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A special privilege, a responsibility, and transcendent mission.

We who have the Urantia Book possess a most remarkable and valuable guide for human understanding and progress. The people of the world need it now. And it was given to us to help advance civilization and augment governmental evolution of this world. We are specially privileged to be able to study it and look to it for its wisdom and guidance. It shows us fresh concepts of exalted goals for human attainment, new visions of better worlds.

With this great treasure of wisdom and truth in our hands; what should we do about it? Surely we should share it with others as we would wish others to share with us their good and their ideas for human progress. Let's look in this Urantia Book and see how Jesus instructed his followers to guide their efforts in spreading the good news of his gospel, the fatherhood of God and the sonship of man.

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1918:4. "Freely have you received; therefore freely should you give of the truth of heaven, and in the giving will this truth multiply and show forth the increasing light of grace, even as you minister it."

1571:2. "In kindness and mercy minister to all who are in distress and in need."

1571:3. "And whatsoever you believe that I would do to men, do you also to them."

1585:3. The golden rule as restated by Jesus demands active social contact.

1585:5. Jesus taught his followers to treat all men as their brothers.

1725:4. Speaking of the heathen, Jesus said: "Because their outlook is small and narrow, they are able to concentrate their energies enthusiastically. Their goal is near and more or less visible; wherefore do they strive with valiant and effective execution. You who have professed entrance into the kingdom of heaven are altogether too vacillating and indefinite in your teaching conduct.--Why do you languish in futile yearning? Because you obey not the truth. Cease your useless yearning and go forth bravely doing that which concerns the establishment of the kingdom."

1726:3. "The measure wherewith truth seekers are drawn to you represents the measure of your truth endowment, your righteousness."

1740:2-3. Self respect is always co-ordinate with the love and service of one's fellows. As the days pass, every true believer becomes more skillful in alluring his fellows in to the love of eternal truth. Are you more resourceful in revealing goodness to humanity today than you were yesterday? Are you a better righteousness recommender this year than you were last year? Are you becoming increasingly artistic in your technique of leading hungry souls into the spiritual kingdom?

1740:5-6. Defeat is the true mirror in which you may honestly view your real self. Tact is the fulcrum of social leverage, and tolerance is the earmark of a great soul.

1740:9. The true believer does not grow weary in well-doing just because he is thwarted. Difficulty whets the ardor of the truth lover, while obstacles only challenge the exertions of the undaunted kingdom builder.

1765:2. Instructions to Teachers and Believers. (Be sure to read them.)

"Make your appeals directly to the divine spirit that dwells within the minds of men...In preaching the gospel of the kingdom, you are simply teaching friendship with God."

1851:3. "The Father and his Son go forth to search for those who are lost, and in this search we employ all influences capable of rendering assistance in our diligent efforts to find those who are lost, those who stand in need of salvation."

1853:3. The lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Jesus was partial to telling these three parables, "to illustrate how thorough is the divine searching for all who are confused, confounded, or otherwise spiritually blinded by the material cares and accumulations of life.

1853:5. The parable of the Shrewd Steward. "Some of you before you entered the kingdom, were very shrewd in dealing with your business associates -- you were -- prudent and farseeing -- with an eye single to your present profit and future safety. -- If you were so diligent in making gains for yourselves when in the service of self, why should you show less diligence in gaining souls for the kingdom since you are now servants of the brotherhood of man and stewards of God?"

1854:3. "I affirm that he who is faithful in little will also be faithful in much, while he who is unrighteous in little will also be unrighteous in much."

1918:1. What a sorry sight for the followers of Jesus to say regarding their stewardship of truth: "Here is the truth you gave us." But such a plea concerning spiritual indolence will not justify the barren steward of truth in the presence of the Master.

2054:4. 18th appearance of Jesus after his resurrection. "Salvation is--the free gift of God. I send you abroad to preach this salvation of sonship. My Father requires of the children of faith that they bear much fruit of the spirit. The fruits of the divine spirit which are yielded in the lives of spirit-born and God-knowing mortals are: loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unfailing goodness, forgiving tolerance, and enduring peace.

2055:3. Last appearance of Jesus. Among other things he said: "Have you not read in the Scripture where it is written: 'It is not good for man to be alone. No man lives to himself'. And also where it says: 'He who would have friends must show himself friendly'. And did I not even send you out to teach, two and two, that you might not become lonely and fall into the mischief and miseries of isolation? -- Trust, therefore, one another."

2057:4. "Love men with the love wherewith I have loved you and serve your fellow mortals even as I have served you. By the spirit fruits of your lives impel souls to believe the truth that man is a son of God, and that all men are brethren. My love overshadows you, my spirit will dwell with you, and my peace shall abide upon you. Farewell."

2064:4. Pentecost, with its spritual endowment, was designed forever to loose the religion of the Master from all dependence upon physical force; the teachers of this new religion are now equipped with spiritual weapons. They are to go out to conquer the world with unfailing forgiveness, matchless goodwill, and abounding love. They are equipped to overcome evil with good, to vanquish hate by love, to destroy fear with courageous and living faith in truth.

2064:5. Pentecost endowed mortal man with the power to forgive personal injuries, to keep sweet in the midst of the gravest injustice, to remain unmoved in the face of appalling danger, and to challenge the evils of hate and anger by the fearless acts of love and forbearance. Urantia has passed through the ravages of great and destructive wars in its history. All participants in these terrible struggles met with defeat. There was only one victor; there was only one who came out of these embittered struggles with an enhanced reputation--that was Jesus of Nazareth and his gospel of overcoming evil with good. The secret of a better civilization is bound up in the Master's teachings of the brotherhood of man, the good will of love and mutual trust.

Very truly for diligence in sharing our "revelations of divine truth" with all nations.
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