

## THE SUPREME BEING

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Not the same as God, as we know him. Not the same as the Universal Father, or the First Source and Center, although he's commonly confused by people who don't know the terminology of the Urantia Book.

The First Source and Center is existential. Always has been and always will be. Perfect, everywhere present, all-powerful, all-knowing. The source of everything,

But the Supreme Being is experiential-evolutionary Deity. How can Deity evolve? It's difficult to explain. But this being is not existential - actually had a beginning. He will have an eternal future, but not an eternal past. He is not perfect, everywhere present, all-powerful, all-knowing. This Deity is evolving. There is nothing like him in all creation. He's a combination of two diverse elements, unified by a third. Part of him comes from the Trinity - the part that is spirit and personality- this part is divine. This part gets the term "God" applied to it. Remember they don't use the word "God" unless personality is involved. This is the part of him that is called "God the Supreme."

But the second part of him is coming out of evolving superuniverses. This part is definitely not divine. It is made up of incomplete, unstable, physical universes becoming stabilized and settled. It is made up of incomplete, imperfect, animal origin, evolutionary mortals trying to become complete, perfected, eternal beings. It is made up of Sons of God, Creator Sons and Spirits, Ancients of Days, Master Spirits, all having divine origins, but all working in the evolutionary superuniverses trying to bring order out of chaos and to get the entire grand universe settled in light and life. And to me all of these things represent the "power" part - not only the physical power, but administrative power too - sovereignty. This is the part of the Supreme Being called the "Almighty Supreme."

Every advance made in the stabilization of the physical circuits means one step of growth in the evolutionary part of the Supreme Being, the part called the "Almighty Supreme." Every vital decision made by a single human being means a tiny bit of growth in the Almighty Supreme. Every planet or system or universe that advances a little in stable administration means a little more growth in the Almighty Supreme.

But since the superuniverses and all mortals are so very far from being perfect and settled, it's obvious that the Supreme Being is far from being a complete finished being. He has to wait for our evolution to be complete.

There's a third factor involved in the Supreme Being which is very important. As in all cases where spirit and matter exist together and work in combination, there has to be mind, to make it possible for the two to exist and get along together. So here there is Supreme Mind, bestowed by the Infinite Spirit, which coordinates God the Supreme, the spirit-personality part, and the Almighty Supreme, the power-evolutionary part, and which makes it possible for both parts to exist and grow in this evolutionary age.

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Does this remind you of us? Probably an over-simplification, and it doesn't match in all particulars, but this comparison is helpful to me.

We have a spirit part, pure spirit straight from the Father -- the Thought Adjuster. We also have a physical, incomplete, imperfect part -- our animal-origin bodies and natures, which are evolving, which we are trying to make better. And those two parts couldn't possibly exist together unless we had mind -- not Supreme Mind from the Infinite Spirit, but adjutant mind from the daughter of the Infinite Spirit. There are three parts, spirit, matter, and mind, plus, of course, personality.

Someday, through the mediation of mind, spirit will gain the ascendancy over matter, we will fuse with the pure spirit part of us, the Adjuster, and eventually we will become perfected beings -- not divine, even though we do have a part of the Father -- but perfected evolutionary mortals. Each of us can do this fairly quickly, if we want -- say a few hundred billion years -- but the Supreme Being will have to wait much longer than that, for he will have to wait for every single planet, system, constellation, universe, minor and major sector, and super-universe to become settled in light and life. When this happens, the Almighty Supreme, the power part, will be complete. And only then will the power part, the Almighty Supreme, and the spirit personality part, God the Supreme, unified by Supreme Mind, operate as one being, the Supreme Being -- the completed, unified, evolutionary Deity.

Until that time none of us will actually contact the Supreme Being, although we will come to know him in a sense, because he will be something like us and part of our lives have actually become a part of his. But at that time he will probably become actually visible to us (finaliters) and will probably take up residence on Uversa, the capital of our superuniverse. That will be the end of the evolutionary superuniverse age -- and something new and different will start -- outer space, the absonite level, the start of the search for the Ultimate, and so on -- all of which is a different story.

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