sophistry-proof."

Lucifer was permitted fully to establish and thoroughly to organize his rebel

government before Gabriel made any effort to contest the right of succession or to counterwork the rebel propaganda. But the Constellation Fathers immediately confined the action of these disloyal personalities to the system of Satania. Nevertheless, this period of

delay was a time of great trial and testing to the loyal beings of all Satania. All was chaotic for a few years, and there was great confusion on the mansion worlds, the mortal remedial training worlds.

5. The Wisdom of Delay

Of the many reasons known as to why Lucifer and his confederates were not sooner interned or adjudicated, the following were permitted recital to us:

1. Mercy requires that every wrongdoer have sufficient time in which to formulate a deliberate and fully chosen attitude regarding his evil thoughts and sinful acts.
2. Supreme justice is dominated by a Father's love; therefore, will justice never destroy that which mercy can save. Time to accept salvation is vouchsafed every evildoer.
3. No affectionate father is ever precipitate in visiting punishment upon

an erring member of his family. Patience cannot function independently of time.

4. Regardless of Michael's attitude toward Lucifer, notwithstanding his being Lucifer's Creator-

father, it was not in the province of the Creator Son to exercise summary jurisdiction over the apostate System Sovereign because he had not then completed his bestowal career, thereby attaining unqualified sovereignty of Nebadon.

5. The Ancients of Days could have immediately annihilated these rebels, but they seldom execute wrongdoers without a full hearing. In this instance they refused to overrule the Michael decisions.

6. It is evident that Immanuel considered Michael to remain aloof from the rebels and allow rebellion to pursue a natural course of self-obliteration.

And the wisdom of the Union of Days is the time reflection of the united wisdom of the Paradise Trinity.

7. The Paradise advisers, the Faithful of Days on Edentia, advised the Constellation Fathers to allow the rebels free course to the end that all sympathy for these evildoers should be the sooner uprooted in the hearts of every present and future

citizen of Norlatiadek - every mortal,
morontia, or spirit creature.

8. On Jerusem the personal representative of
the Supreme Executive of our 7th
Superuniverse Orvonton, who function as
the administrative

coordinators of the post-central universe Havona creation, counseled Gabriel to foster full opportunity for every living creature to mature a deliberate choice in those matters involved in the Lucifer Declaration of Liberty. The issues of rebellion having been raised, the Paradise emergency adviser of Gabriel portrayed that, if such full and free opportunity were not given all Norlatiadek creatures, then would the Paradise quarantine of severing all interplanetary communications against all such possible halfhearted or doubt- stricken creatures be extended in self-protection against the entire constellation. To keep open the Paradise doors of ascension to the beings of Norlatiadek, it was necessary to provide for the full development of rebellion and to insure the complete determination of attitude on the part of all beings in any way concerned therewith.

9. The Divine Minister of Salvington issued as her third independent proclamation a mandate directory that nothing be done to half cure, cowardly suppress, or

otherwise hide the hideous visage of rebels and rebellion. The angelic hosts were directed to work for full disclosure and unlimited opportunity for sin-expression as the quickest technique of achieving the perfect and final cure

of the plague of evil (error) and sin (the deliberate choice to error).

10. An emergency council of ex mortals consisting of Mighty Messengers, glorified mortals who had had personal experience with like situations, together with their colleagues was organized on Jerusem. They advised Gabriel that at least three times the number of beings would be led astray if arbitrary or summary methods of suppression were attempted. The entire Uversa corps of counselors concurred in advising Gabriel to permit the rebellion to take its full and natural course, even if it should require a million years to wind up the consequences.

11. Time, even in a universe of time, is relative: if a Urantia mortal of average length of life should commit a crime which precipitated worldwide pandemonium, and if he were apprehended, tried, and executed within two or three days of the commission of the crime, would it seem a long time to you? And yet that would be

nearer a comparison with the length of Lucifer's life even if his adjudication, now begun, should not be completed for a hundred thousand Urantia years. The relative lapse of time from the viewpoint of Uversa, where the litigation is pending, could be indicated by saying that the crime of Lucifer was being brought to trial within

two and a half seconds of its commission. And from the Paradise viewpoint, the adjudication is simultaneous with the enactment.

6. Nature of the Conflict

Upon the outbreak of the Satania rebellion, Michael took counsel of his Paradise brother, Immanuel. Following this momentous conference, Michael announced that he would pursue the same policy which had characterized his dealings with similar upheavals in the past, an attitude of non-interference.

At the time of this rebellion and the two which preceded it there was no absolute and personal sovereign authority in the universe of Nebadon. Michael ruled by divine right, as vicegerent of the Universal Father, but not yet in his own personal right. He had not completed his bestowal career; he had not yet been vested with "all power in heaven and on earth."

From the outbreak of rebellion to the day of his enthronement as sovereign ruler of Nebadon, Michael never interfered with the rebel forces of Lucifer; they were allowed to run a free course for

almost two hundred thousand years of Urantia time.

Since Michael elected to remain aloof from the actual warfare of the Lucifer rebellion, Gabriel called his personal staff together on Edentia and, in counsel with the Most Highs, elected to assume command of the loyal hosts of Satania. Michael remained on Salvington while Gabriel proceeded to Jerusem, and establishing himself on the sphere dedicated to the Father - the same Universal Father whose personality Lucifer and Satan had questioned

- in the presence of the forgathered hosts of loyal personalities, he displayed the banner of Michael, the material emblem of the Trinity government of all creation, the three azure blue concentric circles on a white background.

The Lucifer emblem was a banner of white with one red circle, in the center of which a black solid circle appeared.

"There was war in heaven; Michael's commander and his angels fought against the dragon (Lucifer, Satan, and the apostate princes); and the dragon and his rebellious

angels fought but prevailed not." This "war in heaven" was not a physical battle as such a conflict might be conceived on Urantia. In the early days of the struggle Lucifer held forth continuously in the planetary amphitheater. Gabriel

conducted an unceasing exposure of the rebel sophistries from his headquarters taken up near at hand. The various personalities present on the sphere who were in doubt as to their attitude would journey back and forth between these discussions until they arrived at a final decision.

But this war in heaven was very terrible and very real. While displaying none of the barbarities so characteristic of physical warfare on the immature worlds, this conflict was far more deadly; material life is in jeopardy in material combat, but the war in heaven was fought in terms of life eternal.

7. History of The Rebellion

The Lucifer rebellion was system wide. Thirty- seven seceding Planetary Princes swung their world administrations largely to the side of the archrebel. Only on the world of Panoptia did the Planetary Prince fail to carry his people with him. On this world under the guidance of the Melchizedeks, the people rallied to the support of Michael.

Ellanora, a young woman of that mortal realm, grasped the leadership of the human races, and not a single soul on that strife-torn world enlisted under the Lucifer banner.

Throughout this period Caligastia was advocating the cause of Lucifer on Urantia. The Melchizedeks ably opposed the apostate Planetary Prince, but the sophistries of unbridled liberty and the delusions of self-assertion had every opportunity for deceiving the primitive peoples of our young and undeveloped world.

All secession propaganda had to be carried on by personal effort because the broadcast service and all other avenues of interplanetary communication were suspended by the action of the system circuit supervisors. Upon the actual outbreak of the insurrection the entire system of Satania was isolated in both the constellation and the universe circuits. During this time all incoming and outgoing messages were dispatched by seraphic (angel) agents and Solitary Messengers - capable of traversing space at the rate of 841,621,642,000 of our miles per second of our time, and faithful revealers of the motives and intent of the local universe Mother Spirit. The circuits to the fallen world were also cut off, so that

Lucifer could not utilize this avenue for the furtherance of his nefarious scheme. And these circuits will not be restored so long as the archrebel lives within the confines of Satania.

In many respects this rebellion was the most

widespread and disastrous of all such occurrences in Nebadon. More personalities were involved in this insurrection than in both of the others.

Though the ascending mortals were vulnerable, they withstood the sophistries of rebellion better than the lower spirits. And it is recorded to the glory of the wisdom of the ascension scheme that not a single member of the Satania ascendant citizenship resident on Jerusem participated in the Lucifer rebellion.

Hour by hour and day by day the broadcast stations of all Nebadon were thronged by the anxious watchers of every imaginable class of celestial intelligence, who intently perused the bulletins of the Satania rebellion and rejoiced as the reports continuously narrated the unswerving loyalty of the ascending mortals who, under their Melchizedek leadership, successfully withstood the combined and protracted efforts of all the subtle evil forces which so swiftly garnered around the banners of

secession and sin.

It was over two years of system time from the beginning of the "war in heaven" until the installation of Lucifer's successor, Lanaforge. But at last the new Sovereign came, landing on the sea

of glass with his staff. The first message of Lanaforge to the Constellation Father of Norlatiadek, read: "Not a single Jerusem citizen was lost. Every ascendant mortal survived the fiery trial and emerged from the crucial test triumphant and altogether victorious." And on to Salvington, Uversa, and Paradise went this message of assurance that the survival experience of mortal ascension is the greatest security against rebellion and the surest safeguard against sin. This noble Jerusem band of faithful mortals numbered just 187,432,811.

With the arrival of Lanaforge the archrebels were dethroned and shorn of all governing powers, though they were permitted freely to go about Jerusem, the morontia spheres, and even to the individual inhabited worlds. Lucifer and Satan freely roamed the Satania system until the completion of the bestowal mission of Michael on Urantia. They were last on our world together during the time of their combined assault upon the Son of Man. They continued their deceptive and seductive

efforts to confuse and mislead the minds of mortals and angels. But as concerned their work on the administrative mount of Jerusem, "their place was found no more."

While Lucifer was deprived

administrative authority in Satania, there then existed no local universe power nor tribunal which could detain or destroy this wicked rebel; at that time Michael was not a sovereign ruler. The Ancients of Days sustained the Constellation Fathers in their seizure of the system government, but they have never handed down any subsequent decisions in the many appeals still pending with regard to the present status and future disposition of Lucifer, Satan, and their associates. Thus were these archrebels allowed to roam the entire system to seek further penetration for their doctrines of discontent and self-assertion. But in almost two hundred thousand Urantia years they have been unable to deceive another world. No Satania worlds have been lost since the fall of the thirty-seven, not even those younger worlds peopled since that day of rebellion.

PART VI

THE BESTOWAL OF MICHAEL ON URANTIA

The Eternal Son is the eternal Word of God. The Eternal Son is the perfect expression of the "first" absolute and infinite thought of his eternal Father. When a personal duplication or divine extension of this Original Son starts on a bestowal mission of mortal incarnation, it becomes literally true that the divine "Word is made flesh," and that the Word thus dwells among us lowly beings of animal origin.

On a mortal-bestowal missing a Paradise Son is always born of woman and grows up as a male child of the realm, as Jesus did on our planet Urantia. These Sons of supreme service all pass from infancy through youth to manhood just as does a human being. In every respect they become like the mortals of the race into which they were born, as Jesus was an olive-skinned Jew. They make petitions to the Father as do the children of the realms in which they serve. From a material viewpoint, these human- divine Sons live ordinary lives

with just one exception: they do not beget
offspring on the worlds of their sojourn;
that is a universal restriction imposed on
all orders of the Paradise bestowal Sons.

As Jesus worked on our world as the carpenter's son, so do other Paradise Sons labor in various capacities on their bestowal planets. You could hardly think of a vocation that has not been followed by some Paradise Son in the course of his bestowal on some one of the evolutionary planets of time.

When a bestowal Son has mastered the experience of living the mortal life, when he has achieved perfection of attunement with his indwelling Spirit, thereupon he begins that part of his planetary mission designed to illuminate the minds and to inspire the souls of his brethren in the flesh, as Jesus did on the Monday, January 14,

.D. 26 day John had baptized Jesus in the Jordan at noon. As teachers, these Sons are exclusively devoted to the spiritual enlightenment of the mortal races on the worlds of their sojourn.

When the bestowal Sons enter the portals of death, they all reappear on the third day. But you should not entertain the idea

that they always meet with the tragic end encountered by our Creator Son who sojourned on our world August 21, 7 B.C. through April 7, A.D. 30. The extraordinary and unusually cruel experience through which Jesus of Nazareth passed has caused our planet Urantia to become

locally known as the "the world of the cross." It is not necessary that such inhuman treatment be accorded a Son of God, and the vast majority of planets have afforded them a more considerate reception, allowing them to finish their mortal careers, terminate the age, adjudicate the sleeping survivors, and inaugurate a new dispensation, without imposing a violent death. A bestowal Son must encounter death, must pass through the whole of the actual experience of mortals of the realms, but it is not a requirement of the divine plan that this death be either violent or unusual.

On Urantia there is a widespread belief that the purpose of a Son's bestowal is, in some manner, to influence the attitude of the Universal Father. But your enlightenment should indicate that this is not true. The bestowals of the Michael Sons are a necessary part of the experiential process designed to make these Sons safe and sympathetic rulers of the peoples and planets of time and space. The career of sevenfold bestowal is the supreme goal of all

Paradise Creator Sons.

When bestowal Sons are not put to death by violence, they voluntarily relinquish their lives and pass through the portals of death, not to satisfy the demands of "stern justice" or "divine wrath,"

but rather to complete the bestowal, "to drink the cup" of the career of incarceration and personal experience in all that constitutes a creature's life as it is lived on the planets of mortal existence. Bestowal is a planetary and a universe necessity, and physical death is nothing more than a necessary part of a bestowal mission. And when the mortal incarceration is finished, the Creator Sons send forth their Spirit of Truths, the Comforter, to function in the hearts of the mortal races dwelling on their respective bestowal world.

Michael of Nebadon had bestowed himself six times after the similitude of six differing orders of his diverse creation of intelligent beings. Then he prepared to descend upon our planet Urantia in the likeness of mortal flesh, the lowest order of his intelligent will creatures, and, as such a human of the material realm, to execute the final act in the drama of the acquirement of universe sovereignty in accordance with the mandates of the divine Paradise Rulers of the eternal universe.

In the course of each of his six preceding bestowals Michael of Nebadon not only acquired the finite (time and space) experience of one group of his created beings, but he also acquired an essential

experience in Paradise cooperation which would, in and of itself, further contribute to constituting him the sovereign of his self-made universe. At any moment throughout all past local universe time, Michael could have asserted personal sovereignty as a Creator Son and as a Creator Son could have ruled his universe after the manner of his own choosing. But Michael did not wish to rule Nebadon merely in his own isolated right, as a Creator Son. He desired to ascend through actual experience in cooperative subordination to the Paradise Trinity.

Michael, therefore, had a double purpose in the making of these seven bestowals upon the various orders of his universe creatures: first, he was completing the required experience in creature understanding which is demanded of all Creator Sons before they assume complete sovereignty. At any time a Creator Son may rule his universe in his own right, but he can rule as the supreme representative of the Paradise Trinity only after passing through the seven universe-creature

bestowals. Second, he was aspiring to the privilege of representing the maximum authority of the Paradise Trinity which can be exercised in the direct and personal administration of a local universe. Accordingly, did Michael, during the experience of each of his universe bestowals,

successfully and acceptably voluntarily subordinate himself to the variously constituted wills of the diverse associations of the persons of the Paradise Trinity. That is, on the first bestowal he was subject to the combined will of the Father, Son, and Spirit; on the second bestowal to the will of the Father and the Son; on the third bestowal to the will of the Father and the Spirit; on the fourth bestowal to the will of the Son and the Spirit; on the fifth bestowal to the will of the Infinite Spirit; on the sixth bestowal to the will of the Eternal Son; and during the seventh and final bestowal, on Urantia, to the will of the Universal Father.

Michael, therefore, combines in his personal sovereignty the divine will of the sevenfold phases of the universal Creators with the understanding experience of his local universe creatures. Thus has his administration become representative of the greatest possible power and authority although divested of all arbitrary assumptions. His power is unlimited since it

is derived from experienced association with the Paradise Deities; his authority is unquestioned inasmuch as it was acquired through actual experience in the likeness of universe creatures; his sovereignty is supreme

since it embodies at one and the same time the sevenfold viewpoint of Paradise Deity with the creature viewpoint of time and space.

Having determined the time of his final bestowal and having selected the planet whereupon this extraordinary event would take place, Michael held the usual prebestowal conference with Gabriel and then presented himself before his elder brother and Paradise counselor, Immanuel. All powers of universe administration which had not previously been conferred upon Gabriel, Michael now assigned to the custody of Immanuel. And just before Michael's departure for the Urantia incarnation, Immanuel, in accepting the custody of the universe during the time of the Urantia bestowal, proceeded to impart the bestowal counsel which would serve as the incarnation guide for Michael when he would presently grow up on Urantia as a mortal of the realm.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that Michael had elected to execute this bestowal in the likeness of mortal flesh, subject to the will of the Paradise Father.

The Creator Son required instructions from no one in order to effect this incarnation for the sole purpose of achieving universe sovereignty, but he had embarked upon a program of the revelation of the Supreme which

involved cooperative functioning with the diverse wills of the Paradise Deities. Thus his sovereignty, when finally, and personally acquired, would actually be all-inclusive of the sevenfold will of Deity as it culminates in the Supreme Being experience God of the finite, the culminating and personally volitional God-focus of the transformation of potentials to actuals in and on the total finite level of time and space. He had, therefore, six times previously been instructed by the personal representatives of the various Paradise Deities and associations thereof; and now he was instructed by the Union of Days, ambassador of the Paradise Trinity to the local universe of. Nebadon, Immanuel, acting on behalf of the Universal Father.

There were immediate advantages and tremendous compensations resultant from the willingness of the mighty Creator Son once more voluntarily to subordinate himself to the will of the Paradise Deities, this time to that of the Universal Father. By this decision to effect such associative

subordination, Michael would experience in this incarnation, not only the nature of mortal man, but also the will of the Paradise Father of all. And further, he could enter upon this unique bestowal with the complete assurance, not only that Immanuel

would exercise the full authority of the Paradise Father in the administration of his universe during his absence on the Urantia bestowal, but also with the comforting knowledge that the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse had decreed the safety of his realm throughout the entire bestowal period.

And this was the setting of the momentous occasion when Immanuel presented the seventh bestowal commission. And from this prebestowal charge of Immanuel to the universe ruler who subsequently became Jesus of Nazareth (Christ Michael) on Urantia, he was permitted to present the following excerpts.

1. The Seventh Bestowal Commission

"My Creator brother, I am about to witness your seventh and final universe bestowal. Most faithfully and perfectly have you executed the six previous commissions, and I entertain no thought but that you will be equally triumphant on this, your terminal

sovereignty bestowal. Heretofore you have appeared on your bestowal spheres as a fully developed being of the order of your choosing. Now you are about to appear upon Urantia, the disordered

and disturbed planet of your choice, not as a fully developed mortal, but as a helpless babe. This, my comrade, will be a new and untried experience for you. You are about to pay the full price of bestowal and to experience the complete enlightenment of the incarnation of a Creator in the likeness of a creature.

"Throughout each of your former bestowals you have voluntarily chosen to subject yourself to the will of the three Paradise Deities and their divine interassociations. Of the seven phases of the will of the Supreme you have in your previous bestowals been subject to all but the personal will of your Paradise Father. Now that you have elected to be wholly subject to your Father's will throughout your seventh bestowal, I, as the personal representative of our Father, assume the unqualified jurisdiction of your universe for the time of your incarnation.

"In entering upon the Urantia bestowal, you have voluntarily divested yourself of all extraplanetary support and special

assistance such as might be rendered by any creature of your own creation. As your created sons of Nebadon are wholly dependent upon you for safe conduct throughout their universe careers, so now must you become wholly and unreservedly dependent upon your

Paradise Father for safe conduct throughout the unrevealed vicissitudes of your ensuing mortal career. And when you shall have finished this bestowal experience, you will know in very truth the full meaning and the rich significance of that faith-trust which you so unvaryingly require all your creatures to master as a part of their intimate relationship with you as their local universe Creator and Father.

"Throughout your Urantia bestowal you need be concerned with but one thing, the unbroken communion between you and your Paradise Father; and it will be by the perfection of such a relationship that the world of your bestowal, even all the universe of your creation, will behold a new and more understandable revelation of your Father and my Father, the Universal Father of all. Your concern, therefore, has only to do with your personal life on Urantia. I will be fully and efficiently responsible for the security and unbroken administration of your universe from the moment of your voluntary relinquishment of authority until

you return to us as Universe Sovereign,
confirmed by Paradise, and receive back from
my hands, not the vicegerent authority which
you now surrender to me, but, instead, the
supreme

power over, and jurisdiction of, your universe.

"And that you may know with assurance that I am empowered to do all that I am now promising (knowing full well that I am the assurance of all Paradise for the faithful performance of my word), I announce to you that there has just been communicated to me a mandate of the Ancients of Days on Uversa which will prevent all spiritual jeopardy in Nebadon throughout the period of the beginning of the mortal incarnation until you return to us as supreme and unconditional sovereign of this universe of your own creation and organization, nothing of serious import can happen in all Nebadon. In this interim of your incarnation, I hold the orders of the Ancients of Days which unqualifiedly mandate the instantaneous and automatic extinction of any being guilty of rebellion or presuming to instigate insurrection in the universe of Nebadon while you are absent on this bestowal. My brother, in view of the authority of Paradise inherent in my presence and augmented by the judicial mandate of Uversa, your universe and all its loyal creatures will be secure during your bestowal. You may proceed upon

your mission with but a single thought
- the enhanced revelation of our Father to the
intelligent beings of your universe.

"As in each of your previous bestowals, I
would remind you that I am recipient of your
universe

jurisdiction as brother-trustee. I exercise all authority and wield all power in your name. I function as would our Paradise Father and in accordance with your explicit request that I thus act in your stead. And such being the fact, all this delegated authority is yours again to exercise at any moment you may see fit to requisition its return. Your bestowal is, throughout, wholly voluntary. As a mortal incarnate in the realm you are without celestial endowments, but all your relinquished power may be had at any time you may choose to reinvest yourself with universe authority. If you should choose to reinstate yourself in power and authority, remember, it will be wholly for personal reasons since I am the living and supreme pledge whose presence and promise guarantee the safe administration of your universe in accordance with your Father's will. Rebellion, such as has three times occurred in Nebadon, cannot occur during your absence from Salvington on this bestowal. For the period of the Urantia bestowal the Ancients of Days have decreed that rebellion

in Nebadon shall be invested with the
automatic seed of its own annihilation.

"As long as you are absent on this final
and

extraordinary bestowal, I pledge (with Gabriel's cooperation) the faithful administration of your universe; and as I commission you to undertake this ministry of divine revelation and to undergo this experience of perfected human understanding, I act in behalf of my Father and your Father and offer you the following counsel, which should guide you in the living of your earth life as you become progressively self-conscious regarding the divine mission of your continued sojourn in the flesh.

2. The Bestowal Limitations

"1. In accordance with the usages and in conformity with the technique of Sonarington (the Paradise headquarters where the secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons is securely held) - in compliance with the mandates of the Eternal Son of Paradise - I have provided in every way for your immediate entrance upon this mortal bestowal in harmony with the plans formulated by you and placed in my keeping by Gabriel. You will grow up on Urantia as a child of the realm, complete your human education - all the while

subject to the will of your Paradise Father

- live your life on Urantia as you have determined, terminate your planetary sojourn, and prepare for ascension to your Father to receive from him the supreme sovereignty of your universe.

"2. Apart from your earth mission and your universe revelation, out incidental to both, I counsel that you assume, after you are sufficiently self-conscious of your divine identity, the additional task of technically terminating the Lucifer rebellion in the system of Satania, and that you do all this as the Son of Man; thus, as a mortal creature of the real , n weakness made powerful by faith-submission to the will of your Father, I suggest that you graciously achieve all you have repeatedly declined arbitrarily to accomplish by power and might when you were so endowed at the time of the inception of this sinful and unjustified rebellion. I would regard it as a fitting climax of your mortal bestowal if you should return to us as the Son of Man, Planetary Prince of Urantia, as well as the Son of God, supreme sovereign of your universe. As a mortal man, the lowest type of intelligent creature in Nebadon, meet and adjudicate the blasphemous pretensions of Caligastia and Lucifer and, in your assumed humble estate, forever end the shameful misrepresentations of these fallen children of light. Having

steadfastly declined to discredit these rebels through the exercise of your creator prerogatives, now it would be fitting that you should, in the

likeness of the lowest creatures of your creation, wrest dominion from the hands of these fallen Sons; and so would your whole local universe in all fairness clearly and forever recognize the justice of your doing in the role of mortal flesh those things which mercy admonished you not to do by the power of arbitrary authority. And having thus by your bestowal established the possibility of the sovereignty of the Supreme in Nebadon, you will in effect have brought to a close the unadjudicated affairs of all preceding insurrections, notwithstanding the greater or lesser time lag involved in the realization of this achievement. By this act the pending dissensions of your universe will be in substance liquidated. And with the subsequent endowment of supreme sovereignty over your universe, similar challenges to your authority can never recur in any part of your great personal creation.

"3. When you have succeeded in terminating the Urantia secession, as you undoubtedly will, I counsel you to accept from Gabriel

the conference of the title of 'Planetary Prince of Urantia' as the eternal recognition by your universe of your final bestowal experience; and that you further do any and all things, consistent with the purport of

your bestowal, to atone for the sorrow and confusion brought upon Urantia by the Caligastia betrayal and the subsequent Adamic default.

"4. In accordance with your request, Gabriel and all concerned will cooperate with you in the expressed desire to end your Urantia bestowal with the pronouncement of a dispensational judgment of the realm, accompanied by the termination of an age, the resurrection of the sleeping mortal survivors, and the establishment of the dispensation of the bestowed Spirit of Truth.

"5. As concerns the planet of your bestowal and the immediate generation of men living thereon at the time of your mortal sojourn, I counsel you to function largely in the role of a teacher. Give attention, first, to the liberation and inspiration of man's spiritual nature. Next, illuminate the darkened human intellect, heal the souls of men, and emancipate their minds from age-old fears. And then, in accordance with your mortal wisdom minister to the physical well-

being and material comfort of your brothers in the flesh. Live the ideal religious life for the inspiration and edification of all your universe.

"6. On the planet of your bestowal, set rebellion-

segregated man spiritually free. On Urantia, make a further contribution to the sovereignty of the Supreme, thus extending the establishment of this sovereignty throughout the broad domains of your personal creation. In this, your material bestowal in the likeness of the flesh, you are about to experience the final enlightenment of a time- space creator, the dual experience of working within the nature of man with the will of your Paradise Father. In your temporal life the will of the finite creature and the will of the infinite creator are to become as one, even as they are also uniting in the evolving Deity of the Supreme Being. Pour out upon the planet of your bestowal the Spirit of Truth and thus make all normal mortals on that isolated sphere immediately and fully accessible to the ministry of the segregated presence of c Paradise Father, the Thought Adjusters of the realms

- the indwelling Spirit Beings.

"7. In all that you may perform on the world of your bestowal, bear constantly in mind that you are living a life for the instruction and edification of all your

universe. You are bestowing this life of mortal incarnation upon Urantia, but you are to live such a life for the spiritual inspiration of every human and superhuman intelligence that has lived, now exists, or may yet live on every inhabited world which has formed, now forms, or may yet form

a part of the vast galaxy of your administrative domain. Your earth life in the likeness of mortal flesh shall not be so lived as to constitute an example for the mortals of Urantia in the days of your earthly sojourn nor for any subsequent generations of human beings on Urantia or on any other world. Rather shall your life in the flesh on Urantia be the inspiration for all lives upon Nebadon worlds throughout all generations in the ages to come.

"8. Your great mission to be realized and experienced in the mortal incarnation is embraced in your decision to live a life wholeheartedly motivated to do the will of your Paradise Father, thus to reveal God, your Father, in the flesh and especially to the creatures of the flesh.

At the same time you will interpret, with a new enhancement, our Father, to the supermortal beings of all Nebadon. Equally with this ministry of new revelation and augmented interpretation of the Paradise Father to the human and the superhuman type of mind, you will also so function as to make a

new revelation of man to God. Exhibit in your one short life in the flesh, as it has never before been seen in all Nebadon, the transcendent possibilities attainable by a God-knowing human during the short

career of mortal existence, and make a new and illuminating interpretation of man and the vicissitudes of his planetary life to all the superhuman intelligences of all Nebadon, and for all time. You are to go down to 'Urantia in the likeness of mortal flesh, and living as a man in your day and generation, you will so function as to show your entire universe the ideal of perfected technique in the supreme engagement of the affairs of your vast creation: the achievement of God seeking man and finding him and the phenomenon of man seeking God and finding him; and doing all of this to mutual satisfaction and doing it during one short lifetime in the flesh.

"9. I caution you ever to bear in mind that, while in fact you are to become an ordinary human of the realm, in potential you will remain a Creator Son of the Paradise Father. Throughout this incarnation, although you will live and act as a Son of Man, the creative attributes of your personal divinity will follow you from Salvington to Urantia. It will ever be within your power-

of-will to terminate the incarnation at any moment subsequent to the arrival of your Thought Adjuster. Prior to the arrival and reception of the Adjuster I will vouch for your personality integrity. But

subsequent to the arrival of your Adjuster (which occurred February 11, 2 B.C., before Jesus was five years old), and concomitant with your progressive recognition of the nature and import of your bestowal mission, you should refrain from the formulation of any superhuman will-to-attainment, achievement, or power in view of the fact that your creator prerogatives will remain associated with your mortal personality because of the inseparability of these attributes from your personal presence. But no superhuman repercussions will attend your earthly career apart from the will of the Paradise Father unless you should, by an act of conscious and deliberate will, make an undivided decision which would terminate in whole-personality choice.

3. Further Counsel and Advice

"And now, my brother, in taking leave of you as you prepare to depart for Urantia and after counseling you regarding the general conduct of your bestowal, allow me to present

certain advices that have been arrived at in consultation with Gabriel, and which concern minor phases of your mortal life. We further suggest:

"1. That, in the pursuit of the ideal of your mortal earth life, you also give some attention to the realization and exemplification of some things practical and immediately helpful to your fellow men.

"2. As concerns family relationships, give precedence to the accepted customs of family life as you find them established in the day and generation of your bestowal. Live your family and community life in accordance with the practices of the people among whom you have elected to appear.

"3. In your relations to the social order we advise that you confine your efforts largely to spiritual regeneration and intellectual emancipation. Avoid all entanglements with the economic structure and the political commitments of your day. More especially devote yourself to living the ideal religious life on Urantia.

"4. Under no circumstances and not even in the least detail, should you interfere with the normal and orderly progressive evolution of the Urantia races. But this prohibition must not be interpreted as limiting your efforts to leave behind you on Urantia an enduring

and improved system of positive religious ethics. As a dispensational Son you are granted certain privileges pertaining to the advancement of the spiritual and religious status of the world peoples.

"5. As you may see fit, you are to identify yourself with existing religious and spiritual movements as they may be found on Urantia but in every possible manner seek to avoid the formal establishment of an organized cult, a crystallized religion, or a segregated ethical grouping of mortal beings. Your life and teachings are to become the common heritage of all religions and all peoples.

"6. To the end that you may not unnecessarily contribute to the creation of subsequent stereotyped systems of Urantia religious beliefs or other types of nonprogressive religious loyalties, we advise you still further: leave no writings behind you on the planet. Refrain from all writing upon permanent materials; enjoin your associates to make no images or other likenesses of yourself in the flesh. See that nothing potentially idolatrous is left on the planet at the time of your departure.

"7. While you will live the normal and average social life of the planet, being a

normal individual of the male sex, you will probably not enter the marriage relation, which relation would be wholly honorable and consistent with your bestowal; but I must remind you that one of the incarnation mandates of Sonarington forbids the leaving of human

offspring behind on any planet by a bestowal Son of Paradise origin.

"8. In all other details of your oncoming bestowal we would commit you to the leading of the indwelling Adjuster, the teaching of the ever-present divine spirit of human guidance, and the reason-judgment of your expanding human mind of hereditary endowment. Such an association of creature and Creator attributes will enable you to live for us the perfect life of man on the planetary spheres, not necessarily perfect as regarded by any one man in any one generation on any one world (much less on Urantia) but wholly and supremely replete as evaluated on the more highly perfected and perfecting worlds of your far-flung universe.

"And now, may your Father and my Father, who has ever sustained us in all past performances, guide and sustain you and be with you from the moment you leave us and achieve the surrender of your consciousness of personality, throughout your gradual return to recognition of your divine identity incarnate in human form, and then on through

the whole of your bestowal experience on
Urantia until your deliverance from the
flesh and your ascension to our Father's
right hand of sovereignty. When I shall again
see you on Salvington, we shall welcome

your return to us as the supreme and unconditional sovereign of this universe of your own making, serving, and completed understanding.

"In your stead I now reign. I assume jurisdiction of all Nebadon as acting sovereign during the interim of your seventh and mortal bestowal on Urantia. And to you, Gabriel, I commit the safekeeping of the Son of Man about- to-be until he shall presently and in power and glory be returned to me as the Son of Man and the Son of God. And, Gabriel, I am your sovereign until Michael thus returns."

Then immediately in the presence of all Salvington assembled, Michael removed himself from their midst, and was not seen no more in his accustomed place until his return as the supreme and personal ruler of his universe, subsequent to the completion of his bestowal career on our planet Urantia.

1. The Incarnation - Making Two One

And so certain unworthy children of Michael, who had accused their 'Creator-father of selfishly seeking rulership and indulged the insinuation that the Creator Son was arbitrarily and autocratically upheld in power by virtue of the unreasoning loyalty of a deluded universe of subservient creatures, were to be silenced forever and left confounded and disillusioned by the life of self- forgetful service which the Son of God now entered upon as the Son of Man.- all the while subject to "the will of the Paradise Father."

But make no mistake; Christ Michael, while truly a dual-origin being, was not a double personality. He was not God in association with man but, rather, God incarnate in man. And he was always just that combined being. The only progressive factor in such a non-understandable relationship was the progressive self-conscious realization and recognition (by the human mind) of this fact of being God and man.

Christ Michael did not progressively

become God. God did not, at some vital moment in the earth life of Jesus, become man. Jesus was God and man - always and even forevermore. And this God and this man were, and now are, even as the Paradise Trinity

of three beings in reality one Deity.

Never lose sight of the fact that the supreme spiritual purpose of the Michael bestowal was to enhance the revelation of God.

2. Joshua Ben Joseph

Joshua ben Joseph was conceived a Jewish olive- skinned baby and was born into the world just as all other babies before and since except that this particular baby was the incarnation of Michael o f Nebadon, a divine Son of Paradise and the creator of this local universe of things and beings.

Certain wise men of our planet Urantia knew of Michael's impending arrival. Through the contacts of one world with another, these wise men of spiritual insight learned of the forthcoming bestowal of Michael on our Urantia. And the seraphim did, through the midway creatures (celestial beings capable of becoming visible to human beings) make announcement to a group of Chaldean priests whose leader was Ardnnon. These men of God visited the newborn child in the manger. The

only supernatural event associated with the August 21, 7 B.C. at High Noon birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was this announcement to Ardnnon and his associates by the seraphim of former attachment to Adam and Eve in the first Garden of Eden.

Jesus' human parents, Joseph and Mary, were average people of their day and generation, and this incarnated Son of God was thus born of woman and was reared in the ordinary manner of the children of that race and age.

PART VII

THE END OF THE LUCIFER REBELLION

It was Jesus' thirty-first year (A.D. 25) on our planet Urantia when he was led by the Spirit that indwelt his human mind to forsake the dwelling places of men and betake himself up to Mount Hermon that he might finish this work of mastering his human mind and complete the task of effecting his full consecration to the remainder of his lifework on earth.

This was one of those unusual and extraordinary epochs in the Master's earth life on Urantia. Another and very similar one was the experience he passed through when alone in the hills near Pella just subsequent to his baptism. This period of isolation on Mount Hermon marked the termination of his purely human career, that is, the technical termination of the mortal bestowal. And Jesus lived alone with God for six weeks on the slopes of Mount Hermon.

Near the middle of August, A.D. 25,

Jesus, after spending some time in the vicinity of Casearea Philippi, made ready his supplies, and

securing a beast of burden and a lad named Tiglath, he proceeded along the Damascus road to a village sometime known as Beit Jenn in the foothills of Mount Hermon. There Jesus established his headquarters, and leaving his supplies in the custody of Tiglath, he ascended the lonely slopes of the mountain. Tiglath accompanied Jesus this first day up the mountain to a designated point about 6,000 feet above sea level, where they built a stone container in which Tiglath was to deposit food twice a week.

The first day, after he had left Tiglath, Jesus had ascended the mountain only a short way when he paused to pray. Among other things he asked his Father to send back the guardian seraphim to "be with Tiglath." He requested that he be permitted to go up to his last struggle with the realities of mortal existence alone. And his request was granted. He went into the great test with only his indwelling Spirit in his human mind to guide and sustain him.

Jesus ate frugally while on the mountain; he abstained from all food only a

day or two at a time. The superhuman beings who confronted him on this mountain, and with whom he wrestled in spirit, and whom he defeated in power, were real; they were his

archenemies in the system of Satania; they were not phantasms of the imagination evolved out of the intellectual vagaries of a weakened and starving mortal who could not distinguish reality from the visions of a disordered mind.

Jesus spent the last three weeks of August and the first three weeks of September on Mount Hermon. During these weeks he finished the mortal task of achieving the circles of mind-understanding and personality-control. The mortal goal of this earth creature was there attained. Only the final phase of mind and indwelling Spirit attunement remained to be consummated.

After more than five weeks of unbroken communion with his Paradise Father, Jesus became absolutely assured of his nature and of the certainty of his triumph over the material levels of time-space personality manifestation. He fully believed in, and did not hesitate to assert, the ascendancy of his divine nature over his human nature.

Near the end of the mountain sojourn

Jesus asked his Father if he might be permitted to hold conference with his Satania enemies as the Son of Man, as Joshua hen Joseph. This request was

granted. During the last week on Mount Hermon the great temptation, the universe trial, occurred. of the misrepresentations of rebel personalities, had not to do with food, temple pinnacles, or presumptuous acts. It had not to do with the kingdoms of this world but with the sovereignty of a mighty and glorious universe. The symbolism of our records was intended for the backward ages of our world's childlike thought. And subsequent generations should understand what a great struggle the Son of Man passed through that eventful day on Mount Hermon.

To the many proposals and counterproposals of the emissaries of Lucifer, Jesus only made reply: "May the will of my Paradise Father prevail, and you, my rebellious son, may the Ancients of Days judge you divinely. I am your Creator-Father; I can hardly judge you justly, and my mercy you have already spurned. I commit you to the adjudication of the Judges of a greater universe."

To all the Lucifer-suggested compromises and makeshifts, to all such specious proposals about the incarnation bestowal,

Jesus only made reply, "The will of my Father in Paradise be done."- And when the trying ordeal was finished, the detached guardian seraphim returned to Jesus' side and ministered to him.

On an afternoon in late summer, amid the trees and in the silence of nature, Michael of Nebadon won the unquestioned sovereignty of all Nebadon. On that day he completed the task set for Creator Sons to live to the full the incarnated life in the likeness of mortal flesh on the evolutionary worlds of time and space. The universe announcement of this momentous achievement was not made until the day of his baptism, months afterward - on January 14, A.D. 26, but it all really took place that day on the mountain. And when Jesus came down from his sojourn on Mount Hermon, the Lucifer rebellion in Satania and the Caligastia secession on Urantia were virtually settled. Jesus had paid the last price required of him to attain the sovereignty of his universe, which in itself regulates the status of all rebels and determines that all such future upheavals (if they ever occur) may be dealt with summarily and effectively. Accordingly, it may be seen that the so-called "great temptation" of Jesus took place some time before his baptism and not just after that event.

At the end of this sojourn on the mountain, as Jesus was making his descent, he met Tiglath coming up to the rendezvous with food. Turning him back, he said only: "The period of rest is over; I must

return to my Father's business." He was a silent and much changed man as they journeyed back to Dan, where he took leave of the lad, giving him the donkey. He then proceeded south by the same way he had come, to Capernaum.

1. The Son of Man on Urantia

Lucifer and Satan freely roamed the Satania system until the completion of the bestowal mission of Michael on Urantia. They were last on our world together during the time of their combined assault upon the Son of Man.

Formerly, when the Planetary Princes, the "Sons of God," were periodically assembled, "Satan came also," claiming that he represented all of the isolated worlds of the fallen Planetary Princes. But he has not been accorded such liberty on Jerusem since Michael's terminal bestowal. Subsequent to their effort to corrupt Michael when in the bestowal flesh, all sympathy for Lucifer and Satan has perished throughout all Satania,

that is, outside the isolated worlds of sin.

The bestowal of Michael terminated the Lucifer rebellion in all Satania aside from the planets of the apostate Planetary Princes. And this was the

significance of Jesus' personal experience, just before his death in the flesh, when he one day exclaimed to his disciples, "And I beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven." He had come with Lucifer to Urantia for the last crucial struggle.

The Son of Man was confident of success, and he knew that his triumph on our world would forever settle the status of his agelong enemies, not only in Satania but also in the other two systems where sin had entered. There was survival for mortals and security for angels when our Master, in reply to the Lucifer proposals, calmly and with divine assurance replied, "Get you behind me, Satan." That was, in principle, the real elld of the Lucifer rebellion. True, the Uversa tribunals have not yet rendered the executive decision regarding the appeal of Gabriel praying for the destruction of the rebels, but such a decree will, no doubt, be forthcoming in the fullness of time since the first step in the hearing of this case has already been taken.

Caligastia was recognized by the Son of Man as the technical Prince of Urantia up to

near the time of his death. Said Jesus: "Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast down."

And then still nearer the completion of his

lifework he announced, "The prince of this world is judged." And it is this same dethroned and discredited Prince who was once termed "God of Urantia."

The last act of Michael before leaving Urantia was to offer mercy to Caligastia but he spurned his tender proffer. Caligastia, our apostate Planetary Prince, is still free on Urantia to prosecute his nefarious designs, but he has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men, neither can he draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt the, unless they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

Before the bestowal of Michael these rulers of darkness sought to maintain their authority on Urantia, and they persistently withstood the minor and subordinate celestial personalities. But since the day of Pentecost this traitorous Caligastia and his equally contemptible associate, Daligastia, are servile before the divine majesty of the Paradise Thought Adjusters and the protective Spirit of Truth, the spirit of Michael, which has been poured out

upon all flesh.

But even so, no fallen spirit ever did have the power to invade the minds or to harass the souls of the children of God. Neither Satan nor Caligastia could ever touch or approach the faith sons of God;

faith is an effective armor against sin and iniquity. It is true: "He who is born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one touches him not."

In general, when weak and dissolute mortals are supposed to be under the influence of devils and demons, they are merely being dominated by their own inherent and debased tendencies, being led away by their own natural propensities. The devil has been given a great deal of credit for evil which does not belong to him. Caligastia has been comparatively impotent since the cross of Christ.

2. Present Status of the Rebellion

Early in the days of the Lucifer rebellion, salvation was offered all rebels by Michael. To all who would show proof of sincere repentance, he offered, upon his attainment of complete universe sovereignty, forgiveness and reinstatement in some form of universe service. None of the leaders accepted this merciful proffer. But thousands

of the angels and the lower orders of celestial beings, including hundreds of the Material Sons and Daughters, accepted the mercy proclaimed by the Panoptians and were given rehabilitation at the time of Jesus' resurrection April 9, 30. These

beings have since been transferred to the Father's world of Jerusem, where they must be held, technically, until the Uversa courts hand down a decision in the matter of Gabriel vs. Lucifer. But no one doubts that, when the annihilation verdict is issued, these repentant and

salvaged personalities will be exempted from the decree of extinction. These probationary souls now labor with the Panoptians in the work of caring for the Father's world.

The archdeceiver has never been on Urantia since the days when he sought to turn back Michael from the purpose to complete the bestowal and to establish himself finally and securely as the unqualified ruler of Nebadon. Upon Michael's becoming the settled head of the universe of Nebadon, Lucifer was taken into custody by the agents of the Uversa Ancients of Days and has since been a prisoner on satellite number one of the Father's group of the transition spheres of Jerusem. And here the rulers of other worlds and systems behold the end of the unfaithful Sovereign of Satania. Paul

knew of the status of these rebellious leaders following Michael's bestowal, for he wrote of Caligastia's chiefs as "spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Michael, upon assuming the supreme sovereignty of Nebadon, petitioned the Ancients of Days for authority to intern all personalities concerned in the Lucifer rebellion pending the rulings of the superuniverse tribunals in the case of Gabriel vs. Lucifer, placed on the records of the Uversa supreme court almost two hundred thousand years ago, as we reckon time.

Concerning the system capital group, the Ancients of Days granted the Michael petition with but a single exception: Satan was allowed to make periodic visits to the apostate princes on the fallen worlds until another Son of God should be accepted by such apostate worlds, or until such time as the courts of Uversa should begin the adjudication of the case of Gabriel vs. Lucifer.

Satan could come to Urantia because it had no Son of standing in residence - neither Planetary Prince nor Material Son. Machiventa Melchizedek has since been proclaimed vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia, and the opening of the case of Gabriel

vs. Lucifer has signalized the inauguration of temporary planetary regimes on all the isolated worlds. It is true that Satan did periodically visit Caligastia and others of the fallen princes right up to the time of the (1934) presentation of these revelations,

when there occurred the first hearing of Gabriel's plea for the annihilation of the archrebels. Satan is now unqualifiedly detained on the Jerusem prison worlds.

Since Michael's final bestowal no one in all Satania has desired to go to the prison worlds to minister to the interned rebels. And no more beings have been won to the deceiver's cause. For two thousand years the status has been unchanged.

The revelators do not look for a removal of the present Satania restrictions until the Ancients of Days make final disposition of the archrebels. The system circuits will not be reinstated so long as Lucifer lives. Meantime, he is wholly inactive.

The rebellion has ended on Jerusem. It ends on the fallen worlds as fast as divine Sons arrive. They believe that all rebels who will ever accept mercy have done so. They await the flashing broadcast that will deprive these traitors of personality existence. They anticipate the verdict of Uversa will be announced by the executionary

broadcast which will effect the annihilation
of these interned rebels. Then will we look
for their places, but they shall not be
found. "And they who know you among the
worlds will be astonished at you;

you have been a terror, but never shall you be any more." And thus shall all of these unworthy traitors "become as though they had not been." All await the Uversa decree. But for ages, the seven prison worlds of spiritual darkness in Satania have constituted a solemn warning to all Nebadon, eloquently and effectively proclaiming the great truth "that the way of the transgressor is hard"; "that within every sin is concealed the seed of its own destruction"; that "the wages of sin is death."

PART VIII

PROBLEMS OF THE LUCIFER REBELLION

Evolutionary man finds it difficult to comprehend the significance and to grasp the meanings of evil, error, sin, and iniquity. Man is slow to perceive that contrastive perfection and imperfection produce potential evil; that conflicting truth and falsehood create confusing error; that the divine endowment of freewill choice eventuates in the divergent realms of sin and righteousness; that the persistent pursuit of divinity leads to the kingdom of God as contrasted with its continuous rejection, which leads to the domains of iniquity.

The Gods neither create evil nor permit sin and rebellion. Potential evil is time-existent in a universe embracing differential levels of perfection meanings and values. Sin is potential in all realms where imperfect beings are endowed with the ability to choose between good and evil. The

very conflicting presence of truth and untruth, fact and falsehood, constitutes the potentiality of error. The deliberate choice of evil constitutes

sin; the willful rejection of truth is error; the persistent pursuit of sin and error is iniquity.

1. True and False Liberty

Of all the perplexing problems growing out of the Lucifer rebellion, none has occasioned more difficulty than the failure of immature evolutionary mortals to distinguish between true and false liberty.

True liberty is the quest of the ages and the reward of evolutionary progress. False liberty is the subtle deception of the error of time and the evil of space. Enduring liberty is predicated on the reality of justice - intelligence, maturity, fraternity, and equity.

Liberty is a self-destroying technique of cosmic existence when its motivation is unintelligent, unconditioned, and uncontrolled.

Liberty is suicidal when divorced from material justice, intellectual fairness,

social forbearance, moral duty, and
spiritual values. Liberty is nonexistent
apart from cosmic reality, and all
personality reality is proportional to its
divinity relationships.

Unbridled self-
will and unregulated self-

expression equal unmitigated selfishness, the acme of ungodliness. Liberty without the associated and ever-increasing conquest of self is a figment of egoistic mortal imagination. Self-motivated liberty is a conceptual illusion, a cruel deception. License masquerading in the garments of liberty is the forerunner of abject bondage.

True liberty is the associate of genuine self- respect; false liberty is the consort of self- admiration. True liberty is the fruit of self- control; false liberty, the assumption of self- assertion. Self-control leads to altruistic service; self-admiration tends towards the exploitation of others for the selfish aggrandizement of such a mistaken individual as is willing to sacrifice righteous attainment for the sake of possessing unjust power over his fellow beings.

Even wisdom is divine and safe only when it is cosmic in scope and spiritual in motivation.

There is no error greater than that species of self- deception which leads

intelligent beings to crave the exercise of power over other beings for the purpose of depriving these persons of their natural liberties. The golden rule of human fairness cries out against all such fraud,

unfairness, selfishness, and unrighteousness. Only true and genuine liberty is compatible with the reign of love and the ministry of mercy.

How dare the self-willed creature encroach upon the rights of his fellows in the name of personal liberty when the Supreme Rulers of the universe stand back in merciful respect for these prerogatives of will and potentials of personality! No being, in the exercise of his supposed personal liberty, has a right to deprive any other being of those privileges of existence conferred by the Creators and duly respected by all their loyal associates, subordinates, and subjects.

Evolutionary man may have to contend for his material liberties with tyrants and oppressors on a world of sin and iniquity or during the early times of a primitive evolving sphere, but not so on the morontia worlds or on the spirit spheres. War is the heritage of early evolutionary man, but on worlds of normal advancing civilization physical combat as a technique of adjusting

racial misunderstandings has long since
fallen into disrepute.

2. **The Theft of Liberty**

With the Son and in the Spirit did God
project

eternal Havana, and ever since has there obtained the eternal of coordinate participation in creation

- sharing. This pattern of sharing is the master design for every one of the Sons and Daughters of God who go out into space to engage in the attempt to duplicate in time the central universe of eternal perfection.

Every creature of every evolving universe who aspires to do the Father's will is destined to become the partner of the time-space Creators in this magnificent adventure of experiential perfection attainment. Were this not true, the Father would have hardly endowed such creatures with creative free will, neither would he indwell them, actually go into partnership with them by means of his own spirit.

Lucifer's folly was the attempt to do the nondoable, to short-circuit time in an experiential universe. Lucifer's crime was the attempted creative disenfranchisement of every personality in Satania, the unrecognized abridgment of the creature's personal participation - freewill

participation - in the long evolutionary struggle to attain the status of light and life both individually and collectively. In so doing this onetime Sovereign of our system set the temporal purpose of his own will directly athwart

the eternal purpose of God's will as it is revealed in the bestowal of free will upon all personal creatures. The Lucifer rebellion thus threatened the maximum possible infringement of the freewill choice of the ascenders and servers of the system of Satania - a threat forevermore to deprive every one of these beings of the thrilling experience of contributing something personal and unique to the slowly erecting monument to experiential wisdom which will sometime exist as the perfected system of Satania. Thus does the Lucifer manifesto, masquerading in the habiliments of liberty, stand forth in the clear light of reason as a monumental threat to consummate the theft of personal liberty and to do it on a scale that has been approached only twice in all the history of Nebadon.

In short, what God had given men and angels Lucifer would have taken away from them, that is, the divine privilege of participating in the creation of their own destinies and of the destiny of this local system of inhabited worlds.

No being in all the universe has the rightful liberty to deprive any other being of true liberty, the right to love and be loved, the privilege of worshiping God and of serving his fellows.

3. The Time Lag of Justice

The moral will creatures of the evolutionary worlds are always bothered with the unthinking question as to why the all-wise Creators permit evil and sin. They fail to comprehend that both are inevitable if the creature is to be truly free. The free will of evolving man or exquisite angel is not a mere philosophic concept, a symbolic ideal. Man's ability to choose good or evil is a universe reality. This liberty to choose for oneself is an endowment of the Supreme. Rulers, and they will not permit any being or group of beings to deprive a single personality in the wide universe of this divinely bestowed liberty - not even to satisfy such misguided and ignorant beings in the enjoyment of this misnamed personal liberty.

Although conscious and wholehearted identification with evil (sin) is the equivalent of nonexistence (annihilation), there must always intervene between the time of such personal identification with sin and the execution of the penalty - the automatic result of such a willful embrace of evil - a

period of time of sufficient length to allow
for such an adjudication of such an
individual's universe status as will prove
entirely satisfactory to all related universe
personalities,

and which will be so fair and just as to win the approval of the sinner himself.

But if this universe rebel against the reality of truth and goodness refuses to approve the verdict, and if the guilty one knows in his heart the justice of his condemnation but refuses to make such confession, then must the execution of sentence be delayed in accordance with the discretion of the Ancients of Days. And the Ancients of Days refuse to annihilate any being until all moral values and all spiritual realities are extinct, both in the evildoer and in all related supporters and possible sympathizers.

4. The Mercy Time Lag

Another problem somewhat difficult of explanation in the constellation of Norlatiadek pertains to the reasons for permitting Lucifer, Satan, and the fallen princes to work mischief so long before being apprehended, interned, and adjudicated.

Parents, those who have borne and reared children, are better able to understand why Michael, a Creator-father, might be slow to condemn and

destroy his own Sons. Jesus' story of the prodigal son well illustrates how a loving father can long wait for the repentance of an erring child.

The very fact that an evil-doing creature can actually choose to do wrong - commit sin - establishes the fact of free-willness and fully justifies any length delay in the execution of justice provided the extended mercy might conduce to repentance and rehabilitation.

Most of the liberties which Lucifer sought he already had; others he was to receive in the future. All these precious endowments were lost by giving way to impatience and yielding to a desire to possess what one craves now and to possess it in defiance of all obligation to respect. the rights and liberties of all other beings composing the universe of universes. Ethical obligations are innate, divine, and universal.

There are many reasons known why the Supreme Rulers did not immediately destroy or intern the leaders of the Lucifer

rebellion. There are no doubt still other and possible better reasons unknown. The mercy features of this delay in the execution of justice were extended personally by Michael of Nebadon. Except for the affection of this Creator- father for his erring Sons, the supreme justice of

the superuniverse would have acted. If such an episode as the Lucifer rebellion had occurred in Nebadon while Michael was incarnated on Urantia, the instigators of such evil might have been instantly and absolutely annihilated.

Supreme justice can act instantly when not restrained by divine mercy. But the ministry of mercy to the children of time and space always provides for this time lag, this saving interval between seedtime and harvest. If the seed sowing is good, this interval provides for the testing and upbuilding of character; if the seed sowing is evil, this merciful delay provides time for repentance and rectification. This time delay in the adjudication and execution of evildoers is inherent in the mercy ministry of the seven superuniverses. This restraint of justice by mercy proves that God is love, and that such a God of love dominates the universes and in mercy controls the fate and judgment of all his creatures.

The mercy delays of time are by the

mandate of the free will of the Creators.
There is good to be derived in the universe
from this technique of patience in dealing
with sinful rebels. While **it** is all too true
that good cannot come of evil to the one who
contemplates and performs evil, it is equally

true that all things (including evil, potential and manifest) work together for good to all beings who know God, love to do his will, and are ascending Paradiseward according to his eternal plan and divine purpose.

But these mercy delays are not interminable. Notwithstanding the long delay (as time is reckoned on Urantia) in adjudicating the Lucifer rebellion, it's recorded that, during the time of effecting this revelation, the first hearing in the pending case of Gabriel vs. Lucifer was held on Uversa, and soon thereafter there issued the mandate of the Ancients of Days directing that Satan be henceforth confined to the prison world with Lucifer. This ends the ability of Satan to pay further visits to any of the fallen worlds of Satania. Justice in a mercy-dominated universe may be slow, but it is certain.

5. The Triumph of Love

Whatever the difficulties evolutionary

mortals may encounter in their efforts to understand the Lucifer rebellion, it should be clear to all reflective thinkers that the technique of dealing with the rebels is a vindication of

divine love. The loving mercy extended to the rebels does seem to have involved many innocent beings in trials and tribulations, but all these distraught personalities may securely depend upon the all-wise Judges to adjudicate their destinies in mercy as well as justice.

In all their dealings with intelligent beings, both the Creator Son and his Paradise Father are love dominated. It is impossible to comprehend many phases of the attitude of the universe rulers toward rebels and rebellion - sin and sinners - unless it be remembered that God as a Father takes precedence over all other phases of Deity manifestation in all the dealings of divinity with humanity. It should also be recalled that the Paradise Creator Sons are all mercy motivated.

If an affectionate father of a large family chooses to show mercy to one of his children guilty of grievous wrongdoing, it may well be that the extension of mercy to this misbehaving child will work a temporary hardship upon all the other and well-behaved

children. Such eventualities are inevitable; such a risk is inseparable from the reality situation of having a loving parent and of being a member of a family group. Each member of a family profits by the righteous conduct of every

other member; likewise must each member suffer the immediate time-consequences of the misconduct of every other member. Families, groups, nations, races, worlds, systems, constellations, and universes are relationships of association which possess individuality; and therefore does every member of any such group, large or small, reap the benefits and suffer the consequences of the right doing and the wrongdoing of all other members of the group concerned.

But one thing should be made clear: if we are made to suffer the evil consequences of the sin of some member of our family, some fellow citizen or fellow mortal, even rebellion in the system or elsewhere - no matter what we may have to endure because of the wrongdoing of our associates, fellows, or superiors - we may rest secure in the eternal assurance that such tribulations are transient afflictions. None of these fraternal consequences of misbehavior in the group can ever jeopardize our eternal prospects or in the least degree deprive us

of our divine right of Paradise ascension
and God attainment.

And there is compensation for these
trials, delays, and disappointments which
invariably accompany the sin of rebellion. Of
the many valuable

repercussions of the Lucifer rebellion which might be named, attention will only be called to the enhanced careers of these mortal ascenders, the Jerusem citizens, who, by withstanding the sophistries of sin, placed themselves in line for becoming future Mighty Messengers. Every being who stood the test of that evil episode thereby immediately advanced his administrative status and enhanced his spiritual worth.

At first, the Lucifer upheaval appeared to be an unmitigated calamity to the system and to the universe. Gradually benefits began to accrue. With the passing of twenty-five thousand years of system time (twenty thousand years of Urantia time), the Melchizedeks began to teach that the good resulting from Lucifer's folly had come to equal the evil incurred. The sum of evil had by that time become almost stationary, continuing to increase only on certain isolated worlds, while the beneficial repercussions continued to multiply and extend out through the universe and superuniverse, even to Havana. The Melchizedeks now teach that the good

resulting from the Satania rebellion is more than a thousand times the sum of all the evil.

But such an extraordinary and beneficent harvest of wrongdoing could only be brought about by the wise, divine, and merciful attitude of all of

Lucifer's superiors, extending from the Constellation Fathers on Edentia to the Universal Father on Paradise. The passing of time has enhanced the consequential good to be derived from the Lucifer folly; and since the evil to be penalized was quite fully developed within a comparatively short time, it is apparent that the all-wise and farseeing universe rulers would be certain to extend the time in which to reap increasingly beneficial results. Regardless of the many additional reasons for delaying the apprehension and adjudication of the Satania rebels, this one gain would have been enough to explain why these sinners were not sooner interned, and why they have not been adjudicated and destroyed.

Shortsighted and time-bound mortal minds should be slow to criticize the time delays of the farseeing and all-wise administrators of universe affairs.

One error of human thinking respecting these problems consists in the idea that all evolutionary mortals on an evolving planet

would choose to enter upon the Paradise career if sin had not cursed their world.

As we ascend in the survival experience, we will broaden our universe concepts and extend our

horizon of meanings and values; and thus will we be able the better to understand why such beings as Lucifer and Satan are permitted to continue in rebellion. We will also better comprehend how ultimate (if not immediate) good can be derived from time-limited evil. After we attain Paradise, we will really be enlightened and comforted when we listen to the superaphic philosophers discuss and explain these profound problems of universe adjustment. But even then, it is doubtful that we will be fully satisfied in our own minds. At least when the acme of universe philosophy has been attained. As we ascend Paradiseward, we will increasingly learn that many problematic features of universe administration can only be comprehended subsequent to the acquirement of increased experiential capacity and to the achievement of enhanced spiritual insight. Cosmic wisdom is essential to the understanding of cosmic situations.

6. Michael's Postbestowal Status

After Michael's final and successful bestowal on Urantia he was not only accepted by the Ancients of Days as sovereign ruler of. Nebadon, but he was also recognized by the Universal Father as the

established director of the local universe of his own creation. Upon his return to Salvington this Michael, the Son of Man and the Son of God, was proclaimed the settled ruler of Nebadon. From Uversa came the eighth proclamation of Michael's sovereignty, while from Paradise came the joint pronouncement of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son constituting this union of God and man sole head of the universe and directing the Union of Days stationed on Salvington to signify his intention of withdrawing to Paradise. The Faithful of Days on the constellation headquarters were also instructed to retire from the councils of the Most Highs. But Michael would not consent to the withdrawal of these Trinity Sons of counsel and cooperation. He assembled them on Salvington and personally requested them forever to remain on duty in Nebadon. They signified their desire to comply with this request to their directors on Paradise, and shortly thereafter there were issued those mandates of Paradise divorcement which forever attached these Sons of the central universe to the court of

Michael of Nebadon.

It required almost one billion years of Urantia time to complete the bestowal career of Michael and to effect the final establishment of his supreme

authority in the universe of his own creation. Michael was born a creator, educated an administrator, trained an executive, but he was required to earn his sovereignty by experience. And thus has our little world become known throughout all Nebadon as the arena wherein Michael completed the experience which is required of every Paradise Creator Son before he is given unlimited control and direction of the universe of his own making. As we ascend the local universe, we will learn more about the ideals of the personalities concerned in Michael's previous bestowals.

In completing his creature bestowals, Michael was not only establishing his own sovereignty but also was augmenting the evolving sovereignty of God the Supreme. In the course of these bestowals the Creator Son not only engaged in a descending exploration of the various natures of creature personality, but he also achieved the revelation of the variously diversified wills of the Paradise Deities, whose synthetic unity, as revealed by the Supreme

Creators, is revelatory of the will of the Supreme Being.

These various will aspects of the Deities are eternally personalized in the differing natures of the Seven Master Spirits, and each of Michael's

bestowals was peculiarly revelatory of one of these divinity manifestations. On his Melchizedek bestowal he manifested the united will of the Father, Son, and Spirit, on his Lanonandek bestowal the will of the Father and the Son; on the Adamic bestowal he revealed the will of the Father and the Spirit, on the seraphic bestowal the will of the Son and the Spirit; on the Uversa mortal bestowal he portrayed the will of the Conjoint Actor, on the morontia mortal bestowal the will of the Eternal Son; and on the Urantia material bestowal he lived the will of the Universal Father, even as a mortal of flesh and blood.

The completion of these seven bestowals resulted in the liberation of Michael's supreme sovereignty and also in the creation of the possibility for the sovereignty of the Supreme in Nebadon. On none of Michael's bestowals did he reveal God the Supreme, but the sum total of all seven bestowals is a new Nebadon revelation of the Supreme Being.

In the experience of descending from God to man, Michael was concomitantly experiencing the ascent from partiality of

manifestability to supremacy of finite
action and finality of the liberation of his
potential for absonite ("eventuated" reality
characterized by things and beings without
beginnings or endings and by the
transcendence of time and space) function.
Michael, a

Creator Son, is a time- space creator, but Michael, a sevenfold Master Son is a member of one of the divine corps constituting the Trinity Ultimate (self- projected and time-space transcending Deity).

In passing through the experience of revealing the Seven Master Spirit wills of the Trinity, the Creator Son has passed through the experience of revealing the will of the Supreme. In functioning as a revelator of the will of Supremacy, Michael, together with all other Master Sons, had identified himself eternally with the Supreme. In this universe age he reveals the Supreme and participates in the actualization of the sovereignty of Supremacy. But in the next universe age we believe he will be collaborating **with** the Supreme Being in the first experiential Trinity for and in the universes of outer space.

Urantia is the sentimental shrine of all Nebadon, the chief of ten million inhabited worlds, the mortal home of Christ Michael, sovereign of all Nebadon, a Melchizedek minister to the realms, a system savior, an Adamic redeemer, a seraphic fellow, an associate of ascending spirits, a morontia

progressor, a Son of Man in the likeness of mortal flesh, and the Planetary Prince of Urantia. And our record tells the truth when it says that this same Jesus has promised some time to return to our world of his terminal bestowal, the World of the Cross.

PART IX

MICHAEL NOW REIGNS SUPREME

Michael elected to organize this local universe of Nebadon, and herein now reigns supreme•. But though this now Master Creator Son is the personal sovereign of his universe, in all the details of management the Universe Spirit is co-director with him. While the Spirit ever acknowledges the Son as sovereign and ruler, the Son always accords the Spirit a coordinate position and equality of authority in all the affairs of the realm.

In all his work of love and life bestowal the Creator Son is always and ever perfectly sustained and ably assisted by the all-wise and ever-faithful Universe Spirit and by all of her diversified retinue of angelic personalities. Such a Divine Minister is in reality the mother of spirits and spirit personalities, the ever-present and all-wise advisor of the Creator Son, a faithful and true manifestation of the Paradise Infinite Spirit.

The Son functions as a father in his local universe. The Spirit, as we mortal

creatures would best understand, enacts the
role of a mother, always assisting the Son
and being everlastingly

indispensable to the administration of the universe. Ever does the Spirit sustain the Son in all of everything he may be required to experience in his efforts to stabilize government and uphold authority on worlds tainted with evil or dominated by sin.

Only a Son can retrieve the work of their joint creation, but no Son could hope for final success without the incessant cooperation of the Divine Minister and her vast assemblage of spirit helpers, the daughters of God, who so faithfully and valiantly struggle for the welfare of mortal men and women and the glory of their divine parents.

Upon the completion of the Creator Son's seventh and final creature bestowal, the uncertainties of periodic isolation terminate for the Divine Minister, and the Son's universe helper becomes forever settled in surety and control. It is at the enthronement of the Creator Son as a Master Son, at the jubilee of jubilees, that the Universe Spirit, before the assembled hosts, first makes public and universal acknowledgment of subordination to the Son, pledging fidelity and obedience. This event occurred in Nebadon at the time of Michael's return to Salvington after the Urantian bestowal here on our

planet. Never before this momentous occasion did the Universe Spirit acknowledge subordination to the Universe Son, and not until after this voluntary relinquishment of power and authority by the Spirit could it be truthfully proclaimed of the Son that "all power in heaven and on earth has been

committed to his hand."

After this pledge of subordination by the Creative Mother Spirit, Michael of Nebadon nobly acknowledged his eternal dependence on his Spirit companion, constituting the Spirit co-ruler of his universe domains and requiring all their creatures to pledge themselves in loyalty to the Spirit as they had to the Son; and there issued and went forth the final "Proclamation of Equality". Though he was the sovereign of this local universe, the Son published to the worlds the fact of the Spirit's equality with him in all endowments of personality and attributes of divine character. And this becomes the transcendent pattern for the family organization and government of even us, and all others of the lowly creatures of the worlds of space. This is, in deed and in truth, the high ideal of the family and the human institution of voluntary marriage.

The Son and the Spirit now preside over the universe much as a father and mother watch over, and minister to, their family of sons and daughters. It is not altogether out

of place to refer to the Universe Spirit as the creative companion of the Creator Son and to regard the creatures of the realms as their sons and daughters - to include you too - a grand and glorious family but one of untold responsibilities and endless watchcare.

PART X.

THE LOCAL UNIVERSE MOTHER SPIRIT

When a Creator Son is personalized by the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, then does the Infinite Spirit individualize a new and unique representation of himself to accompany this Creator Son to the realms of space, there to be his companion, first, in physical organization and, later, in creation and ministry to the creatures of the newly projected universe.

A Creative Spirit reacts to both physical and spiritual realities; so does a Creator Son; and thus are they co-ordinate and associate in the administration of a local universe of time and space.

These Daughter Spirits are of the essence of the Infinite, but they cannot function in the work of physical creation and spiritual ministry simultaneously. In physical creation the Universe Son provides the pattern while the Universe Spirit initiates the materialization of physical realities.

The Son operates in the power designs, but
the Spirit transforms these energy creations

into physical substances. Although it is somewhat difficult to portray this early universe presence of the Infinite Spirit as a person, nevertheless, to the Creator Son the Spirit associate is personal and has always functioned as a distinct individual.

1. Personalization of the Creative Spirit

After the completion of the physical organization of a starry and planetary cluster and the establishment of the energy circuits by the superuniverse power centers, subsequent to this preliminary work of creation by the agencies of the Infinite Spirit, operating through, and under the direction of, his local universe creative focalization, there goes forth the proclamation of the Michael Son that life is next to be projected in the newly organized universe. Upon the Paradise recognition of this declaration of intention, there occurs a reaction of approval in the Paradise Trinity, followed by the disappearance in the spiritual shining of the Deities of the Master Spirit in whose superuniverse this new creation is organizing. Meanwhile the other Master Spirits draw near this central

lodgment of the Paradise Deities, and subsequently, when the Deity-embraced Master Spirit emerges to the recognition of his fellows, there occurs what is known as a "primary eruption." This is a tremendous spiritual flash,

a phenomenon clearly discernible as far away as the headquarters of the superuniverse concerned; and simultaneously with this little-understood Trinity manifestation there occurs a marked change in the nature of the creative spirit presence and power of the Infinite Spirit resident in the local universe concerned. In response to these Paradise phenomena there immediately personalizes, in the very presence of the Creator Son, a new personal representation of the Infinite Spirit. This is the Divine Minister. The individualized Creative Spirit helper of the Creator Son has become his personal creative associate, the local universe Mother Spirit (or the one in which we on this planet refer to as the Holy Spirit).

From and through this new personal segregation of the Conjoint Creator there proceed the established currents and the ordained circuits of spirit power and spiritual influence destined to pervade all the worlds and beings of that local universe. In reality, this new and personal presence is but a transformation of the pre-existent and less personal associate of the Son in his earlier work of physical universe organization.

This is the relation of a stupendous drama in few words, but it represents about all that can be told regarding these momentous transactions. They are instantaneous inscrutable, and incomprehensible; the secret of the technique and

procedure resides in the bos
Trinity.

This personalized presence of the Infinite Spirit, the Creative Mother Spirit of the local universe, is known in Satania as the Divine Minister. To all practical intents and spiritual purposes this manifestation of Deity is a divine individual, a spirit person. And she is so recognized and regarded by the Creator Son. It is through this localization and personalization of the Third Source and Center in our local universe that the Spirit could subsequently become so fully subject to the Creator Son that of this Son it was truly said, "All power in heaven and on earth has been intrusted to him."

2. Nature of the Divine Minister

Having undergone marked personality metamorphosis at the time of life creation, the Divine Minister thereafter functions as a person and cooperates in a very personal manner with the' Creator Son in the planning and management of the extensive affairs of their local creation. To many universe types

of being, even this representation of the Infinite Spirit may not appear to be wholly personal during the ages preceding the final Michael bestowal; but subsequent to the elevation of the Creator Son to

the sovereign authority of a Master Son, the Creative Mother Spirit becomes so augmented in personal qualities as to be personally recognized by all contacting individuals.

From the earliest association with the Creator Son the Universe Spirit possesses all the physical- control attributes of the Infinite Spirit, including the full endowment of antigravity. Upon the attainment of personal status the Universe Spirit exerts just as full and complete control of mind gravity, in the local universe, as would the Infinite Spirit if personally present.

The Creative Spirit is co-responsible with the Creator Son in producing the creatures of the worlds and never fails the Son in all efforts to uphold and conserve these creations. Life is ministered and maintained through the agency of the Creative Spirit. "You send forth your Spirit, and they are created. You renew the face of the earth."

In the creation of a universe of intelligent creatures the Creative Mother

Spirit functions first in the sphere of universe perfection, collaborating with the Son in the production of the Bright and Morning Star. Subsequently the offspring of the Spirit increasingly approach the order of created beings on the planets, even as the Sons

grade downward from the Melchizedeks to the Material Sons, who actually contact with the mortals of the realms. 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."

3. The Son and Spirit in Time and Space

Neither the Eternal Son nor the Infinite Spirit is limited or conditioned by either time or space, but most of their offspring are.

The Infinite Spirit pervades all space and indwells the circle of eternity. Still, in their personal contact with the children of time, the personalities of the Infinite Spirit must often reckon with temporal elements, though not so much with space. Many mind ministries ignore space but suffer a time lag in effecting coordination of diverse levels of universe reality. A Solitary Messenger is virtually independent of space except that time is actually

required in traveling from one location to another; and there are similar entities unknown to us.

In personal prerogatives a Creative Spirit is wholly and entirely independent of space, but not

of time. There is no specialized personal presence of such a Universe Spirit on either the constellation or system headquarters. She is equally and diffusely present throughout her entire local universe and is, therefore, just as literally and personally present on one world as on any other.

Only as regards the element of time is a Creative Spirit ever limited in her universe ministrations. A Creator Son acts instantaneously throughout his universe; but the Creative Spirit must reckon with time in the ministration of the universal mind except as she consciously and designedly avails herself of the personal prerogatives of the Universe Son. In pure-spirit function the Creative Spirit also acts independently of time as well as in here collaboration with the mysterious function of universe reflectivity.

Though the spirit-gravity circuit of the Eternal Son operates independently of both time and space, all functions of the Creator Sons are not exempt from space limitations. If the transactions of the evolutionary worlds are excepted, these Michael Sons seem to be able to operate relatively independent

of time. A Creator Son is not handicapped by time, but he is conditioned by space; he cannot personally be in two places at the same time. Michael of Nebadon acts timelessly within his own universe and by reflectivity practically so in the superuniverse.

He communicates timelessly with the Eternal Son directly.

The Divine Minister is the understanding helper of the Creator Son, enabling him to overcome and atone for his inherent limitations regarding space, for when these two function in administrative union, they are practically independent of time and space within the confines of their local creation. Therefore, as practically observed throughout a local universe, the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit usually function independently of both time and space since there is always available to each the time and the space liberation of the other.

Only absolute beings are independent of time and space in the absolute sense. The majority of the subordinate persons of both the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit are subject to both time and space.

When a Creative Spirit becomes "space conscious," she is preparing to recognize a circumscribed "space domain" as hers, a realm in which to be space free in contradistinction to all other space by which she would be conditioned. One is free to choose and act only within the realm of one's

consciousness.

4. The Local Universe Circuits

There are three distinct spirit circuits in the local universe of Nebadon:

1. The bestowal spirit of the Creator Son, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth.
2. The spirit circuit of the Divine Minister, the Holy Spirit.
3. The intelligence ministry circuit, including the more or less unified activities but diverse functioning of the seven adjutant mind-spirits.

The Creator Sons are endowed with a spirit of universe presence. This is the Spirit of Truth which is poured out upon a world by a bestowal Son after he receives spiritual title to such a sphere. This bestowed Comforter is the spiritual force which ever draws all truth seekers towards Him who is the personification of truth in the local universe. This spirit is an inherent endowment of the Creator Son, emerging from his divine nature just as the master circuits of the grand universe are derived from the personality presences of the Paradise Deities.

The Creator Son may come and go; his personal presence may be in the local

universe or elsewhere; yet the Spirit of Truth
function undisturbed, for this divine
presence, while derived from the personality
of the' Creator Son, is functionally centered
in the person of the Divine Minister.

The Universe Mother Spirit, however, never leaves the local universe headquarters world. The spirit of the Creator Son may and does function independently of the personal presence of the Son, but not so with her personal spirit. The Holy Spirit of the Divine Minister would become non-functional if her personal presence should be removed from Salvington. Her spirit presence seems to be fixed on the universe headquarters world, and it is this very fact that enables the spirit of the Creator Son to function independently of the whereabouts of the Son. The Universe Mother Spirit acts as the universe focus and center of the Spirit of Truth as well as of her own personal influence, the Holy Spirit.

The Creator Father-Son and the Creative Mother Spirit both contribute variously to the mind endowment of their local universe children. But the Creative Spirit does not bestow mind until she is endowed with the personal prerogatives.

The superevolutionary orders of personality in a local universe are endowed with the local universe type of the superuniverse pattern of mind. The human and the subhuman orders of evolutionary life are

endowed with the adjutant spirit types of mind ministration.

The seven adjutant mind-spirits are the creation of the Divine Minister of a local universe. These mind- spirits are similar in character but diverse in

power, and all partake alike of the nature of the Universe Spirit, although they are hardly regarded as personalities apart from their Mother Creator. The seven adjutants have been given the following names: the spirit of **wisdom**, the spirit of **worship**, the spirit **of counsel**, the spirit of **knowledge**, the spirit of **courage**, the spirit of **understanding**, the spirit of **intuition** --of quick perception.

These are the "seven spirits of God," "like lamps burning before the throne," which the prophet saw in the symbols of vision. But he did not see the seats of the four and twenty sentinels about these seven adjutant mind-spirits. This record represents the confusion of two presentations, one pertaining to the universe headquarters and the other to the system capital. The seats of the four and twenty elders are on Jerusem, the headquarters of our local system of inhabited worlds; of which Adam and Eve, Moses, John the Baptist, Enoch, and Elijah - all now number.

But it was of Salvington that John wrote: "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices" - the universe

broadcasts to the local systems. He also envisaged the directional control creatures of the local universe, the living compasses of the headquarters world. This directional control in Nebadon is maintained by the four control creatures of Salvington, who operate over the universe currents and are ably assisted by

the first functioning mind-spirit, the adjutant of intuition, the spirit of "quick understanding." But the description of these four creatures - called beasts - has been sadly marred; they are of unparalleled beauty and exquisite form.

The four points of the compass are universal and inherent in the life of Nebadon. All living creatures possess bodily units which are sensitive and responsive to these directional currents. These creature creations are duplicated on down through the universe to the individual planets and, in conjunction with the magnetic forces of the worlds, so activate the hosts of microscopic bodies in the animal organism that these direction cells ever point north and south. Thus is the sense of orientation forever fixed in the living beings of the universe. This sense is not wholly wanting as a conscious possession by mankind.

5. The Ministry of the Spirit

The Divine Minister cooperates with the Creator Son in the formulation of life and the creation of new orders of beings up to the

time of his seventh bestowal and, subsequently, after his elevation to the full sovereignty of the universe, continues to collaborate with the Son and the Son's bestowed spirit in the further work of world ministry and

planetary progression.

On the inhabited worlds the Spirit begins the work of evolutionary progression, starting with the lifeless material of the realm, first endowing vegetable life, then the animal organisms, then the first orders of human existence; and each succeeding impartation contributes to the further unfolding of the evolutionary potential of planetary life from the initial and primitive stages to the appearance of will creatures. This labor of the Spirit is largely effected through the seven adjutants, the spirits of promise, the unifying and coordinating spirit-mind of the evolving planets, ever and unitedly leading the races of men towards higher ideas and spiritual ideals.

Mortal man first experiences the ministry of the Spirit in conjunction with mind when the purely animal mind of evolutionary creatures develops reception capacity for the adjutants of worship and of wisdom. This ministry of the sixth and seventh adjutants indicates mind evolution crossing the threshold of spiritual ministry. And immediately are such minds of

worship-function and wisdom-function
included in the spiritual circuits of the
Divine Minister.

When mind is thus endowed with the
ministry of the Holy Spirit, it possesses
the capacity f o r (consciously or
unconsciously) choosing the

spiritual presence of the Universal Father - the Thought Adjuster - the indwelling Spirit Beings. But it is not until a bestowal Son has liberated the Spirit of Truth for planetary ministry to all mortals that all normal minds are automatically prepared for the reception of the Thought Adjusters. The Spirit of Truth works as one with the presence of the spirit of the Divine Minister. This dual spirit liaison hovers over the worlds, seeking to teach truth and to spiritually enlighten the minds of men, to inspire the souls of the creatures of the ascending races, and to lead the peoples dwelling on the evolutionary planets ever towards their Paradise goal of divine destiny.

Though the Spirit of Truth is poured out upon all flesh, this spirit of the Son is almost wholly limited in function and power by man's personal reception of that which constitutes the sum and substance of the mission of the bestowal Son. The Holy Spirit is partly independent of human attitude and partially conditioned by the decisions and cooperation of the will of man. Nevertheless, the ministry of the Holy Spirit becomes increasingly effective in the sanctification and spiritualization of the

inner life of those mortals who the more fully obey the divine leadings.

As individuals we do not personally possess a segregated portion or entity of the spirit of the Creator Father-Son or the Creative Mother Spirit;

these ministries do not contact with, nor indwell, the thinking centers of the individual's mind as do the Mystery Monitors (Thought Adjusters). Thought Adjusters are definite individualizations of the pre-personal reality of the Universal Father, actually indwelling the mortal mind as a very part of that mind, and they ever work in perfect harmony with the combined spirits of the Creator Son and Creative Spirit.

The presence of the Holy Spirit of the Universe Daughter of the Infinite Spirit, of the Spirit Truth of the Universe Son of the Eternal Son, and of the Adjuster- spirit of the Paradise Father in or with an evolutionary mortal, denotes symmetry of spiritual endowment and ministry and qualifies such a mortal consciously to realize the faith-fact of sonship with God.

6. The Spirit in Human Beings

With the advancing evolution of an inhabited planet and the further spiritualization of its inhabitants, additional spiritual influences may be received by such mature personalities. As.

mortals progress in mind control and spirit perception, these multiple spirit ministries become more and more coordinate in function; they become increasingly blended with the over ministry of the Paradise Trinity.

Although Divinity may be plural in manifestation, in human experience Deity is singular, always one. Neither is spiritual ministry plural in human experience. Regardless of plurality of origin, all spirit influences are one in function. Indeed they are one, being the spirit ministry of God the Sevenfold in and to the creatures of the grand universe; and as creatures grow in appreciation of, and receptivity for, this unifying ministry of the spirit, it becomes in their experience the ministry of God the Supreme.

From the heights of eternal glory the divine Spirit descends, by a long series of steps, to meet you as you are and where you are and then, in the partnership of faith, lovingly to embrace the soul of mortal origin and to embark on the sure and certain retracement of those steps of condescension, never stopping until the evolutionary soul is safely exalted to the very heights of bliss from which the divine Spirit originally sallied forth on this mission of mercy and ministry.

Spiritual forces unerringly seek and attain their own original levels. Having gone out

from the Eternal, they are certain to return thereto, bringing with them all those children of time and space who have espoused the leading and teaching of the indwelling Adjuster, those who have been truly "born of the Spirit," the faith sons of God.

The divine Spirit is the source of continual ministry and encouragement to the children of men. Your power and achievement is "according to his mercy, through the renewing of the Spirit." Spiritual life, like physical energy, is consumed. Spiritual effort results in relative spiritual exhaustion. The whole ascendant experience is real as well as spiritual; therefore, it is truly written, "It is the Spirit that quickens." "The Spirit gives life."

The dead theory of even the highest religious doctrines is powerless to transform human character or to control mortal behavior. What the world of today needs is the truth which our teacher of old declared: 'Not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit.' The seed of theoretical truth is dead, the highest moral concepts without effect, unless and until the divine Spirit breathes upon the forms of truth and quickens the formulas of righteousness.

Those who have received and recognized the indwelling of God have been born of the Spirit. "You are the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in you." It is not enough that this spirit be poured out upon

you; the divine Spirit must dominate and c:9
1_1trol _every phase of human experience.

It is the presence of the divine Spirit,
the water of life, that prevents the
consuming thirst of mortal discontent and
that indescribable hunger

of the unspiritualized human mind. Spirit-motivated beings, "never thirst, for this spiritual water shall be in them a well of satisfaction springing up into life everlasting." Such divinely watered souls are all but independent of material environment as regards the joys of living and the satisfactions of earthly existence. They are spiritually illuminated and refreshed, morally strengthened and endowed.

In every mortal there exists a dual nature: the inheritance of animal tendencies and the high urge of spirit endowment. During the short life you live on Urantia, these two diverse and opposing urges can seldom be fully reconciled; they can hardly be harmonized and unified; but throughout your lifetime the combined Spirit ever ministers to assist you in subjecting the flesh more and more to the leading of the Spirit. Even though you must live your material life through, even though you cannot escape the body and its necessities, nonetheless, in purpose and ideals you are empowered increasingly to subject the animal nature to the mastery of the Spirit. There truly exists within each of us a conspiracy of spiritual forces, a confederation of divine

powers, whose exclusive purpose is to effect your final deliverance from material bondage and finite handicaps.

The purpose of all this ministration is, "That you may be strengthened with power through His spirit

in the inner man." And all this represents but the preliminary steps to the final attainment of the perfection of faith and service, that experience wherein you shall be "filled with all the fullness of God," "for all those who are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God."

The Spirit never **drives**, only leads. If you are a willing learner, if you want to attain spirit levels and reach divine heights, if you sincerely desire to reach the eternal goal, then the divine spirit will gently and lovingly lead you along the pathway of sonship and spiritual progress. Every step you take must be one of willingness, intelligent and cheerful cooperation. The domination of the Spirit is never tainted with coercion nor compromised by compulsion.

And when such a life of spirit guidance is freely and intelligently accepted, there gradually develops within the human mind a positive consciousness of divine contact and assurance of spirit communion; sooner or later "the spirit bears witness with your spirit (the Adjuster) that you are a child of God." Already has your own Thought Adjuster

told you of your kinship to God so that the record testifies that the Spirit bears witness "with your spirit," not to your spirit.

The consciousness of the spirit domination of a human life is presently attended by an increasing

exhibition of the characteristics of the Spirit in the life reactions of such a spirit-led mortal, "for the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." Such spirit-guided and divinely illuminated mortals, while they yet tread the lowly paths of toil and in human faithfulness perform the duties of their earthly assignments, have already begun to discern the lights of eternal life as they glimmer on the faraway shores of another world; already have they begun to comprehend the reality of that inspiring and comforting truth, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." And throughout every trial and in the presence of every hardship, spirit-born souls are sustained by that hope which transcends all fear because the love of God is shed abroad in all hearts by the presence of the divine Spirit.

7. The Spirit and the Flesh

The flesh, the inherent nature derived from the animal-origin races, does not naturally bear the fruits of the divine

Spirit. When the mortal nature has been upstepped by the addition of the nature of the Material Sons of God, as the Urantia races were in a measure advanced by the bestowal of Adam, then

is the way better prepared for the Spirit of Truth to cooperate with the indwelling Adjuster to bring forth the beautiful harvest of the character fruits of the spirit. If you do not reject this spirit, even though eternity may be required to fulfill the commission, "he will guide you into all truth."

Evolutionary mortals inhabiting normal worlds of spiritual progress do not experience the acute conflicts between the spirit and the flesh which characterize the present-day Urantia races. But even on the most ideal planets, pre-Adamic man must put forth positive efforts to ascend from the purely animalistic plane of existence up through successive levels of increasingly intellectual meanings and higher spiritual values.

The mortals of a normal world do not experience constant warfare between their physical and spiritual natures. They are confronted with the necessity of climbing up from the animal levels of existence to the higher planes of spiritual living, but this ascent is more like undergoing an educational training when compared with the

intense conflicts of Urantia mortals in this realm of the divergent material and spiritual natures.

The Urantia peoples are suffering the consequences of a double deprivation of help in this task of progressive planetary spiritual attainment. The Caligastia upheaval precipitated worldwide

confusion and robbed all subsequent generations of the moral assistance which a well-ordered society would have provided. But even more disastrous was the Adamic default in that it deprived the races of that superior type of physical nature which would have been more consonant with spiritual aspirations.

Urantia mortals are compelled to undergo such marked struggling between the spirit and the flesh because our remote ancestors were not more fully Adamized by the Edenic bestowal. It was the divine plan that our mortal races of Urantia should have had physical natures more naturally spirit responsive.

Notwithstanding this double disaster to our nature and environment, present-day mortals would experience less of this apparent warfare between the flesh and the spirit if you would enter the spirit kingdom, wherein the faith sons of God enjoy comparative deliverance from the slave-bondage of the flesh in the enlightened and liberating service of wholehearted devotion to doing the will of the Father in heaven. Jesus showed mankind the new way of mortal living whereby human beings may very largely escape the dire

consequences of the Caligastic rebellion and most effectively compensate for the deprivations resulting from the Adamic default. "The spirit of the life of Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of animal living and the temptations of evil and sin." "This is the victory that overcomes

the flesh, even your faith."

Those God-knowing men and women who have been born of the Spirit experience no more conflict with their mortal natures than do the inhabitants of the most normal of worlds, planets which have never been tainted with sin nor touched by rebellion. Faith sons work on intellectual levels and live on spiritual planes far above the conflicts produced by unrestrained or unnatural physical desires. The normal urges of animal beings and the natural appetites and impulses of the physical nature are not in conflict with even the highest spiritual attainment except in the minds of ignorant, mistaught, or unfortunately over-conscientious persons.

Having started out on the way of life everlasting, having accepted the assignment and received your orders to advance, do not fear the dangers of human forgetfulness and mortal inconstancy, do not be troubled with doubts of failure or by perplexing confusion, do not falter and question your status and standing, for in every dark hour, at every crossroad in the forward struggle, the Spirit of Truth will always speak, saying,

"This is the way."

PART XI

THE REWARDS OF ISOLATION

On first thought it might appear that Urantia and its associated isolated worlds are most unfortunate in being deprived of the beneficent presence and influence of such superhuman personalities as a Planetary Prince and a Material Son and Daughter. But isolation of these spheres affords our races a unique opportunity for the exercise of faith and for the development of a peculiar quality of confidence in cosmic reliability which is not dependent on sight or any other material consideration. It may turn out, eventually, that mortal creatures hailing from the worlds quarantined in consequence of rebellion are extremely fortunate. It is discovered that such ascenders are very early intrusted with numerous special assignments to cosmic undertakings where unquestioned faith and sublime confidence are essential to achievement.

On Jerusem the ascenders from these isolated worlds occupy a residential sector by themselves and are known as the agondonters,

meaning evolutionary will creatures who can
believe without seeing, persevere when
isolated, and triumph over insuperable
difficulties even when alone. This

functional grouping of the agondonterers persists throughout the ascension of the local universe and the traversal of the superuniverse; it disappears during the sojourn in Havona but promptly reappears upon the attainment of Paradise and definitely persists in the Corps of the Mortal Finality.

All through the Paradise career, reward follows effort as the result of causes. Such rewards set off the individual from the average, provide a differential of creature experience, and contribute to the versatility of ultimate performances in the collective body of the finalizers.

1. The Eternal and Divine Purpose

There is a great and glorious purpose in the march of the universes through space. All of your mortal struggling is not in vain. We are all part of an immense plan, a gigantic enterprise, and it is the vastness of the undertaking that renders it impossible to see very much of it at any one time and during any one life. We are all a part of an eternal project which the Gods are

supervising and outworking. The whole marvelous and universal mechanism moves on majestically through space to the music of the meter of the infinite thought and the eternal purpose of the First Great Source and Center.

The eternal purpose of the eternal God is a high spiritual ideal. The events of time and the struggles of material existence are but the transient scaffolding which bridges over to the other side, to the promised land of spiritual reality and supernal existence. Of course, mortals find it difficult to grasp the idea of an eternal purpose; we are virtually unable to comprehend the thought of eternity, something never beginning and never ending.

It seems more fitting, for purposes of explanation to the mortal mind, to conceive of eternity as a cycle and the eternal purpose as an endless circle, a cycle of eternity in some way synchronized with the transient material cycles of time. As regards the sectors of time connected with, and forming a part of, the cycle of eternity, we are forced to recognize that such temporary-epochs are born, live, and die just as the temporary beings of time are born, live, and die.

The sectors of time are like the flashes of personality in temporal form; they appear for a season, and then they are lost to human sight, only to reappear as new actors and

continuing factors in the higher life of the endless swing around the eternal circle. Eternity can hardly be conceived as a straightaway drive, in view of a delimited universe moving over a vast, elongated circle around the central dwelling place of the Universal Father.

There is in the mind of God a plan which embraces every creature of all his vast domains, and this plan is an eternal purpose of boundless opportunity, unlimited progress, and endless life. And the infinite treasures of such a matchless career are yours for the striving!

The goal of eternity is ahead! The adventure of divinity attainment lies before you! The race for perfection is on! Whosoever will may enter, and certain victory will crown the efforts of every human being who will run the race of faith and trust, depending every step of the way on the leading of the indwelling Adjuster and on the guidance of that good spirit of the Universe Son, which so freely has been poured out upon all flesh.

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