

THE GARDEN SOCIETY

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The religious challenge of this age is to those farseeing and forward-looking men and women of spiritual insight who will dare to construct a new and appealing philosophy of living out of the enlarged and exquisitely integrated modern concepts of cosmic truth, universe beauty and divine goodness. 43

During the past century, this culture has been experiencing its best opportunity for blending in the cosmopolitan population of North America: and the future of that continent will be determined by the quality of the racial factors which are permitted to enter into its present and future populations, as well as by the level of the culture which is maintained. 899

Modern man is confronted with the task of making more readjustments of human values in one generation than have been made in 2,000 years. 1013

So often persecution does follow peace. But young people and brave adults never shun difficulty or danger. 1575

The mortal races on an average world of time and space will successively pass through the following seven developmental epochs: 1. The nutrition epoch, 2 the security age, 3. the material comfort era, The weaker elements of the races incline towards excesses and brutality. Gradually these pleasure-seeking weaklings are subjugated by the more strong and truth-loving elements of the advancing civilization. 4. The quest for knowledge and wisdom. when a culture has learned to profit and improve by experience, civilization has really arrived. 5. The epoch of philosophy and brotherhood. Wise moral beings are capable of establishing human brotherhood and can learn how to live in accordance with the golden rule. 6. The age of spiritual striving. 7. The era of light and life. 577

The present social order is not necessarily right - not divine or sacred- but mankind will do well to move slowly in making changes. That which you have is vastly better than any system known to your ancestors. Make certain that when you change the social order you change for the better. Do not be persuaded to experiment with the discarded formulas of your forefathers. Go forward, not backward! Let evolution proceed! Do not take a backward step. 782

Society is concerned with self-perpetuation, self-maintenance, and self-gratification, but human self-realization is worthy of becoming the immediate goal of many cultural groups. 764

Jesus wanted his children on earth to live as though they were already citizens of the completed heavenly kingdom. 1582

SPIRITUAL OVERCONTROL

There is operative on the planet a very definite and effective superhuman supervision of world affairs and human destinies. 1258

Throughout the ministry of the spirit world the individual never experiences abrupt transitions of spirit co-operation; always are these changes gradual and reciprocal. 739

The wise and all powerful beings who are responsible for universe management undoubtedly know exactly what they are about; and so it becomes Life Carriers and behooves mortal minds to enlist in patient waiting and hearty co-operation with the rule of wisdom, the reign of power, and the march of progress. 736

The creators are possessed of full power to make Urantia a veritable paradise, but such an Eden would not contribute to the development of the strong, noble, and experienced characters which the Gods are so surely forging out on your world between the anvil's of necessity and the hammers of anguish. 258

These angels function as ideational clearinghouses, mind focalizers and project promoters. 1256

Social architects do everything within their power to bring together suitable individuals that they may constitute efficient and agreeable working groups on earth. 422

It is, to a certain extent, through these small groups of forward-looking personalities that spiritual civilization is advanced and the Most Highs are able to rule in the kingdoms of men. 1258

This same Melchizedek continued to collaborate throughout the nineteen succeeding centuries with the many prophets and seers, thus endeavoring to keep alive the truths of Salem. 1024

There is also an organic unity to the universes of time and space which seems to underly the whole fabric of cosmic events. 56

The ideal state is organic, and every free and intelligent group of citizens represents a vital and functioning organ within the larger governmental organism. 818

SPIRITUAL OVERCONTROL

There exists in all personality associations of the cosmic mind a quality which might be denominated the "reality response." It is this universal cosmic endowment of will creatures which saves them from becoming helpless victims of the implied assumptions of science, philosophy, and religion. 191

Man can never wisely decide temporal issues or transcend the selfishness of personal interests unless he meditates in the presence of the sovereignty of God. 1093

Spirit-gravity pull and response thereto operate not only on the universe as a whole but also even between individuals and groups of individuals. There is a spiritual cohesiveness among the spiritual and spiritized personalities of any world, race, nation, or believing group of individuals. There is a direct attractiveness of a spirit nature between spiritually minded persons of like tastes and longings. The term kindred spirits is not wholly a figure of speech. 82

The advances of true civilization are all born in this inner world of mankind. 1220

The kingdom of God is in the hearts of men, and when this kingdom becomes actual in the heart of every individual on a world, then God's rule has become actual on the planet; and this is the attained sovereignty of the Supreme Being. 1306

The godward urge is intense and inescapable. 155

Even if I can not do this, there is one within who can and will do it. 59

"Havona Pilgrims" "In liason with God, nothing, absolutely nothing is impossible. 291

Let me assure you that victory shall eventually crown our united efforts to enlighten the world and liberate mankind. The old order is bringing itself to judgement. 1904

The teachings of Jesus are really applicable to a mortal world which has the preliminary training of the prebestowal sons. 596

The peace tendency of the human race is not a natural endowment; it is derived from the teachings of revealed religion, from the accumulated experience of the progressive races, but more especially from the teachings of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. 766

All such doubters forget that a better civilization could have been built upon his teachings and sometime will be. This world has never seriously tried to carry out the teachings of Jesus on a large scale. 1720

Be patient! doubt not that this gospel of the kingdom will triumph over all enemies and, eventually, be proclaimed to all nations. 1913

Thus it appears that all human progress is effected by a technique of conjoint revelational evolution. 2094

Be not discouraged; human evolution is still in progress and the revelation of God to the world, in and through Jesus shall not fail. 2097

Religious revelation is essential to the realization of Brotherhood on Urantia. 597

You should not become discouraged by the apparant slow progress of the kingdom idea on Urantia. Remember that the order of progressive evolution is subjected to sudden and unexpected periodical changes in both the material and the spiritual worlds. 1863

Regardless of the drawbacks and handicaps, every new revelation of truth has given rise to a new cult, and even the restatement of the religion of Jesus must develop a new and appropriate symbolism. 966

Always does the socialized religion of a new revelation pay the price of compromise with the established forms and usages of the preceeding religion which it seeks to salvage. 1626

True religion is the indispensable source of that higher energy which drives men to establish a superior civilization based on human brotherhood. 883

...but the civilization of the second garden was an artificial structure - it had not been evolved - and was therefore doomed to deteriorate until it reached an evolutionary level. 870

Jesus has very nearly mastered the technique of utilizing the energy of the spiritual drive to turn the mechanisms of material achievement. 1405

(Paul's) theologic compromises indicate that even revelation must submit to the graduated control of evolution. 984

Jesus was not a militant revolutionist; he was a progressive evolutionist. 1671

These new social relations and economic upheavals can result in lasting brotherhood only by the ministry of religion. 1087

Only through, and by appeal to, this spirit can mankind ever attain unity and brotherhood. 1672

Like Jesus, Melchizadek attended strictly to the fulfillment of the mission of his bestowal.. He did not attempt to reform the mores, to change the habits of the worlds, nor to promulgate even advanced sanitary practices or scientific truths. 1018

It is entirely possible for the indwelling spirit to make direct contact with the decision-determining powers of the human personality so as to empower the fully consecrated will of the creature to perform amazing acts of loyal devotion to the will and the way of the Father. 757

It requires time for men and women to effect radical and extensive changes in their basic and fundamental concepts of social conduct, philosophical attitudes and religious convictions. 1705

PITFALLS AND SPIRITUAL OBSTACLES

All nonreligious activities seek to bend the universe to the service of self; the truly religious individual seeks to identify the self with the universe. 67

(Caligastia) notwithstanding a certain restlessness coupled with a tendency to disagree with the established order in certain minor matters. 741

Lucifer and Caligastia had been patiently instructed and lovingly warned respecting their critical tendencies and the subtle development of their pride of self and its associated exaggeration of the feeling of self-importance. But all of these attempts to help had been misconstrued as unwarranted criticism and as unjustified interference with personal liberties. 752

Caligastia was....ultraindividualistic. He was inclined to take sides with almost every party of protest, and he was usually sympathetic with those who gave mild expression to implied criticism. We detect the early appearance of the tendency to be restless under authority, to mildly resent all forms of supervision. 752

The Calagastia scheme for the immediate reconstruction of human society in accordance with his ideas of individual freedom and group liberties, proved a swift and more or less complete failure. 759

...There was a sudden advancement, then "Liberty was quickly turned into license" by the half-evolved primitive men of those days. 758

Even in Eden there were those confused minds that leaned toward the Caligastia teaching of unbridled personal liberty. 833

Eve listened to the insidious propaganda of personal liberty and planetary freedom of action. 846

Adam and Eve arrived at a full realization of the folly of attempting to achieve planetary advancement independently of the divine plan of progression. 830

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MORE PITFALLS AND OBSTACLES

And thus has Christianity unwittingly seemed to sponsor a society which staggers under the guilt of tolerating science without idealism, politics without principals, wealth without work, pleasure without restraint, knowledge without character, power without conscience, and industry without morality. 2086

The chief cohesive force resisting the disintegration of antagonism is nationalism. And nationalism is the chief barrier to world peace. 2082

Even a good religion could not save a great empire from the sure results of lack of individual participation in the affairs of government, from overmuch paternalism, overtaxation and gross collection abuses, unbalanced trade with the levant which drained away the gold, amuzement madness, Roman standardization, the degredation of women, slavery and race decadance, physical plagues, and a state church which became institutionalized nearly to the point of spiritual barrenness. 2074

But it has often been the error of the teachers of new truth to attempt too much, to attempt to supplant slow evolution by sudden revolution. 1043

Jesus well knew that John's fearless and tactless preaching would presently arouse the fears and enmity of the civil rulers. 1514

Simon, your enthusiasm is commendable, but it is dangerous to the work of the kingdom. 1524

Self realization is potentially evil if it is antisocial. Cosmic socialization is the highest form of personality unification. 647

No great social or economic change should be attempted suddenly. 911

You cannot hope for a large measure of success in either the secular or religious work unless you can learn how to persuade your fellows, to prevail with men. You simply must have tact and tolerance. 1774

But it is sad to record that so few persons on Urantia take delight in cultivating these qualities of courageous and independent cosmic thinking. 192

The wise man is able to distinguish between means and ends; otherwise, sometimes over-planning for the future defeats its own high purpose. 1779

Civilization can hardly progress when the majority of the youth of any generation devote their interests and energies to the materialistic pursuits of the sensory or outer world. 1220

Man is the descendent of fighting animals, and when closely associated, uncultured people irritate and offend each other. 714

Without help from superhuman sources, the strain of society breaks down upon reaching certain limits, and these very influences of social mobilization - hunger, love, vanity and fear conspire to plunge mankind into war and bloodshed. 766

The whole world was caught in the stalemate of tradition bound mores when the Caligastia one-hundred arrived and began the proclamation of the new gospel of individual initiative within the social groups of that day. But this beneficent rule was so soon interrupted that the races never have been wholly liberated from the slavery of custom. These wise beings knew better than to undertake the sudden transformation, or the en masse uplifting of the primitive races of that day. 749

GROUP ASSOCIATION

Social association is a form of survival insurance which human beings have learned is profitable; therefore are most individuals willing to pay those premiums of self-sacrifice and personal-liberty curtailment which society exacts from its members in return for this enhanced group protection. 906

Liberty subject to group regulation is the legitimate goal of social evolution. Liberty without restrictions is the vain and fanciful dream of unstable and flighty human minds. 906

It is people who make a civilization; civilization does not make the people. 854

And so society was born, not of mere association of numbers, but rather as a result of the organization of intelligent co-operators. 763

On the system capital you attained Jerusem citizenship and achieved the willingness to submit the self to the disciplines of group activities and coordinated undertakings. 494

On an evolutionary world, antagonisms are natural; peace is secured only by some sort of social regulative system. 783

The natural individualistic tendency of man can not successfully compete with the more potent and powerful organizations of social progression. 764

While it is true that the institutionalization of religion has usually detracted from its spiritual quality, it is also a fact that no religion has thus far succeeded in surviving without the aid of institutional organization of some degree. 1083

Group or congregational praying is very effective in that it is highly socializing in its repercussions. 998

Intellectually, socially, and spiritually two moral creatures do not merely double their personal potentials of universe achievement by partnership technique; they more nearly quadruple their attainment and accomplishment possibilities. 495

Those that attain cosmic unity persist, while those that fall short of this goal cease to exist. 670

THE NOBILITY OF WORK

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As Jesus worked on your 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. 229

Come to me all you who labor, and I will give you spiritual strength. 1590

Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do that with all your might. 1481

Jesus was a painstaking craftsman when it came to the essentials of a given undertaking. 1495

Material Sons and Daughters construct their own garden homes. 582

It is the Father's will that mortal man should work persistently and consistently toward the betterment of his estate on earth. 1661

The good effort of each man benefits all men. 138

Even the work of this world, paramount though it is, is not nearly as important as the way in which you do this work. 435

In the more needy realms we all enjoy the satisfaction of a more replete function.. 259

In the spiritual world there is no such thing as menial work; all service is sacred and exhilarating. 273

Sorrow cannot exist in the face of the consciousness of divine duty faithfully performed. 274

(Post Magisterial Son) The daily work required to sustain one's independence would be represented by two and one half hours of your time. Such refined peoples well know how to utilize leizure for self-improvement and planetary advancement. 594

None of these humanitarian efforts, nor all of them, should be permitted to take the place of proclaiming the gospel. 1931

Never forget that, when you are a faith son of God, all upright work of the realm is sacred. Nothing which a son of God does can be common. Do your work, therefore, from this time on as for God. 2049

THE MOBILITY OF WORK

But cultural society is no great and beneficent club of inherited privilege into which all men are born with free membership and entire equality. Rather is it an exalted and ever-advancing guild of earth workers, admitting to its ranks only the nobility of those toilers who strive to make the world a better place in which their children and their children's children may live and advance in subsequent ages. 906

Nothing can take precedence over the work of your status sphere - this world or the next. Very important is the work of preparation for the next higher sphere, but nothing equals the importance of the work of the world in which you are actually living. But though the work is important, the self is not. 555

Labor is becoming more honorable on this continent, and all able bodied citizens over eighteen years work. 814

These people are also beginning to foster a new form of social disgust - disgust for both idleness and unearned wealth. 814

While the ideal of society is universal freedom, idleness should never be tolerated. All able bodied persons should be compelled to do at least a self-sustaining amount of work. 780

The abuse of capital by unfair capitalists does not destroy the fact that it is the basis of modern industrial society. Through capital and invention the present generation enjoys a higher degree of freedom than any that ever preceded it on earth. 777

Never permit yourself to be so selfish as to employ money-power to gain unfair advantage over your struggling fellows. 1464

Riches are a moral curse and a spiritual stigma when they are derived from the sweat of oppressed mortal men. 1464

An enduring civilization cannot be built upon the practice of defrauding the laborer of his hire. 1464

Service - purposeful service - not slavery - is productive of the highest satisfaction and is expressive of the highest dignity. Service, more service, adventurous service, increased service, difficult service and at last divine and perfect service - is the goal of time and the destination of space. 316

(angels - The Satisfaction of Service) They have done much to illuminate the deferred rewards inherent in unselfish service, service for the extension of the kingdom of truth. 312

All of this magnificent creation, including yourself, was not made just for you. This is not an egocentric universe. The Gods have decreed it is more blessed to give than to receive and said your Master Son, "He who would be greatest among you let him be server of all." 316

Present day profit motive economics is doomed unless profit motives can be augmented by service motives. Exclusive and self-serving profit motivation is incompatible with Christian Ideals - much more incompatible with the teachings of Jesus. 805

The gain motive is a mighty civilizer when augmented by the desire to serve. 787

Religionists must function in society, in industry, and in politics as individuals, not as groups, parties, or institutions. 1087

In every age scientists and religionists must recognize that they are on trial before the bar of human need. 1457

In the preparation of the garden only volunteer laborers were employed; no hirelings were ever used. 824

The soul of many an ascending mortal has been for the first time kindled by the divine fire of the will-to-service through the personal friendship with the volunteer servers of the seraphic reserves. 555

Prince's Staff closed from over 785,000 ascendant citizens on Jerusem.. 742

Religionists as a group must never concern themselves with anything but religion. albeit any one such religionist, as an individual citizen, may become the outstanding leader of some social, economic, or political reconstruction movement. 1089

nothing can stand between you and opportunity for increased service except for your own trustworthiness, your lack of capacity for appreciation of the solemnity of trust.
316

The family is the master civilizer. 913

As long as we teach the child to pray "our Father who is in heaven" a tremendous responsibility rests upon all earthly fathers so to live and order their homes that the word father becomes worthily enshrined in the minds and hearts of all growing children. 1923

Almost everything of lasting value in civilization has its roots in the family. 765

In the work of passing on the cultural torch to the next generation, the home will ever be the basic institution. 909

Home building should be the center and essence of all educational effort. 931

No cult can endure and contribute to the progress of social civilization and individual spiritual attainment unless it is based on the biologic, sociologic, and religious significance of the home.

The love life of a wise home and the loyal devotion of true religion exert a profound reciprocal influence upon each other. Such a home life enhances religion and genuine religion always glorifies the home. 1923

Modern civilization is at a standstill in spiritual development and the safeguarding of the home institution. 909

Your whole afterlife will be more happy and dependable because you spent your first eight years in a normal and well-regulated home. 1922

I know you will prove loyal to the gospel of this kingdom because I can depend on your present faith and love when these qualities are grounded upon such an early training as has been your portion at home. 1921

Marriage before twenty is not permitted and is only granted after one year's notice of intention and after bride and groom present certificated showing that they have been duly instructed in the parental schools regarding the responsibilities of married life. 812

Religion is so entirely a family matter among these people that there are no public places devoted exclusively to religious assembly. 811

Moral instruction is offered by teachers during the rest periods in the school shops, but not so with religious training, which is deemed to be the exclusive privilege of parents, religion being looked upon as an integral part of home life. 811

Against the law for two families to live under the same roof. 811

All sex education is administered in the home by parents. 811

Attendance of parents, both fathers and mothers, at the parental schools of child culture is compulsory. 811

These people regard the home as the basic institution of their civilization. It is expected that the most valuable part of a child's education and character training will be secured from his parents and at home. 811

The smallest homesite permitted must provide 50,000 square feet of land. All land and other property used for home purposes are free from taxation up to ten times the minimum homesite allotment. 811

It is our sincere belief that the gospel of Jesus' teaching, founded as it is on the father-child relationship, can hardly enjoy a world-wide acceptance until such a time as the home life of the modern civilized peoples embraces more of love and more of wisdom. 1922

It should in all fairness be recorded that, by the end of the second century, practically all the great minds of the Greco-Roman world had become Christian. 2074

morality...must be disseminated by the contagion of the contact of morally fragrant persons with those who are less morally responsive. 193

Do you not realize that the hope of a better nation - or a better world - is bound up in the progress and enlightenment of the individual? 1630

Ever and anon, true prophets and teachers arose to denounce and expose shamanism. And they will continue to appear and challenge the shamans and priests of any age who oppose general education and attempt to thwart scientific progress. 988

This one contact with Jesus made such an impression on this legislator that he spent the rest of his life trying to convince his colleagues to change the course of the ruling policy from the idea of the government supporting and feeding the people to that of the people supporting the government. 1461

Happy are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. 1575

The character of government will ever be determined by the character and caliber of those who compose it. 802

Every human right is associated with a social duty. 906

Kingdom builders, the accredited citizens of the heavenly worlds, are not to be disturbed by the temporal upheavals or perturbed by terrestrial cataclysms. 1916

At least the Cynics made their religio-philosophy democratic. 1336

Next to treason and murder, the heaviest penalties are attached to betrayal of public trust. Social and political disloyalty are looked upon as being the most heinous of all crimes. 814

Any civilization is in jeopardy when three quarters of its youths enter materialistic professions and devote themselves to the pursuit of the sensory activities of the outer world. Civilization is in danger when youth neglect to interest themselves in ethics, sociology, eugenics, philosophy, the fine arts, religion and cosmology. 1220

Education of public opinion is the only safe and true method of accelerating civilization. 802

Sonship in the kingdom, from the standpoint of advancing civilization, should assist you in becoming the ideal citizens of the kingdoms of the world since brotherhood and service are the cornerstones of the gospel of the kingdom. The love call of the spiritual kingdom should prove to be the effective destroyer of the hate urge of the unbelieving and war-minded citizens of the earthly kingdoms. 1930

You are not now as men among men but as the enlightened citizens of another and heavenly country among the ignorant creatures of this dark world. 1570

Commerce has been the great civilizer through promoting the cross-fertilization of culture. 775

The spread of civilization must wait upon language. 908

PROGRESS

(Spirits of Trust) And they have not been totally unsuccessful since a civilization is now evolving which embodies much of their ideals of confidence and trust. 438

Culture presupposes quality of mind; culture cannot be enhanced unless mind is elevated. Superior intellect will seek a noble culture and find some way to attain such a goal. Inferior minds will spurn the highest culture even when presented to them ready made. ---

These ascendent children of time have learned to feast upon uncertainty, to fatten upon disappointment, to enthuse over apparant defeat, to invigorate in the presence of difficulties, to exhibit indomitable courage in the face of immensity, and to exercise unconquerable faith when confronted with the challenge of the inexplicable. 291

Jesus fully understood how difficult it is for men to break with their past. He knew how human beings are swayed by the preacher's eloquence, and how the conscience responds to emotional appeal as the mind does to logic and reason, but he also knew how far more difficult it is to persuade men to disown the past. 1722

It may turn out, eventually, that mortal creatures hailing from the worlds quarrantined in consequence of rebellion are extremely fortunate. 578

Neither can environmental limitations, even on an isolated world, thwart the personal attainemnt of the individual mortal; Jesus of Nazareth, as a man among men, personally achieved the status of light and life over nineteen hundred years ago on Urantia. 636

You are not reckoned as having posessed yourself of knowledge and truth until you have demonstrated your ability and willingness to import this knowledge and truth to others. 279

Industrialism is more civilized (than war) and should be so carried on as to promote initiative and to encourage individualism. Society should in every was possible foster originality. 786

Certain wise men of earth 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 Urantia. 1317

The cosmic reserve corps of universe conscious citizens on Urantia now numbers over one thousand mortals whose insight of cosmic citizenship far transcends the sphere of their terrestrial abode. 1258

It is the prime purpose of the Adamic regime to influence evolving man to complete the transit from the hunter and herder stage of civilization to that of the agriculturalist and horticulturist, to be later supplemented by the appearance of the urban and industrial adjuncts of civilization. 593

The agricultural stage. This era was brought about by the domestication of plants, and it represents the highest type of material civilization. Both Calagastia and Adam endeavored to teach horticulture and agriculture. There has always been friction between the herders and the tillers of the soil. The hunter and herder were militant, warlike; the agriculturalist is a more peace-loving type. Association with animals suggests struggle and force; association with plants instills patience, quiet and peace. Agriculture and industrialism are the activities of peace. But the weakness of both, as world social activities, is that they lack excitement and adventure. But an industrial era cannot hope to survive if its leaders fail to recognize that even the highest social developments must ever rest upon a sound agricultural basis. 769

The one great task of those ages (prince) was to transform man from a hunter to a herder, with the hope that later on he would evolve into a peace-loving, home-abiding farmer. 743

Agriculture is universal on all atmospheric worlds; tilling the soil is the one pursuit that is common to the advancing races of all such planets. 564

Primitive man shunned the soil; it was altogether too peaceful, too unadventurous. 934

Work with the soil is not a curse; rather it is the highest blessing to all who are thus permitted to enjoy the most human of all human activities. 752

On most inhabited worlds the Gardens of Eden remain as superb cultural centers and continue to function as the social patterns of planetary conduct and usage age after age. 586

(Voices of the Garden) After the Adamic default on Urantia, some of these seraphim were left on the planet and were assigned to Adam's successors in authority. 437

Or is there a possibility that an unexpected and unprecedented event is to take place, the sometime return to the planet of Adam and Eve or certain of their progeny as representatives of Michael with the titles vicegerents of the second Adam of Urantia? 1025

At the center of the edenic peninsula was the exquisite stone temple of the Universal Father, the sacred shrine of the garden. 824

BIOLOGIC UPLIFT

It is the false sentiment of your partially perfected civilizations that fosters, protects and perpetuates the hopelessly defective strains of evolutionary stocks. 592

These selected and superior strains of living protoplasm should be jealously and intelligently when once they make their appearance. And on most of the inhabited worlds these superior potentials of life are valued more highly than on Urantia. 560

The feeble minded are trained only in agriculture and animal husbandry, and are committed for life to special custodial colonies where they are segregated by sex to prevent parenthood, which is denied all sub-normals. 812

These selected and superior strains of living protoplasm should be jealously and intelligently guarded when once they make their appearance. And on most of the inhabited worlds these superior potentials of life are valued much more highly than on Urantia. 560

But before these peoples are blended, the inferior and unfit are largely eliminated. The difficulty in executing such a radical program on Urantia consists in the absence of competent judges to pass upon the biologic fitness or unfitness of the individuals of your world races. Notwithstanding this obstacle, it seems that you ought to be able to agree upon the biologic disfellowshipping of your more markedly unfit, defective, degenerate, and antisocial stocks. 585

In a general way, man's evolutionary destiny is in his own hands, and scientific intelligence must sooner or later supercede the random functioning of uncontrolled natural selection and chance survival. 734

Idealism can never survive on an evolving planet if the idealists in each generation permit themselves to be exterminated by the baser orders of humanity. 804

They believe the dominance of mediocrity spells the downfall of any nation. 818

So is spiritual progress dependent on mental expansion and unfailingly delayed by intellectual retardation. 739

PLANETARY HEADQUARTERS

The planetary Prince and his staff still foster the spiritual and philosophic domains of activity. Adam and Eve pay particular attention to the physical, scientific and economic status of the realm. Both groups equally devote their energies to the promotion of the arts, social relations, and intellectual achievements. 588

The Prince's corporeal staff continuously gathered about them the superior individuals of the surrounding tribes, and after training and inspiring these students, sent them back as teachers and leaders of their respective peoples. 743

The prince's corporeal staff early organize the planetary schools of training and culture, wherein the cream of the evolutionary races are instructed and then sent forth to teach these better ways to their people. 575

We fear that they are about to make the mistake that so many others have made when they have endeavored to force a superior culture and religion upon other races. ...Nation of advanced culture would only go out and bring to itself the best of the neighboring peoples and then, after educating them, send them back as emissaries of culture to their benighted brethren. 820

Schools of the Planetary Prince are primarily concerned with philosophy, religion, morals and the higher intellectual and artistic achievements. The Garden Schools are usually devoted to the practical arts, fundamental intellectual training, social culture, economic development, trade relations, physical efficiency, and civil government. 587

Before the first Magisterial Son concludes his mission on a normal evolutionary world, there has been effected the union of the educational and administrative work of the Planetary Prince and the Material Son. 588

As soon as the new and consolidated capital of the evolving world has become well established, and just as fast as competent subordinate administrators can be properly trained, subcapitals are founded on remote land bodies and among the different peoples. Before the arrival of another dispensational Son, from fifty to one hundred of these subcenters will have been organized. 588

THE NEW PRINCE AND STAFF

As soon as men and women appear on the stage of temporal action with sufficient mental capacity, adequate moral status, and requisite spirituality, they are quickly assigned to the appropriate celestial group of planetary personalities as human liasons, mortal assistants. 1257

Mortals of the realm are chosen for service in the reserve corps of destiny because of: 1. Special capacity for being secretly rehearsed for numerous possible emergency missions in the conduct of various activities of world affairs. 2. Wholehearted dedication to some special social, economic, political, spiritual, or other cause, coupled with willingness to serve without human recognition or rewards. 3. The possession of a Thought Adjuster of extraordinary versatility and probable pre-Urantia experience in coping with planetary difficulties and contending with impending world emergency situations. 1257

The twelve angelic groups and corresponding groups of the reserve corps of Destiny:

1. The epochal angels, blending generations with the planetary age.
2. The progress angels, entrusted with the task of initiating evolutionary progress
3. The Religious guardians, safe transit of moral values from one epoch to another
4. Angels of Nation life, Directors of politics and overcontrol of internationalism
5. Angels of the races, work for the races regardless of political or religious affiliation
6. Angels of the Future, Plan for the realization of better things
7. Angels of enlightenment, educational, mental and moral training
8. Angels of health, promotion of health, prevention of disease
9. Home seraphim, preservation of the home, the basic institution of civilization
10. Angels of industry, industrial development and economic conditions
11. Angels of diversion, play humor, rest recreation and leisure
12. Angels of superhuman ministry 1255-6

Council's of prince's staff lost: Animal Husbandry, Animal Conquest, Industry and Trade, Health, Tribal Government. Partially lost: Food Council, Educational Council.
Councils Saved: Co-ordination, Revealed Religion, Art and Science. 757

We understand how by his triumph on Urantia, Michael became the successor of both Caligastia and Adam; how he became the planetary Prince of Peace and the second Adam. 1025

The twelve Melchizedek receivers of Urantia did heroic work. They preserved the remnants of civilization, and their planetary policies were faithfully executed by Van. Within one thousand years after the rebellion he had more than three hundred and fifty advanced groups scattered abroad in the world. 760

PRINCIPALS OF GOVERNMENT

It should be evident that the universe has a worthy capital. 119

Why should the Gods be so concerned in so thoroughly training surviving mortals in the technique of universe management? 348

Before spirit mortals reach Havona, their chief study, but not exclusive occupation is the mastery of local and universe administration. 342

A system government is concerned with the physical status of living beings, with biologic problems. In turn Constellation rulers pay especial attention to the social and governmental conditions prevailing on the different planets and systems. 371

The entire universe is organized and administered on the representative government plan. Representative government is the divine ideal of self government among nonperfect beings. 517

Providence functions with regard to the total and deals with the function of any creature as such function is related to the total. 1304

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. 557

The Jewish religion also persisted because of its institutions. It is difficult for religion to survive as the private practice of isolated individuals. This has ever been the error of the religious leaders; seeing the evils of institutionalized religion, they seek to destroy the technique of group functioning. In place of destroying all ritual, they would do better to reform it. 1076

By self government we refer to the highest type of representative government. 595

The extent of civil government and statutory regulation, in an intermediate state of advancing civilization, is in inverse proportion to the morality and spirituality of the citizenship. 630

WORLD GOVERNMENT

You are my chosen ambassadors... and upon this rock of spiritual reality will I build the living temple of spiritual fellowship in the eternal realities of my Father's kingdom. All the forces of evil and the hosts of sin shall not prevail against this human fraternity of the divine spirit. 1747

On Panoptia, under the guidance of the Melchizedeks, the people rallied to the support of Michael. Ellanora, a young woman of the realm, grasped the leadership of the human races, and not a single soul of that strife torn world enlisted under the Lucifer banner. 607

Van and Amadon recruited a corps of over three thousand willing and enthusiastic workers who, in solemn assembly, dedicated themselves to this mission of preparing for the promised or at least expected, Son. 822

Adam made a heroic and determined effort to establish a world government, but met with stubborn resistance at every turn. 833

They were hardly willing to abandon their national deities in favor of an international, not to say interplanetary God. 1054

Adam and Eve would have sometime met with success had they been more farseeing and patient. They were not willing to settle down to the long, long endurance test. 840

Self control, more and more self control, is the ever increasing demand of advancing mankind. 914

The peace of Urantia will be promoted far more by international trade organizations than by all the sentimental sophistry of visionary peace planning. 787

Your world is a full dispensation and more behind the average planetary schedule. 593

(fifth mansion world) Study is becoming voluntary, unselfish service natural and worship spontaneous. 537

One of the purposes of the Morontia career is to effect the permanent eradication from the mortal survivors of such animal vestigial traits as procrastination, equivocation, insincerity, problem avoidance, unfairness and ease seeking. 551

The pouring out of the Spirit of Truth provides the spiritual foundation for the realization of great achievements in the interests of the human race of the bestowal world. Urantia is therefore far better prepared for the more immediate realization of a planetary government with its laws, mechanisms, symbols, conventions, and language all of which could contribute so mightily to the establishment of world-wide peace under law and could lead to the sometime dawning of a real age of spiritual striving; and such an age is the planetary threshold to the utopian ages of light and life. 820

Do you grasp the significance of the fact that your lowly and confused planet has become the divisional headquarters for the universe administration and direction of certain archangel activities having to do with the Paradise ascension scheme? This undoubtably presages the future concentration of other ascendant activities on the bestowal world of Michael and lends a tremendous and solemn import to the Master's personal promise, "I will come again." 409

Creature will is a factor in the adjudication of all such problems. 394

Not until every personality concerned had made a final decision would or did the authorities of Edentia interfere or intervene. 756

Midwayer's chief work today is that of unperceived personality associates of those men and women who constitute the planetary reserve corps of destiny. 865

This corps of material helpers constitutes the connecting link between the prince and the world races. 574

Secondary Midwayers contribute much to the advancement of civilization and even to the subjection of insubordinate minorities who may seek to subvert social development and spiritual progress. 585

(Life Carriers) had projected a plan envisioning a new order of planetary creature whom they hoped would become the teacher-rulers of human society. Such beings were designed for social sovereignty, not civil sovereignty. 856

The post-Adamic epoch is the dispensation of internationalism. With the near completion of the task of race blending, nationalism wanes, and the brotherhood of man really begins to materialize. Representative government begins to take the place of the monarchial or paternal form of government. ...Universal peace and cooperation are seldom attained until the races are fairly well blended, and until they speak a common language. 594

While Jesus has shown the way to the immediate attainment of spiritual brotherhood, the realization of social brotherhood on your world depends much on the achievement of the following personal transformations and planetary adjustments; 1. Social Fraternity, ..International travel, commerce sports, common language.. Interchange of students, teachers, industrialists, and religious philosophers. 2. Intellectual cross fertilization. Brotherhood is impossible on a world whose inhabitants are so primitive that they fail to recognize the folly of unmitigated selfishness. 3. Ethical awakening. 4. Political wisdom 5. Spiritual insight. The brotherhood of man is, after all, predicated on recognition of the fatherhood of God. The quickest way to realize the brotherhood of man on Urantia is to effect the spiritual transformation of present day humanity. The only technique for accelerating the natural trend of social evolution is to apply spiritual pressure from above... Mutual understanding and fraternal love are transcendent civilizers and mighty forces in the world-wide realization of the brotherhood of man. 597-8

The appearance of genuine brotherhood signifies that a social order has arrived in which all men delight in bearing one another's burdens; they actually desire to practice the golden rule. But such a society cannot be realized when either the weak or the wicked lie in wait to take unfair and unholy advantage of those who are chiefly actuated by devotion to service of truth, beauty and goodness. In such a situation only one course is practical: The "golden rulers" may establish a progressive society in which they live according to their ideals while maintaining an adequate defense against their benighted fellows who might seek either to exploit their pacific predilections or to destroy their advancing civilization. 804

Primitive man was not naturally overflowing with the spirit of brotherly feeling and the desire for social contact with his fellows...and it is this lack of natural brotherly affection that now stands in the way of immediate realization of the brotherhood of man on Urantia. 763

We know that any child can best relate himself to reality by first mastering the relationships of the child-parent situation and then by enlarging this concept to embrace the family as a whole. Subsequently the growing mind of the child will be able to adjust to the concept of family relations, to relationships of the community, the race, and the world, and then to those of the universe, the superuniverse, even the universe of universes. 92

The great handicap confronting Urantia in the matter of attaining the high planetary destiny of light and life is embraced in the problems of disease, degeneracy, war, multi-colored races, and multilingualism. No evolutionary world can hope to progress beyond the first stage of settledness in light and life until it has achieved one language, one religion, and one philosophy. Being of one race greatly facilitates such achievement, but the many peoples of Urantia do not preclude the attainment of higher stages. 626

This kingdom we proclaim is a spiritual brotherhood, and no man rules over it seated on a material throne. 1702

(James and John) learned to present the church as a "spiritual brotherhood devoted to the social service of mankind."

The kingdom of heaven is neither a social nor an economic order; it is an exclusively spiritual brotherhood of God-knowing individuals. True such a brotherhood is in itself a new and amazing social phenomenon attended by astounding political and economic repercussions. 1088

A great silence pervaded the place while a host of celestial beings looked down upon this solemn and sacred scene. The creator of a universe placing the affairs of the divine brotherhood under the direction of human minds. 1570

SPIRITUALITY AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER

The great hope of Urantia lies in the possibility of a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message which would spiritually unite in loving service the numerous families of his present day followers. 2086

What a transcendent service is, through this revelation, the Son of Man should be recovered from the tomb of traditional theology and be presented as the living Jesus to the church that bears his name and to all other religions! 2090

Indeed, the social readjustments, the economic transformations, the moral rejuvenations, and the religious revisions of Christian civilization would be drastic and revolutionary if the living religion of Jesus should suddenly supplant the theologic religion about Jesus. 2090

The ultimate goal of society's most advanced achievement can never hope to transcend Jesus' brotherhood of men based on the recognition of the fatherhood of God. The ideal of all social attainment can be reached only in the coming of this divine kingdom. 2093

The brotherhood of men is founded on the fatherhood of God. The family of God is derived from the love of God - God is love. 1486

Religious peace - brotherhood - can never exist until all religions are willing to completely divest themselves of all ecclesiastical authority and fully surrender all concept of spiritual sovereignty. God alone is spirit sovereign. 1487

War on Urantia will never end as long as nations cling to the illusive notions of unlimited national sovereignty. 1487

Urantia will not enjoy lasting peace until the so called sovereign nations intelligently and fully surrender their sovereign powers into the hands of the brotherhood of men - mankind government. 1489

Political sovereignty is innate with the peoples of the world. When all the peoples of Urantia create a world government, they have the right and the power to make such a government SOVEREIGN; and when such a representative or democratic world power controls the world's land, air and naval forces, peace on earth and good will among man can prevail - but not until then. 1489

Religion makes it spiritually possible to realize the brotherhood of man, but it will require mankind government to regulate the social, economic, and political problems associated with such a goal of human happiness and efficiency. 1490

Today the citizens of the great powers are taxed, regulated, and controlled almost oppressively, and much of this present interference with individual liberties will vanish when the national governments are willing to trustee their sovereignty as regards international affairs into the hands of global government. The fallacy of self-determination will be ended. 1491

The political sovereignty of representative mankind government will bring lasting peace on earth, and the spiritual brotherhood of man will forever insure good will among all men. And there is no other way whereby peace on earth and good will among men can be realized. 1491

This gospel of the kingdom...will not bring peace on earth until man is willing to believe my teaching wholeheartedly and to establish the practice of doing the Father's will as the chief purpose in living the mortal life. 1951

Under the soon-coming persecutions by those who hate this gospel of joy and liberty, you will thrive and the kingdom will prosper. 1931

Pentecost was the call to spiritual unity among gospel believers. It was designed to lessen the self-assertiveness of individuals, groups, nations, and races. It is this spirit of self assertiveness which so increases in tension that it periodically breaks loose in destructive wars. Mankind can be unified only by the spiritual approach, and the Spirit of Truth is a world influence which is universal. 2065

A lasting social system without a morality predicated on spiritual realities can no more be maintained than could the solar system without gravity. 2075

When the materialistic-secular panic is over, the religion of Jesus will not be found bankrupt. 2076

Neither democracy nor any other political panacea will take the place of spiritual progress. 2077

But beware! This godless philosophy of human society will lead only to unrest, animosity, unhappiness, war, and world wide disaster. Secularism can never bring peace to mankind. Nothing can take the place of God in human society. 2081

You simply cannot establish the brotherhood of men while ignoring or denying the Fatherhood of God. 2082

A new and fuller revelation of the religion of Jesus is destined to conquer an empire of materialistic secularism and to overthrow a world sway of mechanistic naturalism. 2082

The spiritual renaissance must await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion who will be exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men. And then will these spirit-born souls quickly supply the leadership and inspiration requisite for the social, moral, economic, and political reorganization of the world. 2082

Only when man has become sufficiently disillusioned by the sorrowful disappointments attendant upon the foolish and deceptine pursuits of selfishness, and subsequent to the discovery of the barrenness of formalized religion, will he be disposed to turn wholeheartedly to the gospel of the kingdom, the religion of Jesus. 2083

The modern christian church is not such a brotherhood of dynamic believers as Jesus commissioned continuously to effect the spiritual transformation of successive generations of mankind. 2083

The call to the adventure of building a new and transformed human society by means of the spiritual rebirth of Jesus' brotherhood should thrill all who believe in him as men have not been stirred since the days when they walked about on earth as his companions in the flesh. 2084

When physical conditions are ripe, sudden mental evolutions may take place; when mind status is propitious, sudden spiritual transformations may occur; when spiritual values receive proper recognition, then cosmic meanings become discernable, and increasingly the personality is released from the handicaps of time and delivered from the limitations of space. 740

What a sorry sight for successive generations of the professed followers of Jesus to say, regarding their stewardship of divine truth; "Here, Master, is the truth you committed to us a hundred or a thousand years ago. We have lost nothing; we have faithfully preserved all you gave us." But such a plea concerning spiritual indolence will not justify the barren steward of truth in the presence of the Master. In accordance with the truth committed to your hands will the Master of truth require a reckoning. 1918

The persistent preaching of this gospel of the kingdom will some day bring to all nations a new and unbelievable liberation, intellectual freedom, and religious liberty. 1930

A greater Guatama may arise to lead all India in the search for the living God. 883

(4620 Counselors) Seats numbers 17, 18, 19, and 20 are not permanently occupied. They are temporarily filled by unanimous consent of the sixteen permanent members, being kept open for later assignment to ascending mortals from the present post-bestowal Son age on Urantia. 514

Our business is to be ambassadors of a spiritual kingdom on high. 1565

When the world has passed through the long winter of materialmindedness and you discern the coming of the spiritual springtime of a new dispensation, should you know that the summertime of a new visitation draws near. 1915

Only one thing we are certain of, that is, when he does return, all the world will likely know about it, for he must come as the supreme ruler of a universe. But if every eye is to behold him and if only spiritual eyes are to discern his presence, then must his advent be long deferred. 1919

All of these speculations associated with the certainty of future appearances of both Magisterial and Trinity Teacher Sons, in conjunction with the explicit promise of the Creator Son to return sometime, make Urantia a planet of future uncertainty and render it one of the most interesting and intriguing spheres in all the universe of Nebadon. 1025