

A Brief Introduction to
THE URANTIA BOOK
And Its Most Basic Teachings

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WHAT IS THE URANTIA BOOK?

One need only thumb through a copy of the Urantia Book to become overwhelmed by its size and complexity. The very long table of contents reveals many strange names as authors of its 196 papers. It is not only extremely interesting but according to accepted religious beliefs very controversial, not primarily for what it says but for its claim of origin. It was authored, word-for-word, by many different kinds of invisible "celestial personalities" or divine beings.

Such a claim of origin is naturally going to be viewed with suspicion by any one of sound mind, regardless of their personal religious beliefs. It is unfortunate that most people will not give the book enough time to become well enough acquainted with its basic concepts to judge it fairly. The purpose of this brief introduction is to help interested people gain at least a general idea of what it is and says. Then, hopefully, they will be inspired to read the book and judge its contents for themselves.

The many different types of spiritual authors are all described in the book, some of them revealing their roles by their names, such as: Mighty Messenger, Chief of Archangels, Life Carrier, or Divine Counselor. Because they are a special group formed in order to communicate to our world the papers of the Urantia Book, they are referred to as the "Revelatory Commission" or simply the "Revelators." Their new revelation presents to us many important truths including the plan of organization of the spiritual government of the entire Master Universe, that which is the creation of the One True God whom the Urantia Book calls the Universal Father.

The Urantia Book refers to itself as an epochal "Revelation of Truth" to our world. Urantia (U-ran-sha) is the Universe name for the planet which we call earth. This revelation is now possible because our world has evolved sufficiently to possess the capacity for appreciating a more cosmic perspective of the basic truths and realities concerning God and His creation of billions of worlds inhabited by a vast assortment of different kinds of beings. Our world now has the technical capacity to publish and distribute this revelation, as it also now has a language sufficiently sophisticated and universal to express this revelation of fundamental truths in an adequate manner.

The Urantia Book is self authenticating. It speaks to us with the power of truth and authority. It is intellectually coherent in its detailed description of a vast and complicated cosmos, yet at the same time it speaks directly to the heart, soul and spirit of man. Although the book encompasses 2000 pages and over a million words, and takes time to master, it is not as complicated as it seems at first. The compelling truth of the book's subject encourages the serious reader to be patient and persistent. Such a reader will be profoundly rewarded.

The Urantia Book could be called a descriptive text book of the universe while at the same time it is an inspiring religious document. It masterfully explains the eternal destiny of mortal man and provides a spiritual guide to better living on Urantia. In a unique and profound way, the Urantia Book unifies our knowledge of history, science, philosophy and religion, enabling reader believers to form a true understanding of our world and God's plan for the entire universe.

THE ORIGIN OF THE URANTIA BOOK

In Chicago, Illinois, during the early 1930's, the original script of the Urantia Book was transmitted through a single individual referred to as the "contact personality." The exact details of how this was done, plus the identity of the contact personality, are now lost secrets, as the few people who were appointed as trustees and who received the original script have all passed on. Although these trustees were directly involved with the transmission of the original script, they claim not to have understood the exact procedure. They were also instructed by the Revelators to keep the details of what they had experienced a secret so no mortal would be mystically associated with the origin of the Urantia Book.

The Revelators instructed the trustees to select volunteers to systematically study the material revealed. This group consisted of seventy people. They were informed that the material was being given to them early so that leaders and teachers could be trained who would then introduce the book gradually to the world's peoples. Special emphasis was placed on developing a gradual, evolutionary approach to the promotion of this new Revelation of Truth. Why? Because the Revelators knew that people do not change their most basic religious beliefs easily or rapidly. They knew that any attempt to force or indiscriminately coerce the Urantia Book on our evolving society in a revolutionary way would result in unnecessary confusion and rejection.

In 1950, the original people involved formed the Urantia Foundation. The Foundation is the legal owner of the copyright of the Urantia Book. It is charged with the responsibility of preserving inviolate the original text of the revelation.

In 1955, permission was given by the Revelators to publish the Urantia Book. All contact with the Revelators was then terminated. Also in 1955, the Urantia Brotherhood was organized. This is the fraternal organization of believers in the teachings of the Urantia Book. The purpose of the Urantia Brotherhood is to seek and to provide leadership to new readers, to generate collective group wisdom, and to encourage gradual or low-gear promotion of the book. Presently, a prime concern of the Brotherhood is to foster the formation and maintenance of individual study groups. The Chicago home base of the Brotherhood provides a contact center to help new readers locate other readers in their geographical area and, in some cases, to form new study groups.

Once a study group becomes stable, it is eligible to become an official Urantia Society. Members of Urantia Societies elect the officers of the Brotherhood.

At present there are obviously no widely accepted traditions associated with the Urantia Book. The book must be analyzed and judged on the basis of the quality of its contents. The partial information being presented in this brief introduction is designed to simplify some of the basic concepts of the book in order to give a general idea of its subject matter. Unfortunately, this simplification process may tend to create a less believable presentation of the concepts being introduced, so the serious truth seeker should not rely on this introduction alone but should read for himself this wonderful book.

This introduction begins by describing a little of what the Urantia Book reveals about the nature of our mortal minds and how several spiritual influences minister to us though we are unconscious of the process for the most part. Then it will briefly describe the history and origin of man on Urantia before describing the spiritual government and the cosmology of the entire universe. And all this is necessary as a foundation for explaining the cosmic perspective of the life of Jesus. Be forewarned! It may not come as a great surprise but Urantia is an extremely unusual world--the most unique of ten million.

THE CONSCIOUS MIND

The Urantia Book supports our present knowledge of the nature of the subconscious mind. Like a biochemical computer, the subconscious records information and stores it for later use. The realms of the subconscious include animal type instincts as well as learned knowledge. "Normal" consciousness is never a wholly subconscious experience. The Urantia Book explains that corresponding to the subconscious there is a realm of "ascending intellectual activity" called the "superconscious." The superconscious is the zone of immediate contact with the higher spiritual forces that influence our thinking.

Normal consciousness is a combination of both the subconscious and superconscious influences. It is our free will that must constantly decide which is which and attempt to allow the subconscious to be controlled by the superconscious. It is possible to be over concerned with the influence of both. It is possible to ignore the guidance of the superconscious and primarily dwell in the realm of subconscious stimulation. Or, just as dangerously, it is possible to exaggerate superconscious experiences and become a religious fanatic or day-dreamer. Mysticism can become a technique of reality avoidance and worse, if false assumptions are believed to be true. Too often the uprush of memories of the unconscious levels of mind have been mistaken for divine revelation or spirit leading. Under no circumstances should the trance-like state of visionary consciousness be cultivated as a religious experience. Although mysticism has sometimes been a means of genuine spiritual communion, many mystics have carried their mental dissociation to the level of abnormal mental manifestations. The more healthful attitude of spiritual meditation is to be found in reflective worship and the prayer of thanksgiving.

The psychic, emotional and spiritual awareness of God-consciousness may be an experience of gradual growth or sometimes of a more spectacular type of sudden conversion. How spiritual growth occurs is not the important question. Many of the spectacular phenomena associated with so-called religious conversions may be entirely psychological in nature. One should be more concerned with listening for God's will in solving day-to-day problems than in seeking dramatic conversion experiences. Conversion seeking tends to gravitate consciousness toward the subconscious rather than in the direction of the zone of spiritual contact, the superconscious. Emotion alone is false conversion; one must have faith as well as feeling. The prime concern, when attempting to spiritualize our thinking, is the practice of living faith, of sincere worship, and of wholehearted and unselfish prayer.

There are several superconscious influences revealed by the Urantia Book. The most powerful is that of our individual spirit which indwells our minds. This spirit is called our "Thought Adjuster" because that is what this powerful spirit does for us. The Urantia Book also describes in detail the nature of our evolving soul. Our soul survives physical death and is the vehicle for our personality which also survives into the next life. Our Thought Adjuster should not be confused with our soul. Each individual's Thought Adjuster is an individual entity unto itself. What is so profoundly unique about this type of superconscious spiritual influence, is that each Thought Adjuster is a "fragment of God" Himself. The Universal Father created untold numbers of fragments of Himself in order that all normal mortal minds might be indwelt with His presence.

Other important superconscious influences are the "Holy Spirit" and the "Spirit of Truth." These are both bestowed in a more universal way by high spiritual beings responsible for our spiritual welfare. Mortals also have guardian angels called Seraphim who influence our thinking toward higher levels mainly by coordinating these different superconscious influences. There is so much more than we are fully conscious of going on in our little mortal minds!

THE ORIGIN OF MAN ON URANTIA

Approximately 1,000,000,000 years ago, the earth had attained its present size and was given the name Urantia. About 550,000,000 years ago, the geological formation of the planet had evolved sufficiently to be considered ripe for the inauguration of the evolutionary life cycle.

At that time, a special corp of celestial beings known as Life Carriers, in cooperation with spiritual powers and superphysical forces, organized and initiated the original life patterns of this world. These life patterns were planted in the hospitable waters of Urantia's seas. These very simple initial forms of plant life were designed to evolve slowly into new and higher life forms through the patterns designed into their genetic codes. In addition to this gradual accumulation of small variations, or slow type of evolution, the Urantia Book reveals that there have been many sudden changes, especially in the highest types of prehuman animals. These sudden appearances of new species is a wholly biological and natural phenomenon. Modern science has noted this phenomenon of sudden evolutionary change but scientists have so far failed to detect the genetic reasons for these changes. We will never discover the so-called "missing link" because it never existed.

The first two (male and female) primitive human beings suddenly appeared as a mutation of the most progressive stock of primates approximately 1,000,000 years ago. Again it should be emphasized that this was not an accident but the final product of a long evolutionary creative process, originally planned and subsequently nurtured by the Life Carriers. On any evolutionary world, after primitive man has appeared, the Life Carriers remove themselves from active involvement in the life process. More spiritual agencies then take over.

With the birth of these first two primitive human beings, named Andon and Fonta, and upon their evolving a free will capacity to make moral decisions, Urantia was officially registered in the universe records as an inhabited world. So it could be said that fundamentalist religionists who believe man was created and modern scientists who preach that man evolved are both right to a degree, because man was created to evolve.

These first two human beings were free will (the ability to choose the path of eternal survival) creatures, unlike their animal parents. It was exclusively through their superconscious that they and their offspring were ministered to by many spiritual agencies concerned with their physical and spiritual survival. In the first stages of primitive man's evolution, the strongest ministering spiritual influences are called the Seven Adjutant Mind Spirits. These seven spirits originate from the same high spiritual being who is responsible for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Seven Adjutant Mind Spirits are called by names which are the equivalent of the following attributes: intuition, understanding, courage, knowledge, counsel, worship and wisdom.

For thousands of years, slowly but surely, these first humans multiplied and evolved primarily by developing and advancing their tribal culture. Then the point was reached when the exclusive unseen spiritual nurture of the Seven Adjutant Mind Spirits exhausted its ministry. At that point mankind had developed sufficient capacity to take advantage of higher forms of more direct spiritual guidance. This first period of development took approximately 500,000 years on Urantia. The stage was then set for the first major direct contact from the spiritual government that was to be established on Urantia. These major epochs in evolutionary world history are called Revelations of Truth. The first epochal

Revelation of Truth to Urantia was the arrival of a high invisible celestial being who was given charge of all spiritual agencies directly concerned with human evolution on Urantia. Such a high spiritual Son is called a Planetary Prince. The Planetary Prince on Urantia brought with him a staff of mortal-like visible helpers. Together they built a small and simple city called Dalamatia which was the world headquarters and teaching center from which the Prince and his staff ministered to the simpleminded mortals living at that time on Urantia.

DALAMATIA--THE FIRST REVELATION OF TRUTH

Approximately 500,000 years ago, our original Planetary Prince whose name was Caligastia arrived on Urantia along with a staff of celestial and superhuman helpers. At that time, about one-half billion primitive human beings were scattered over Europe, Asia and Africa. Caligastia's headquarters city, Dalamatia, was in Mesopotamia, at that time near the center of the world's population. Dalamatia was a simple city constructed of brick.

Perhaps, at this point in the story, it would be best to explain the organization of inhabited evolutionary worlds of which Urantia is a part. All inhabited evolutionary worlds belong to what is called a System. Each System encompasses an enormous area of space, enough to embrace approximately 1000 inhabitable worlds, in addition to suns, moons and planets that are not inhabitable. Each world in a given System is inhabited one at a time until all 1000 or so are inhabited. Our particular System now contains a little over 600 inhabited worlds. So we are still a young System.

Each of these evolutionary worlds begins in a similar way to Urantia's beginning. And each, including Urantia, will eventually evolve into a utopian existence called "Light and Life," the final goal of all evolutionary worlds.

Each System has a headquarters at or near its center of 1000 inhabited worlds that was "constructed" long before life was planted on any of its natural worlds. These System headquarters or capitals are most interesting to us because this is where we are resurrected after mortal death. Our System capital is actually "heaven" to us. The System capitals are also home base for many different orders of celestial personalities directly involved with the spiritual welfare of the whole System. Just as each individual evolutionary world is ruled by a high spiritual son, so also is each System governed by a slightly higher son called a System Sovereign. Our System capital consists of a cluster of 57 specially made architecturally constructed worlds. These worlds were built by celestial intelligences for specific purposes. They are self-contained and do not depend on a nearby sun.

A System capital does not emit enough light to be seen by our telescopes but if we could travel there by space ship we would discover them to be very hospitable places. Our material vision, however, would not enable us to see the vast majority of beings who live on these architectural worlds.

So the city of Dalamatia was a "representative station" of our System capital. Caligastia and most of his immediate associates were invisible to the mortals of Urantia. But he also brought with him 100 individuals who were very interesting indeed. These 100 (50 men and 50 women) were all originally mortals. Each came from a different evolutionary world within our System. They lived and died as normal mortals on their native worlds and then found themselves resurrected on our System capital. After much time and training, they volunteered

for the unique adventure of being the visible helpers of Caligastia's staff on Urantia. These 100 souls were re-materialized, so-to-speak, in special physical bodies that looked similar to the bodies of Urantia mortals. However, they could live indefinitely as the visible spiritual teachers of Urantia.

This arrangement on our System capital is similar to what happens on other evolutionary worlds. Our System capital is the next step of our life's adventure but by no means the last step. We are destined to ascend to many more and higher stations until we eventually are literally face-to-face with the Universal Father. So we see that these 100 volunteer ex-mortals chose to delay their ascension careers for thousands of years in order to partake of this unique experience on Urantia. When the next epochal Revelation of Truth was presented to our world, these 100 beings were then returned back to the System capital to resume their ascension careers.

The spiritual teachings of these 100 superhuman beings were never forced on the simpleminded people of that time. These teachers usually followed the pattern of selecting brighter individuals from surrounding tribes and inviting them to live and study in Dalamatia. When those selected had learned all they could, they were sent back to teach their fellow tribesmen. At the time Dalamatia was established, the world was caught in the stalemate of tradition-bound mores. The spectacle of this modern city and its superhuman inhabitants was very impressive to the primitive peoples of that time. So, although the process was slow, it was not difficult to attract candidates for learning. The Prince's staff was well aware that such primitive people should not be overtaught, realizing that human knowledge and wisdom must evolve slowly if they are to have a lasting cultural effect.

The city of Dalamatia was in fact typical of such stations on young and developing worlds. Dalamatia continued to serve as the center of Urantia's world culture for about 300,000 years, making normal progress. Then tragedy struck!

Perhaps one of the most important truths revealed by the Urantia Book is embodied in the story of the tragic events which changed the history of our world. This tragedy that began on our System capital is called the Lucifer Rebellion.

TRAGEDY STRIKES URANTIA

It has been explained that a System comprises potentially about 1000 inhabited evolutionary worlds. A System, along with its headquarters or capital of specially made architectural worlds, is the smallest organization of inhabited worlds. A total of exactly 10,000 Systems comprises what is considered a basic creative unit of the Grand Universe, a Local Universe.

There are many Local Universes. Each one is a totally separate creation governed by its own native celestial beings. The Urantia Book explains that during the early stages of the evolution of a Local Universe, occasionally the lower administrative rulers rebel and sin against the higher administrative rulers and even against the supreme rule of the Universal Father. The book explains that the high sons selected to be System Sovereigns and Planetary Princes are in a vulnerable position between evolutionary mortals and higher celestial administrators. They are entrusted with the heavy responsibility of directing the development of the evolutionary worlds and, once in a while, in the early stages of

development of such worlds, are tempted to abuse their power. These System Sovereigns and Planetary Princes, being of Local Universe origin, have never seen the Universal Father. However, no celestial being of Local Universe origin higher in authority than a System Sovereign has ever rebelled.

Lucifer was the original System Sovereign of our particular System of over 600 evolutionary worlds. Lucifer was the third System Sovereign in our Local Universe of 10,000 Systems to rebel and attempt to run his System in his own way. He simply withdrew from the authority and guidance of his superiors and decided to selfishly proclaim himself complete sovereign ruler of his System, a title he would have eventually earned naturally if he had remained faithful until his System had achieved the stage of Light and Life.

When a being created as high as Lucifer egotistically reaches the point of believing he knows better than his superiors, it is possible that his mind becomes so distorted he becomes an habitual sinner, even totally iniquitous, rebelling against the Universal Father and the entire organization of his spiritual government.

Lucifer was a magnificent and brilliant personality. For many thousands of years he administered his System loyally as a created son of our Local Universe, until unrighteousness was found in him. In his rebellion he was able to influence many of his subordinate intelligences to follow him. He convinced 37 out of over 600 Planetary Princes to join him, including Caligastia, recently assigned to Urantia.

When Caligastia announced his loyalty to Lucifer, all the unseen celestial beings on Urantia and the superhuman staff of 100 had to choose whom they would follow, Lucifer or the unseen Father. There was war in heaven, so-to-speak, and all was chaos. Finally higher representatives of the spiritual government took over major control of the System capital and began to initiate compensatory plans to salvage the System. Urantia, along with the 36 other evolutionary worlds of our System whose Planetary Princes had also rebelled, was isolated from the main spiritual circuits of the universe in order that the loyal worlds would not be contaminated.

The Prince's staff on Urantia was divided in loyalty and the city of Dalamatia fell. All progress on Urantia came to a stop and confusion prevailed among the people of Urantia. Caligastia's rebellious followers tried to revolutionize their teaching methods and the confusion on Urantia was compounded. Liberty was translated into license by the half-evolved primitive people of those days.

Meanwhile, the loyalists who did not join Caligastia did their best to keep the Truth of the Father alive on Urantia. Eventually the immediate negative effects of the rebellion subsided but Urantia remained isolated and quarantined from the main spiritual circuits.

Caligastia was still creating mischief. His mind was so distorted that he never regained his mental equilibrium and became a totally iniquitous rebel. All the visible staff members who followed him eventually died due to the circumstances involved with the fall of Dalamatia.

The Universal Father's original plan for the evolution of Urantia had thus been tampered with by a high rebellious son. Although many compensating actions were initiated to ameliorate the effects of the rebellion, it will take thousands and thousands of years for Urantia to overcome this tragedy of its early life.

The members of the Prince's staff who remained loyal to the Father chose a leader named Van who remained on Urantia after all the others were removed from the planet back to the System capital. Van was left behind as the only visible

representative of the spiritual government on Urantia. For about 150,000 years this ex-mortal superhuman hero did his utmost to continue the ways of Dalamatia until the next epochal Revelation of Truth could be presented. Except for Van and his small group of celestial and mortal followers, most of Urantia continued to languish in ignorance rather than growing and evolving as would be the case in a normal world.

ADAM AND EVE DEFAULT

In the normal evolution of most worlds similar to Urantia, the next epochal Revelation of Truth to be presented after the Planetary Prince, is a Material Son and Daughter. This order of Material Sonship is native to the System capitals. It is an order of superior physical beings. For each evolutionary world, a male and a female of this order are carefully selected from many volunteers for the honor of being visible rulers of each evolutionary world. Generally, upon their arrival on an evolutionary world, the Prince's staff return to the System capital to resume their ascension careers, while the new Material Son and Daughter take over the administration of the world under the invisible Planetary Prince. Such a pair of superphysical human beings greatly impress the evolutionary mortals on the world of their assignment. Long before their arrival, the Prince's staff teach the evolutionary mortals about their coming and prepare a special "garden city" for them. On a normal world, the appearance of a Material Son and Daughter heralds the beginning of a great age of invention and intellectual enlightenment. But not so on Urantia. The Lucifer rebellion had seriously delayed and distorted the evolutionary development of our world.

About 150,000 years after the rebellion broke out on Urantia, it was decided to send a Material Son and Daughter to begin the very unusual and difficult task of attempting to untangle the confused affairs of our planet. Urantia at that time was a planet retarded by rebellion and resting under the ban of spiritual isolation. The arrival of a Material Son and Daughter on Urantia begins the true story of Adam and Eve, a story which the Urantia Book describes in vivid detail.

Van and his loyal followers had prepared a special garden city for the arrival of the pair, called the Garden of Eden, located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. No Material Son and Daughter had ever been given a more difficult assignment. Caligastia was still very much present and, although shorn of most of his power to work evil, was still able to make the task of Adam and Eve difficult. Although they had been thoroughly trained and forewarned as to Urantia's predicament, Adam and Eve found themselves very disillusioned as the isolation of Urantia was unlike anything they had experienced on the System capital. Nevertheless, they organized a temporary government and began educational programs much like those used in Dalamatia. Adam and Eve gave birth to many, many children who inherited many of their parent's superhuman qualities. The original plan was that these children should mate, thus creating a superior race which would eventually mate with the mortals of the realm, uplifting them biologically, intellectually and spiritually.

The obstacles facing Adam and Eve seemed insuperable and the problems beyond creature solution. Instead of beginning the task of effecting religious unity,

they were forced to begin anew the work of converting the inhabitants of Urantia to the most simple forms of religious belief. Instead of finding one language ready for adoption, they were confronted by a confusion of hundreds-upon-hundreds of local dialects.

It was after more than a hundred years of dedicated effort, with the goal of race betterment still appearing to be a long way off, that Adam and Eve began to feel that the situation demanded some relief not embraced in the original plan. As Urantia's visible rulers, they had been given many rules to follow precisely. The story of how Caligastia tricked them may be one of the hardest historical facts to believe in the Urantia Book, especially if read out of context.

Because Adam and Eve were too impatient they fell for one of Caligastia's evil plots designed to make them default on their mission. The repercussions were disastrous. The simpleminded mortal inhabitants of the Garden were confused. The most hostile tribes surrounding the Garden attacked and Adam and Eve were forced to flee.

When Adam and Eve committed their folly, it was decreed they had failed their assignment and they were reduced to the status of mortals of the realm which meant they were doomed to die a natural death rather than living on eternally or until the planet was settled in Light and Life.

Spiritually, Adam and Eve were forgiven their mistake, but the way of the transgressor is hard, especially for such exalted beings. They did go on heroically for over 400 more years before they died, even starting a Second Garden in Mesopotamia. Although the consequences of their default became increasingly apparent, they made the best of the situation by preparing their children and the mortal inhabitants of the Second Garden to carry on after their deaths. Had it not been for this training and preparation, pandemonium probably would have broken out.

Their children mated with the mortals of Urantia and a great culture was built up following the instructions of Adam and Eve. However, in time, this advanced civilization was diluted by the culture of the mortal tribes and the Adamic inheritance was eventually submerged. For thousands of years, however, the Second Garden was the cradle of civilization and the Adamic progeny spread out to the ends of the earth. Some reached South America and established the culture we know as the Inca culture. Easter Island was for long a religious and administrative center of one of these lost groups. Even the great pyramid in Egypt was designed by a descendent from the Second Garden. The Sumerians were the last group to retain some portion of the ancient traditions of Dalamatia and the Second Garden.

The Sumerians were still surviving about 4000 years ago at the time the third Revelation of Truth was presented to Urantia.

MELCHIZEDEK--HIGH PRIEST OF SALEM

Technically, the Adamic default was even more disastrous for Urantia than the original outbreak of the Lucifer rebellion. Had Adam and Eve been more patient, they would have met with success eventually. Shortly after their default, an extremely high spiritual Son announced his intention of visiting the isolated and backward peoples of Urantia to teach the Truth of the Father and

to confront Caligastia. And he would do this in the exact likeness of mortal flesh.

However, this exalted Son of God did not announce the exact time of his arrival on Urantia. It was now 30,000 years since Adam and Eve had died. By this time the light of Truth was almost threatened with extinction. By about 3000 B.C. the concept of God had grown very hazy in the minds of men.

This high Son had his reasons for coming to Urantia. His visit would help to compensate for Urantia's misfortunes and would bring the incomparable blessing of his personality input in a manner never to be repeated on any evolutionary world in our Local Universe.

Since the spiritual administration in direct control of Urantian affairs at that time did not know when this extraordinary Son of God was expected to arrive, they were greatly perplexed as to what they should do. Finally it was decided to send an emergency son of the highest order of Local Universe sonship, a Melchizedek Son. This order functions primarily as ministers to a Local Universe administration. Each inhabited evolutionary world is assigned twelve of these very high Melchizedek Sons to act as counselors to the Prince and other celestial intelligences involved in a world's spiritual welfare.

The twelve Melchizedeks of Urantia were in contact with Van and Adam and Eve. Because of Urantia's quarantine status, this was one of the few contacts Van and Adam and Eve had with the System capital. Rarely do these Melchizedeks do more than minister and counsel but in extreme emergencies they can and do act. It was due to Urantia's unusually backward and troubled situation that about 4000 years ago one of these Melchizedeks volunteered to bestow himself on an emergency mission as the third Revelation of Truth to Urantia. The primary purpose of his mission was to keep the Truth of the Father alive and prepare the way for the arrival of the extraordinary Son of God who had promised to appear 30,000 years earlier, shortly after the Adam and Eve default.

This emergency Melchizedek Son is the same Melchizedek mentioned in the bible as "the high priest of Salem," who is a mystery to modern theologians. His full name was Machiventa Melchizedek. He suddenly appeared as an adult mortal and soon became famous as the "sage of Salem," Salem being old Jerusalem. He lived for almost 100 years, starting many schools which sent missionaries throughout the world. His teachings can still be found in many of the world's religions.

Melchizedek's most important pupil was Abraham. Abraham made a covenant with Melchizedek and the One God he represented, to believe God's promises and to obey God's instructions. Melchizedek told Abraham he would have a son who would follow him in a long line of prophets, keeping alive the Truth of the Father and preparing the way for the high Son of God who was soon to come.

JESUS AND THE URANTIA BOOK

A little less than 2000 years after Melchizedek departed from Urantia, his prediction came true that our world would be blessed with the mortal birth of a direct Son of the Universal Father. Jesus did not materialize onto this world as did Machiventa Melchizedek and other superhuman leaders before him. This special and personal Son of God was born of a woman, and lived his early life on Urantia as any other mortal.

Jesus was a Revelation of Truth in the form of a mortal man. In this form we humans can better relate to the truths he taught and the Father he represented. While in the flesh on Urantia Jesus officially terminated the Lucifer rebellion in the most merciful way possible, thus revealing the loving nature of the Universal Father.

Jesus was the fourth Revelation of Truth to Urantia. And now, almost 2000 years after the impact of his teachings and personality on our world, the invention of the printing press and the widespread use of the English language, the high spiritual beings of the universe in control of such matters must have felt it time for another epochal Revelation of Truth. The Urantia Book is the fifth Revelation of Truth to our world, this time in the form of the written word.

As there cannot be a Revelation of Truth greater than the mortal bestowal of Jesus as Son of God and Son of Man, it is not surprising that the Urantia Book is primarily about Jesus. The first two parts of the book, one-third of the total, reveals the basic cosmology of the Master Universe. The third part of the book, also about one-third of the total, reveals the history of Urantia, the subject dealt with so far in this brief introduction. The fourth part of the book, and the last one-third of the total, is a narrative of the life of Jesus and his teachings. It is a detailed account of his life from birth through his resurrection as told from the records of the angels. The first three parts of the book direct the reader's attention to the climax of the story found in the fourth part, the story of the perfect life of Jesus on Urantia.

There is no greater thing we can do than study the earthly life of Jesus which presents to us mortals a unified picture of what the Universal Father wishes his children to strive for. Although it is not possible for the average mortal to attain the perfection of character Jesus acquired while sojourning in the flesh, it is possible for every mortal believer to develop a strong and unified personality along the lines of the perfected Jesus personality.

The world's present records concerning the day-to-day events in the life of Jesus are very meager. Urantia's inhabitants deserve a better statement about him. Our spiritual supervisors simply had to wait to send this revelation of the full details of Jesus' life until we mortals were ready to receive and appreciate this Truth. Many people find it easiest and most inspiring to begin reading the Urantia Book with the Jesus papers.

THE TRINITY

After a rather complicated Forward, the Urantia Book appropriately begins by describing the Universal Father. The first seventy pages were authored by a "Divine Counselor" and deal exclusively with the revelation of the loving nature of the Father. The Father is known by several names throughout the Master Universe. The Urantia Book often refers to him descriptively as the First Source and Center. On Urantia he is best known and most universally acknowledged by the name of God.

The Revelators themselves do not know everything concerning the Universal Father. They suggest that apparently far back in eternity the Father created a perfect expression of his own personality called the Eternal Son. The Universal Father and the Eternal Son are so much alike it is impossible for our finite minds to distinguish between them. Whenever the Father personally and absolutely expresses Himself, he does so through the Eternal Son. The Eternal Son is the living and divine word of the Universal Father.

The Eternal Son is the Second Source and Center. To us he would appear more personal and approachable than the Father because he is more like us who are also sons. The Eternal Son reveals the Father's character of divinity and attributes of spirituality in his management of the spiritual government of the Master Universe.

The first action the Universal Father and the Eternal Son took together was to create a third person of Deity, the Infinite Spirit. This third person of deity, created by the first action ever to occur in the universe, is called also the God of Action. The first action taken by the Infinite Spirit was a pledge of loyalty to his divine "father," the Universal Father and an acknowledgment of everlasting dependence upon his divine "mother," the Eternal Son.

This Godhead of three distinctly different deities, mutually recognizing their personality independence but acting in executive union, is called the Trinity. This is the same Trinity Jesus revealed although the churches have confused the person of Jesus with the person of the Eternal Son. Jesus is a direct Son of both the Father and the Eternal Son, created with unique creative powers of his own.

In the Trinity we have the Father, Son and Spirit who are the unqualified, universal deity absolutes of all creation. They represent the First Family and set the pattern for all deity and creature relationships.

The Infinite Spirit is called by several names, such as, the Third Source and Center, the Spirit of Spirits, the Divine Executive and often the Conjoint Actor. He reflects the conjoint perfection of both the Father and the Son. He is most directly responsible for the spiritual ministrations to all of creation.

PARADISE AND HAVONA

The Trinity is not a mere philosophical concept. The three persons of the Trinity manifest themselves as actual spiritual presences permanently and geographically located in a specific place. The Trinity resides in the very center of the Master Universe, at the gravitational focal point around which all else revolves. This eternal home of the Trinity is the only stationary world in all creation. This gigantic organized body of cosmic reality is called Paradise. It is nothing like any world we could imagine with our limited mortal minds. It is the largest single world in creation. Many types of spiritual beings reside on Paradise and many more types visit it. We ourselves, in the far distant future, will be able to land on Paradise and stand before the Universal Father, after passing through many stages of spiritual growth and development.

Revolving around this majestic home of the Trinity are "one billion architecturally constructed perfect worlds." These one billion glorious spheres are descriptively referred to as the Central Universe or Havona.

These one billion worlds of unimagined beauty and superb grandeur are totally different from our evolutionary world, Urantia. Being architecturally constructed by spirit personalities, they are perfect and will always remain so. They are the central, settled and eternal core of the Master Universe. Many important types of celestial personalities reside there permanently. We will pass through each of these wonderful worlds on our way inward toward the Paradise Father.

THE SEVEN SUPERUNIVERSES

Urantia being far from a perfect world is not located in the Central Universe of Havona. Urantia is located in one of the gigantic creations called the Seven Superuniverses that are slowly revolving around Paradise and Havona.

What we call the Milky Way galaxy is one of these seven Superuniverses. Our world, Urantia, is lying toward the edge of the Milky Way on the opposite side from Havona. This Superuniverse of which Urantia is a part is called Orvonton.

The nature of the seven Superuniverses is completely different from the perfect Central Universe of Havona. The Superuniverses are evolutionary; they will evolve to perfection in time. The vast majority of the millions and millions of suns, stars, nebulae, moons and planets that form the seven Superuniverses are of evolutionary origin in the sense that they are not architecturally constructed worlds like the Havona worlds. Deity intelligences are responsible for the creation of the evolutionary worlds from base material originating on Paradise. There are vast orders of special beings whose specific job is to transmute this base material energy into physical reality. Most of this work is accomplished before more spiritual agencies inhabit and develop the Superuniverses.

The Urantia Book describes in detail the many different types of spiritual beings responsible for the administration of the Father's creation. In this brief introduction only a few will be described.

The maximum number of combinations of the original three expressions of the Father's will found in the Trinity is seven: (1) the Father, (2) the Son, (3) the Spirit, (4) the Father and Son, (5) the Father and the Spirit, (6) the Son and the Spirit, (7) the Father, Son and Spirit. A special being called a Master Spirit was created by the Trinity, especially by the Infinite Spirit, to represent each of these seven associative possibilities inherent in the factual existence of the three persons of Deity. Therefore there are a total of seven Master Spirits. They also reside on Paradise. Each is the exclusive ruler of one of the seven Superuniverses.

At the center of each Superuniverse, residing on special clusters of architecturally created worlds similar to Havona worlds are three extremely high spiritual administrators. These three, called the Ancients of Days, are the executive rulers of each gigantic time-space creation called a Superuniverse. They are called Ancients of Days because their administration has existed almost from the beginning of time. The first record of things and beings of time and space on Paradise is the personality records of the twenty-one Ancients of Days. Each of the three on each Superuniverse was created to somewhat resemble one of the persons of the Trinity.

The name of the headquarters home of the Ancients of Days on Orvonton, the capital of our Superuniverse, is Uversa. All ascending mortals of time and space from Orvonton will also visit Uversa on their way to Havona and Paradise.

Beyond the borders of the space in which the seven Superuniverses revolve around the stationary and Central Universe of Havona are literally thousands upon thousands of other Outer Universes. Some of these are even larger than any of the seven Superuniverses. The Outer Universes form four concentric circuits surrounding the seven Superuniverses and Havona. The Outer Universes are uninhabited. No spiritual circuits go beyond the seven Superuniverses. These Outer Universes are the true New Frontiers in whose development we mortals will be involved in the far distant future after the seven Superuniverses have evolved into Light and Life.

Because of Urantia's borderline position in Orvonton, our astronomers have recently discovered the outer quiet zone that exists between the borders of the seven Superuniverses and the Outer Universes. But they have no idea yet of the existence of Havona. They know the Milky Way galaxy is moving but have not detected its circular motion around an absolute center.

The Central and seven Superuniverses are called the Grand Universe by the Urantia Book. The Master Universe is the Grand Universe plus the four circuits of Outer Universes.

THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

A Local Universe is considered a basic creative unit in the administration of the Grand Universe because each is a separate creation, not related in any way to the evolution of other Local Universes.

Each of the seven Superuniverses will eventually contain exactly 100,000 individual Local Universes. Our modern astronomers can only attempt to guess how many stars are in the Milky Way galaxy which is our Superuniverse of Orvonton. Even if this gigantic creation were subdivided into 100,000 sections, each section would still be an enormous area of space and stars.

Each Local Universe will contain approximately 10,000,000 individual evolutionary worlds similar to Urantia. In addition, there are vast numbers of uninhabitable planets, moons and suns in each Local Universe, as well as thousands of specially made architectural worlds.

The 10,000,000 worlds that are eventually inhabited in a Local Universe are organized into groups. As explained earlier in this introduction, the smallest group is called a System. Each System will contain approximately 1000 evolutionary worlds. Near the center of each System is a headquarters capital of architectural spheres where the spiritual administrators of the System reside, plus the millions of mortal souls who are resurrected there on their way to Paradise.

Each System is part of a group of exactly 100 Systems called a Constellation. Each Constellation also has a special headquarters or capital of architectural worlds near the center of its 100 Systems. And exactly 100 Constellations make up an entire Local Universe. The Local Universe also has a tremendous cluster of architectural worlds that form its capital and headquarters at the center of its 100 Constellations.

As ascending sons of God, we are destined to first be resurrected on our System capital. Then we travel on to our Constellation capital and eventually the capital of our Local Universe. This journey will represent the first third of our ascension career. After that we pass through a similar experience ascending through the different stations of our Superuniverse. This will be the second third of our journey. Finally, we will pass through the one billion perfect worlds of the Central Universe of Havona before we reach our goal on Paradise.

A few of the papers of the Urantia Book were authored by an ascendent mortal who long ago made it all the way to Paradise and is now helping us in this way. After attaining Paradise we join the mortal corp of the Finality and as Finaliters will be given much responsibility helping to evolve the Superuniverses into Light and Life. The Grand Universe is a vast school for mortals of time and space, teaching us all things as we slowly ascend to perfection.

PARADISE CREATOR SONS

Each Local Universe is the exclusive creation of an exalted being called a Paradise Creator Son. For this reason each is a little different from any other. These Creator Sons are unique because they are the direct and personal Sons of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. They were created on Paradise and each is different in personality characteristics. They were given extreme creative powers. Even the Ancients of Days are limited in actual creative ability compared to these Creator Sons.

After a long and intensive training on Paradise and in Havona, these Paradise Creator Sons leave the central creation to claim a one hundred-thousand part of a Superuniverse as their own personal domain.

Each Creator Son creates many high spiritual beings to help in the administration of his Local Universe. Each Local Universe is self-contained but is modeled after the Central Universe of Havona. The Creator Son resides at the center of his universe just as the Universal Father resides on Paradise.

The first Creator Son ever created on Paradise was given the name Michael. Since then all Creator Sons are considered to be of the Order of Michael and are known within their Local Universes as Michael.

LOCAL UNIVERSE ADMINISTRATION

Only the celestial personalities of more immediate concern to us are revealed by the Urantia Book. Only a few of these will be mentioned in this introduction in attempting to present a general idea of the organization of the spiritual government of a Local Universe.

In contrast to the Paradise Creator Son who is a direct offspring of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, the second most powerful personality in a Local Universe is a direct daughter of the Infinite Spirit. These personalities are called Local Universe Mother Spirits. They represent the Infinite Spirit in the Local Universe just as the Creator Sons represent the Father and the Eternal Son.

These Local Universe Mother Spirits, like the Infinite Spirit on Paradise, have various names that may seem confusing at first, such as, Divine Ministers, Creative Spirits and even Universe Spirits.

A Local Universe Mother Spirit contributes the "breath of life" to the creation of which she is a part. From her position on the Local Universe capital she sends out her own personal influence called the Holy Spirit.

As co-creator with the Creator Son, this Divine Minister creates many high beings. On her own, she also creates many orders of beings such as the Angelic Orders called Seraphim. Many of these Seraphim serve as our personal Guardian Angels.

Each Creator Son and Local Universe Mother Spirit collaborate to create one very special being to act as the Chief Executive of their Local Universe. This unique personality is called the Bright and Morning Star, one of the more unusual names found in the Urantia Book.

The personal name of our particular Bright and Morning Star is Gabriel. It was Gabriel who came to our System capital to represent Michael during the Lucifer rebellion.

The Melchizedek order of Local Universe sonship was mentioned earlier. They are the highest order of Local Universe sons and function primarily as ministers and advisors.

The next highest order of Local Universe sonship is the Vorandadek Sons. Certain individuals from this order are selected to rule each of the 100 Constellations of a Local Universe. Three Vorandadek Sons are selected as the Constellation Fathers on each Constellation.

Next in order are the Lanonandek Sons. These sons are trained by the Melchizedeks to be System Sovereigns and Planetary Princes.

Then come the Life Carriers and many further orders of Local Universe personalities.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

The name of our System of worlds is Satania. It was named after Lucifer's assistant, Satan, who joined him in rebellion. The capital of Satania is a cluster of 57 architectural worlds called Jerusem. It is on Jerusem that we mortals will be resurrected after our mortal death.

With each superconscious moral decision we make, we add to the growth of our soul. It is our soul that provides the vehicle for our individual personality so that after resurrection our personality may inhabit a new body and a new mind on Jerusem. On Jerusem we begin what the Urantia Book reveals as our Morontia Life. Morontia refers to the intermediate state between the physical mortal life and the higher spiritual forms we eventually inhabit. We will be morontia creatures throughout our entire Local Universe career. In our Superuniverse careers we take on more spirit-like forms.

The first worlds we land on in Jerusem are called the Seven Mansion Worlds. Regardless of how humble our status as a mortal on the evolutionary world of our origin, if we are judged worthy of survival, we will find ourselves resurrected on the first of the seven mansion worlds of Jerusem. These worlds are primarily designed to teach us those things we failed to learn or experience as mortals. The Urantia Book describes in fascinating detail our life as morontia creatures on Jerusem. It also describes our life on Edentia, the capital of our Constellation named Norlatiadek. And it even reveals a little of the nature of our experience on Salvington, the capital of our Local Universe of Nebadon.

MICHAEL OF NEBADON

Michael of Nebadon is the Paradise Creator Son of our Local Universe. He is directly responsible for our creation and in all practical respects is God to us.

When a Paradise Creator Son engages in the tremendous task of organizing and creating his own personal Local Universe, he assumes full responsibility for the completion, control and composure of that universe. But he does not assume full sovereignty of his creation until the basic stabilization of the universe is complete. He also must complete certain final steps in his own education and training before assuming the sublime task of ruling in divine righteousness

and by just judgment. He rules as a vicegerent of the Universal Father until he assumes final control. The primary assignment each Creator Son must successfully complete is the undertaking of his Seven Bestowal Missions.

The nature of these seven bestowal missions is very simple. They are designed to allow each Creator Son the opportunity to come as close as possible to the life experiences of those subordinate living creatures which he has created. This is accomplished by each Creator Son incarnating in the exact likeness of the seven main orders of living creatures in a Local Universe.

Just as we make better parents because we remember what it was like to be a child, so do the Creator Sons become more sympathetic, just, understanding and wise sovereigns after completing their seven creature bestowals. The Creator Sons are naturally merciful but these bestowal experiences make them merciful in new and additional ways. They do not leave their central headquarters to begin these bestowal missions until their universes are reasonably stable.

The bestowals begin with the highest order of Local Universe sonship and descend to the lowliest type of creature, the Creator Son of a universe being born of a mortal woman and living the life of an evolutionary mortal man. The missions take place thousands of years apart. When the last one has been completed, the Creator Son is immediately certified by the Ancients of Days as having acquired the viewpoint of his creatures and is granted full and complete sovereignty by the Universal Father on Paradise.

The completion of a Creator Son's seven bestowal missions represents a major turning point in the evolution of a young Local Universe. Serious turmoil such as the Lucifer rebellion is only possible prior to a Creator Son gaining full sovereignty. A sovereign Creator Son is one of the most unique personalities in the entire Master Universe as he alone has experienced the broad range of existence from the exaltation of being created and trained by the Trinity on Paradise to being born of a mortal woman of flesh and blood on an evolutionary world of time and space.

The most profound message revealed to us by the Urantia Book is its cosmic perspective on the nature of Jesus. Jesus was Michael of Nebadon, the Paradise Creator Son of our Local Universe in mortal form, completing his final bestowal mission. This is what he meant when he said he was our Lord, and "the Way, the Truth and the Light." Only once in the evolution of a Local Universe does a Creator Son choose one of his 10 million evolutionary worlds to bless with his presence as an actual mortal man of flesh and blood. And never again will such a perfect man live and die a natural death throughout all our Local Universe. There is no greater thing we can do with our short mortal lives than study the life and teachings of Jesus and attempt to imitate him as well as we possibly can.

This is why the Urantia Book will eventually become a great spiritual aid to Urantians because it gives us a detailed account of Jesus' life and teachings that can be trusted because it was written by celestial personalities assigned to his superhuman watchcare.

Michael (Jesus) chose our world, Urantia, because he knew his mortal life would have a tremendous uplifting effect on a world in worse condition than any evolutionary world in Nebadon due to the Lucifer rebellion and the Adamic default. As an epochal Revelation of Truth to our world, Jesus' main concern was to reveal the loving nature of the Universal Father in as complete a manner as possible to every mortal in all of Nebadon.

Creatures of worlds more advanced than ours study the life of Jesus as lived on Urantia. Jesus' devotion to the doing of the Father's will establishes a timeless guide for all mortals throughout all the inhabited worlds of our Local Universe.

Jesus did what he could to educate the simpleminded people of his day and generation about the Lucifer rebellion and its results on Urantia. He was limited in what he could teach by the receptivity capacity of his hearers. It is amazing how much Truth has survived over the centuries since Jesus' time, though it has become somewhat distorted and oversimplified.

One of the primary reasons the religion of Jesus has survived is the fact of the bestowal of his Spirit of Truth. The Urantia Book reveals to us that this new superconscious influence creates a more natural and earnest desire to discern Truth as well as a consciousness of the presence of Michael/Jesus.

The Spirit of Truth which comes directly from Michael is different than the Holy Spirit which comes from our Local Universe Mother Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a more basic form of spiritual energy which now co-ministers to us with the Spirit of Truth. The Urantia Book supports our biblical record that indicates that after the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth at Pentecost the apostles learned more readily the Truth about Jesus and his teachings than they did during the time he was personally with them in the flesh. Christians have had an advantage over other religionists because if they call on Jesus his Spirit of Truth will answer. This is what Christians mean when they say they "know" Jesus, as their spirits bear witness to this phenomenon.

The Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Truth are working just as powerfully in the superconsciousness of people who are intellectually confused or ignorant as in the minds of believers. But it does help to unify the personality if what is felt is understood.

The Urantia Book spends more than 700 pages on the life and teachings of Jesus. Consequently, it does not seem appropriate to attempt to select details of his life for description in this introduction. The earnest truth seeker, unquestionably, will be inspired to read the Jesus papers in the book.

THOUGHT ADJUSTERS

Perhaps the most important new truth revealed by the Urantia Book is knowledge of the Thought Adjusters. Jesus referred to our Thought Adjusters as the "spirit in man." The Spirit of Truth comforts us with the feeling of the presence of Jesus and helps us understand Truth, but the Thought Adjusters are the strongest manifestation of God to each of us individually because they are in fact "fragments of the Universal Father" indwelling our superconscious minds. They reveal the Father's will to us directly.

Even the celestial authors of the Urantia Book do not fully understand the nature of Thought Adjusters. All they know is that they originate from the Father and, as far as they can tell, are undiluted and unmixed divinity, unqualified and unattenuated parts of deity. They are of God and, as far as they are able to discern, they are God.

The celestial authors often refer to the Adjusters as Mystery Monitors. These individual fragments of God may reflect the nature of the personality of the Universal Father but they do not have a personality of their own. They gain

personality by fusing with the imperfect soul of an evolutionary mortal at some time in that mortal's progressive evolution toward the perfection of the Father. Every faithful mortal soul consciously or unconsciously desires to gain the spirituality possessed by the Thought Adjuster indwelling his mind.

The growth toward fusion of the Adjuster with the soul of the mortal it is indwelling is impelled by the free will moral choices of that mortal. With each positive moral choice the soul moves toward the Thought Adjuster. Fusion is accomplished before the soul leaves its System capital. Adjuster fusion represents the attainment of eternal soul survival. The Thought Adjuster compensates for the distance of evolutionary creatures from the Universal Father and for the partiality of the mortal in contrast to the universality of the eternal.

Any mortal who has seen a Creator Son has seen the Universal Father. Any mortal who is indwelt by a divine Adjuster is indwelt by the Universal Father. And every mortal who is consciously or unconsciously following the leading of his indwelling Adjuster is living in accordance with the will of God. Consciousness of Adjuster presence is consciousness of God's presence. Eternal fusion of the Adjuster with the evolutionary soul of man is the factual experience of eternal union with God as a universe associate of Deity.

The Thought Adjuster is primarily concerned with our spiritual survival. It is not so concerned with our day-to-day problems. It is the task of the Adjuster to prepare our souls for the long ascension career. It is our task to achieve better communication with the Divine Monitor indwelling our minds so that his task may be made easier.

THE SUPREME BEING

Another new and important truth revealed by the Urantia Book is the existence of the Supreme Being. In contrast to the absolute inevitability of the Paradise Trinity, the Supreme Being is an evolutionary inevitability.

The Supreme Being is the fourth most powerful Deity, following immediately after the original Trinity. However, he is not yet complete as he is evolving to perfection. The Supreme Being will not become totally manifest until the seven Superuniverses have completely evolved.

The Supreme directly represents the combined wills of the Paradise Trinity to the creatures of time and space. He is the omnipresent God in contrast to the Universal Father who resides on Paradise. The Supreme is the over-soul of all creation. Sometimes his actions appear mysterious even to many of the higher celestial personalities.

Every new thing that we mortals experience the Supreme experiences with us. Therefore we are directly contributing to the evolution of the Supreme. It is a realization of our cosmic responsibility to work in partnership with the Supreme to help evolve the Grand Universe.

The Supreme Being is considered the God of Evolution. He is the experiential Deity compared to the absolute Trinity. The Urantia Book often refers to God the Sevenfold. The Creator Sons in collaboration with the Ancients of Days and the seven Master Spirits are the lower administrative beings of the Sevenfold. The Supreme occupies the central position between these three and the original Trinity.

The Supreme coordinates and synthesizes the imperfection of the seven Superuniverses with the perfection of Havona. With God the Father, sonship is the great relationship. With God the Supreme, achievement is the prerequisite to status. One must do something as well as be something.

To understand the Supreme as an evolving and non-absolute Deity enables the mortal mind to compromise his ideas of perfection with the sobering reality of imperfect evolutionary life. It is possible to actually experience the mind of the Supreme in every action sacrificially devoted to the welfare of the universe. When man recognizes that his Creator in the form of his immediate supervisor, the Supreme, is finite as well as divine, and that as a God of time and space is evolving and non-absolute, he is better able to understand the inconsistencies of temporal inequalities that otherwise might appear as profound paradoxes.

The Supreme appears to work closely with the Thought Adjusters in ministering to the evolutionary worlds. The Adjuster can be considered the God-within in contrast to the Supreme which is the God-without.

These two new concepts of God realization revealed by the Urantia Book may seem confusing at first. It is important to always remember that every thing and every being was created originally by the Universal Father, either directly or indirectly. We live in a large and complex universe that is administered by a vast assortment of spiritual beings, high and low. Yet there is One God who is Universal Father of all.

CONCLUSION

There is no end to the many different subjects that may be elaborated on from the Urantia Book. However, to keep this introduction to a reasonable length, it will end here without attempting to summarize or comment further on the book's contents.

Hopefully, this introduction presents enough information about the unique and profound nature of the Urantia Book for one to understand why something so complicated and overwhelming is going to be very slow in gaining recognition on our confused world.

Believers in the authenticity of the Urantia Book cannot help but feel frustrated about the difficulty of sharing it with other people. One must maintain a good cosmic perspective and remember that the Universal Father is silently working His will through all of our Adjusters. Perhaps on Urantia today, it is more realistic not to expect most people who are primarily struggling just to survive, to find the Urantia Book of immediate concern or of great importance. But perhaps if you are intrigued enough by this introduction you may choose to begin your own study of the book and discover its wonderful new Revelation of Truth.