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INTRODUCTION

As you should be familiar with your URANTIA Book, you should also be aware of the numerous times that the inditers engage in speculation upon varied cosmic facts and universe meanings and relationships. They even provoke our speculation in certain areas. This paper is predicated on speculation and slightly bizarre humor, neither of which is absolutely essential to cosmic realization. However, diversion is refreshing and rejuvenating by its very nature. Hopefully, you will find momentary respite from profound deliberations within these pages; at the very least, you will have completely wasted your time.

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Wherein the following questions are posed and possible answers postulated:

How far is it from Urantia to Jerusem?

How long does it take your "average" mortal
to ascend from Urantia to Paradise?

Is there any truth to the rumor baked beans
have been banished "on high"?

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(Better known as "Hey, dummy!")

Suggested reading: "The Complete Sherlock Holmes".

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three bucks, whichever you can
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NOT exchangeable!

Interlude #1:

"How about those Urantians! Have you heard this one? I heard it from a seraphic guardian of destiny the other day. She said that she and her negative complement were in a personal resurrection chamber in the Temple of New Life on mansonia number one of Satania, awaiting the reawakening of their mortal of planetary association. She said this particular mortal opened his eyes, sat up, gawked at his initial morontia investiture, slowly gazed all around, then looked straight at his guardian seraphim and ordered: "Two Big Macs and a large fry, to go."

Question #1: How far is it from Urantia to Jerusem?

Consult the following pages in your URANTIA Book.

On Page 466:

"Urantia is comparatively isolated on the outskirts of Satania, your solar system, with one exception, being the farthest removed from Jerusem, while Satania itself is next to the outermost system of Norlatiadek, and this constellation is now traversing the outer fringe of Nebadon."

On Page 359:

"The Satania system of inhabited worlds is far removed from Uversa and that great sun cluster which functions as the physical or astronomic center of the seventh superuniverse. From Jerusem, the headquarters of Satania, it is over two hundred thousand light years to the physical center of the superuniverse of Orvonton, far, far away in the dense diameter of the Milky Way. Satania is on the periphery of the local universe, and Nebadon is now well out towards the edge of Orvonton. From the outermost system of inhabited worlds

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

Conclusions from the above:

Uversa is situated at the center of the superuniverse of Orvonton.

Urantia, our planet, is on the very outskirts of inhabited creation.

From the outer edge to the center of Orvonton is slightly less than two hundred and fifty thousand light years.

Deduction: Urantia is slightly less than two hundred and fifty thousand light years from Uversa.

Conclusion continued:

From Jerusem, our system capitol, to the center of our superuniverse, to Uversa, it is over two hundred thousand light years.

Deduction:

IF Urantia is a bit less than 250,000 light years from Uversa....

IF Jerusem is a bit over 200,000 light years from Uversa.....

THEN Urantia is approximately 50,000 light years from Jerusem, although the range could vary from 47,000 to 49,000 light years.

Interlude #2:

"Did you hear the one about the Urantian who was dissatisfied with his mota rating? Seems this certain Urantian went up before the citizenship registrars for his first mota review. They awarded him a value of one and he indignantly claimed he should have received a higher value. When one of the registrars questioned him as to the basis for his claim, the Urantian cited as a reference 12,000 hours of something called "cartoon watching".

Question #2: How long does it take your "average" mortal to ascend from Urantia to Paradise?

Consult the following pages in your URANTIA Book.

On Page 245:

"Mighty Messengers belong to the ascendant group of the Trinitized Sons. They are a class of perfected mortals who have been rebellion tested or otherwise equally proved as to their personal loyalty; all have passed through some definite test of universe allegiance."

"Every ascendant mortal of insurrectionary experience who functions loyally in the face of rebellion is eventually destined to become a Mighty Messenger of the superuniverse service."

"And the last group of this order to qualify on Paradise embraced ascendant pilgrims from the local universe of Nebadon."

On Page 1309:

"Michael made ready for his first bestowal adventure about the time Urantia was taking on its present form, one billion years ago. His bestowals have occurred about one hundred and fifty million years apart, the last taking place on Urantia nineteen hundred years ago."

On Page 1310 and 1311:

"For almost one hundred and fifty million years after the Melchizedek bestowal of Michael, all went well in the universe of Nebadon, when trouble began to brew in system 11 of constellation 37."

"...he led his associates in one of the most widespread and disastrous rebellions against the sovereignty of the Creator Son ever instigated in the universe of Nebadon...."

On Page 1312:

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

On Page 654, under "200,000,000,000 years ago...."

"The oldest inhabited planets of Nebadon date from these times."

Conclusions from the above:

The last group of Mighty Messengers trinitized on Paradise included rebellion tested mortals from the universe of Nebadon.

Since the oldest inhabited spheres in Nebadon date from 200,000,000,000 years ago, it can not take more than 200,000,000,000 years to reach Paradise from an evolutionary nativity sphere in Nebadon.

Further:

Mighty Messengers are rebellion tested mortals.

The first rebellion in Nebadon occurred about one hundred and fifty millions years less than one billion years ago, or about 850,000,000 years ago.

Deduction:

The variable parameters applicable to the question are: between eight hundred and fifty million to two hundred billion years for a mortal to reach Paradise. If the figure is the lesser of the two, which many are inclined to doubt, remember that the answer is influenced by several factors we are not currently able to fully appreciate: the absoluteness of the Central Isle, Havona time-frames in relation to subjective mortal experience, the relativity of time in general, and others.

So, to answer the question, the author will subscribe to the answer: It takes around 850,000,000 years for a Urantian mortal to reach Paradise.

Interlude #3:

"And how about those Urantian women! The Morontia Companions report that they still, on group outings, give rein to old habits. A companion told me last week that a group of Urantian men and women were seated around a table engaged in socializing, when one of the women stood up and excused herself. Half of the women at the table rose and followed her. They got halfway across the room before they realized what they were doing!"

Question #3: What is the sequence of languages I will learn after departing Urantia?

Consult the following pages in your URANTIA Book.

On Page 546:

"You will not acquire new languages automatically; you will learn a language over there much as you do down here, and these brilliant beings will be your language teachers. The first study on the mansion worlds will be the tongue of Satania and then the language of Nebadon."

On Page 503:

"Each supervniverse has its own language, a tongue spoken by its personalities and prevailing throughout its sectors. This is known as the tongue of Uversa in our superuniverse. Each local universe also has its own language. All of the higher orders of Nebadon are bilingual, speaking both the language of Nebadon and the tongue of Uversa. When two individuals from different local universes meet, they communicate in the tongue of Uversa; if, however, one of them hails from another superuniverse, they must have recourse to a translator. In the central universe there is little need of a language; there exists perfect and well-nigh complete understanding; there, only the Gods are not fully comprehended. We are taught that a chance meeting

on Paradise reveals more of mutual understanding than could be communicated by a mortal language in a thousand years. Even on Salvington we "know as we are known."

On Page 537:

"Having mastered the local universe language before leaving the fourth mansion world, you now devote more time to the perfection of the tongue of Uversa to the end that you may be proficient in both languages before arriving on Jerusem with residential status. All ascending mortals are bilingual from the system headquarters up to Havona. And then it is only necessary to enlarge the super-universe vocabulary, still additional enlargement being required for residence on Paradise."

Conclusions from the above:

We have at least three basic languages to learn before attaining Paradise. (More might be optional.)

The sequence, evidently, is thus:

Language(s) of our nativity sphere.

Tongue of Satania

Language of Nebadon (Mastered by fourth mansion world)

Tongue of Uversa (Mastered before arrival on Jerusem, our system headquarters.)

Enlargement upon attaining Havona

Enlargement for Paradise residence

On a related note, the question has been posed: At what point are we able to engage in communication without the necessity of opening our big "yaps"?

Answer: The URANTIA Book makes numerous references to a form of mental communication, or mental telepathy. The Material Sons and Daughters are endowed with this ability, as are the higher orders. The revelators do not make it precisely clear at what stage in our

progressive career we can achieve such functional performance, but, undoubtedly, it would not be until after we have mastered the ability of continuous spiritualized thinking. If moral mortals find "garbage mouths" socially repugnant, imagine how our celestial supervisors must view "garbage brains".

Interlude #4:

"Did you hear the one about that Urantian woman who, after being given her morontia communication contrivance, the so-called harp of Urantian religious tradition, and informed in its use, frowned and asked: "But does this thing pick up 'LOVE OF LIFE' and 'ALL MY CHILDREN' and 'THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS' and 'GENERAL HOSPITAL' and....."

Question #4: Where are our nearest planetary neighbors located?

Note: This answer has recourse to a source in addition to
The URANTIA Book.

Consult the following pages in your URANTIA Book:

On Page 173:

"In your superuniverse not one cool planet in forty is habitable by beings of your order. And, of course, the superheated suns and the frigid outlying worlds are unfit to harbor higher life. In your solar system only three planets are at present suited to harbor life."

On Page 359:

"Satania is not a uniform physical system, a single astronomic unit or organization. Its 619 inhabited worlds are located in over five hundred different physical systems. Only five have more than two inhabited worlds, and of these only one has four peopled planets, while there are forty-six having two inhabited worlds." (Please note

that this reveals that four physical systems in Satania contain three inhabited worlds.)

On Page 457:

"Satania itself is composed of over seven thousand astronomical groups, or physical systems, few of which had an origin similar to that of your solar system." (Please note that this number, 7,000, appears to contradict the 500 mentioned in the previous reference.)

On Page 561:

"If intelligent creatures should exist on a planet with an atmosphere similar to that of your near neighbor, Venus, they would belong to the superbreather group, while those inhabiting a planet with an atmosphere as thin as that of your outer neighbor, Mars, would be denominated subbreathers."

And:

"If mortals should inhabit a planet devoid of air, like your moon, they would belong to the separate order of nonbreathers."

On Page 564:

"You would be more than interested in the planetary conduct of this type of mortal because such a race of beings inhabits a sphere in close proximity to Urantia." (Please note they are referring to nonbreathers here.)

Conclusions from the above:

In Monmatia, our solar system, at present, NOW, three planets are suited to harbor life.

We positively know that (somewhat) intelligent life exists on Urantia. (At least it did, the last time I glanced in the mirror!)

We know that nonbreathers inhabit planets lacking atmosphere.

We know that the moon, for all practical purposes, lacks an atmosphere.

We are teased with the tidbit that a race of nonbreathers inhabits a sphere in close proximity (Translation: closer than Andromeda, a bit farther than the bus stop.) to Urantia.

The moon is the nearest possible sphere that nonbreathers could inhabit.

Answer: Our nearest planetary neighbors reside on the moon and are a race of nonbreathers.

Collaborative evidence:

Lacking a captured moonman (or maid, as the case might be!) there is one book that might be of interest to URANTIA Book scholars seeking correlative material. It is quaintly entitled 'SOMEBODY ELSE IS ON THE MOON' by one George Leonard. True, it contains a few speculations obviously flawed when compared to the sublime source which is our URANTIA Book. But....the author displays an amazing sense of deductive insight in proving his contention, through photographs, extensive research, and countless interviews, that there is intelligent life on the moon. I recommend it highly.

Interlude #5:

"Did you hear the one about the Urantian who became so enamored of his TRIVIA TRIP that he neglected bodily nourishment, passed on to the first mansion world, and learned that his mortal form was stuffed and mounted as a lasting tribute to monumental inanity?"

Till next time, when we'll analyze our natal identification by Master Spirit Number Seven; the creative attribute of a Creator Son; body surfing on Edentia; and more.....keep growing that smile!

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