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Outline of discussion

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Section I - Deity and Divinity

DEITY acts on personal and nonpersonal levels

On personal levels Deity may be: pre-personal - personal - superpersonal

Total Deity functions on 7 levels:

1. Static (self contained)
2. Potential (self willed)
3. Associative (self personalized)
4. Creative (self distributive)
5. Evolutional (self expansive)
6. Supreme (self experiential)
7. Ultimate (self projected)

*Per Bally - Deity collective
of energies.
Levels of deity are personal*

Universe reality is projected on 3 levels of creation:

1. Finite (time / space limited)
2. Absonite (transcended time / space)
3. Absolute (timeless and spaceless)

DIVINITY is the unifying quality of Deity and is:

1. Creature comprehensible as Truth, Beauty, and Goodness
2. Correlated in personality as Love, Mercy, and Ministry
3. Disclosed on impersonal levels as Justice, Power, and Sovereignty

There are 3 kinds of divinity perfection:

1. Perfect
2. Imperfect
3. Relative

All possible phases and forms:

1. Perfect
2. Perfect and Relative
3. Perfect, Relative, and Imperfect
4. Perfect and Imperfect
5. Relative
6. Relative and Imperfect
7. Imperfect

Section II - God

GOD is a word designative of the personalizations of Deity.

God the Universal Father functions on 3 subinfinite value levels and relative divinity expressions:

1. Pre-personal (as in the Thought Adjuster)
2. Personal (as in created and procreated beings)
3. Super-personal (as in certain eventuated, absonite beings)

God in context:

1. God the Father
2. God the Son
3. God the Spirit
4. God the Supreme
5. God the Sevenfold
6. God the Ultimate
7. God the Absolute

Section III - The First Source and Center

Primal in relation to total infinite reality and its 7 existential Absolutes

1. First Source and Center (Primal)
2. Second Source and Center
3. Third Source and Center
4. Isle of Paradise
5. Deity Absolute
6. Universal Absolute
7. Unqualified Absolute

First Source and Center relates to the experiential universes as:

1. Material Gravity (Paradise pull) - indirectly
2. Mind Gravity (Infinite Spirit) - indirectly
3. Spirit Gravity (Eternal Son) - indirectly
4. Deity Potential (Deity Absolute) - indirectly
5. Non-Deity Potential (Unqualified Absolute) - indirectly
6. Coordinate Potential (Universal Absolute) - indirectly
7. Personality (Universal Father) - directly

REALITY comprehension by finite creatures must be in time/space terms.

Maximum comprehension of Deity by finite creatures is the Supreme Being.

The I AM: A time/space bound creature philosophic concession. Not a reality.

Concept of the I AM: Before the beginning, the I Am separated total infinity into the personal and the impersonal, the divine from the "extra divine" by virtue of his free will. This theoretical I AM thus becomes the Father of the Son and the Source of Paradise and together they actualize the Infinite Spirit and the central universe of Havona. He then differentiates his actual Havona presence from the potentials of infinity (Qualified and Unqualified Absolute). This "absolute divinity tension" is resolved by the Universal Absolute which also allows the finite and the infinite to coexist in the same creation.

Section IV - Universe Reality

Projected in 3 primal phases

1. Undeified reality (Unqualified Absolute)
2. Deified reality (Qualified Absolute)
3. Interassociated reality (Universal Absolute)

Further divisible as:

1. Actual and Potential
2. Absolute and Sub-absolute
3. Existential and Experiential
4. Personal and Impersonal

The Isle of Paradise

1. The dwelling place of God (upper, spiritual plane)
2. The Absolute Machine (nether, material plane)

Section V - Personality Realities

Personality is a level of deified reality ranging through:

1. Human and Midwayer
2. Morontial and Spiritual
3. Prepersonal (Adjuster)
4. Superpersonal (Transcendentals)

Functioning entity of a human being:

1. Body (physical mechanism)
2. Mind (Thinking, perceiving, feeling mechanism. total consciousness)
3. Spirit (Thought Adjuster)
4. Soul (Morontial)
5. PERSONALITY is: Bestowed directly by the Father. Permanence in the presence of change. Discloses qualitative aspects only. The unique, one and only you.

MORONTIA: A vast level between the material and the spiritual

Section VI - Energy and Pattern

ENERGY may be physical, mindal, or spiritual. Determined by their gravity response.

Physical energy manifests through stages:

1. Cosmic force (derived from the Unqualified Absolute)
2. Emergent energy (pre-electronic level - responds to Paradise gravity)
3. Universe power (electronic level - responds to linear gravity)

Mind is added to living energy systems

1. Physical energy systems (as in humans)
2. Spiritual energy systems (as in seraphim)
3. In personality mind connects matter with spirit

PATTERN configures physical, mindal, and spiritual energy as personality creates designs.

1. Pervades personalities, identities, entities, and nonliving matter
2. Does not control energy
3. Discloses the individual aspect of energy and personality
4. A master design from which copies are made

Section VII - The Supreme Being

Deity is dual in presence

1. Existential (Universal Father, Eternal Son, Infinite Spirit)
2. Experiential (the actualizing Gods: Supreme, Ultimate, and Absolute)

God the Supreme

1. A personal reflection of the Trinity to finite beings
2. Power is growing in the Almighty Supreme by the acts of God the Sevenfold and all finite beings

The Supreme Being

1. Power-Personality synthesizing in the Grand Universe
2. Emerging as the fusion of the finite and the infinite
3. When complete, allows the finite to attempt to reach the absonite
4. God the Supreme and The Almighty Supreme are this one reality

Section VIII - God the Sevenfold

An association of 7 levels of Deity personalization acting in time and space functioning as the mortal bridge to Paradise. Deity anywhere functioning in time and space.

1. Paradise Creator Sons
2. Ancients of Days (SUPREME CREATORS)
3. Seven Master Spirits

4. Supreme Being

5. God the Spirit
6. God the Son (TRINITY OF SUPREMACY)
7. God the Father

Grand Universe is a threefold Deity domain including:

1. God the Sevenfold
2. The Supreme Being
3. Trinity of Supremacy

Section IX - God the Ultimate

1. Eventuates on the transcended time/space levels of the Master Universe
2. Paradise Trinity comprehended by absonite beings
3. Experiential Deity who emerges with completion of the Master Universe
4. A consequence of the first experiential Trinity

Section X - God the Absolute

1. Actualization would be super absonite (beyond the Master Universe)
2. Experientially growing out of the existential Deity Absolute.
3. A consequence of the second experiential Trinity

Section XI - The Three Absolutes

The Universal Father differentiates his actual, Havona presence from the potentials of infinity and these are:

1. Unqualified Absolute (space concealed)
2. Qualified (Deity) Absolute (divinely enshrouded)
3. Universal Absolute (correlates and unifies the Unqualified with the Qualified and correlates the existential with the experiential)

QUALIFIED (DEITY) ABSOLUTE activates in terms of the total universes (made, in the making, and yet to be made)

1. Potential spiritual realities

UNQUALIFIED ABSOLUTE mechanizes (reacts) in terms of the total universes

1. Nonpersonal, extradivine, and undeified space presence
2. A positive reality extending from nether Paradise out into the Master Universe
3. Potential non-spiritual realities

UNIVERSAL ABSOLUTE resolves the tension produced by the differentiation of the deified and the undeified

1. Keeps infinity from crushing finity
2. Correlates the existential with the experiential

Section XII - The Trinities

There is one existential Trinity. There are two experiential Trinities in process of actualization.

THE PARADISE TRINITY (Existential Trinity)

1. Inevitable Deity union of The Universal Father, The Eternal Son, and The Infinite Spirit
2. The only Deity reality embracing total infinity

THE ULTIMATE TRINITY (First experiential Trinity)

1. The Supreme Being
2. The Supreme Creators
 - Creator Sons
 - Ancients of Days
 - Master Spirits
3. Architects of the Master Universe

God the Ultimate will power-personalize as a consequence of this Deity union

THE ABSOLUTE TRINITY (Second experiential Trinity)

1. God the Supreme
2. God the Ultimate
3. The (unrevealed) Consummator of Universe Destiny

God the Absolute would factualize as a consequence of this Deity union.

Universe philosophers postulate a theoretical TRINITY OF TRINITIES