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THE NATURE AND CONSEQUENCES OF FREEWILL CHOICE  
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Selections from The URANTIA Book

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p. 69D

Eternal survival of personality is wholly dependent on the choosing of the mortal mind, whose decisions determine the survival potential of the immortal soul. When the mind believes God and the soul knows God, and when, with the fostering Adjuster, they all desire God, then is survival assured. Limitations of intellect, curtailment of education, deprivation of culture, impoverishment of social status, even inferiority of the human standards of morality resulting from the unfortunate lack of educational, cultural, and social advantages, cannot invalidate the presence of the divine spirit in such unfortunate and humanly handicapped but believing individuals. The indwelling of the Mystery Monitor constitutes the inception and insures the possibility of the potential of growth and survival of the immortal soul.

p. 71D

God provides for the sovereign choice of all true personalities. No personal creature can be coerced into the eternal adventure; the portal of eternity opens only in response to the freewill choice of the freewill sons of the God of freewill.

p. 1300A

Mortal man is endowed with free will, the power of choice, but though such choosing is not absolute, nevertheless, it is relatively final on the finite level and concerning the destiny of the choosing personality.

p. 71B

No other being, force, creator, or agency in all the wide universe of universes can interfere in any degree with the absolute sovereignty of the mortal free will, as it operates within the realms of choice, regarding the eternal destiny of the personality of the choosing mortal. AS pertains to eternal survival, God has decreed the sovereignty of this material and mortal will, and that decree is absolute.

p. 1460A

Spiritual evolution is an evolution of the increasing and voluntary choice of goodness attended by an equal and progressive diminution of the possibility of evil.

p. 2094C

Concerning insight, the recognition of moral values and the discernment of spiritual meanings, all that the human mind can do is to discover, interpret, and choose.

p. 2095B

Every time man makes a reflective moral choice, he immediately experiences a new divine invasion of his soul.

p. 1457D

But the soul that survives time and emerges into eternity must make a living and personal choice between good and evil as they are determined by the true values of the spiritual standards established by the divine spirit which the Father in heaven has sent to dwell within the heart of man. This indwelling spirit is the standard of personality survival.

p. 2095A

Human survival is in great measure dependent on consecrating the the human will to the choosing of those values selected by this spirit-value sorter - the indwelling interpreter and unifier.

p. 75B

The free will of man is supreme in moral affairs; even the indwelling Thought Adjuster refuses to compel man to think a single thought or to perform a single act against the choosing of man's own will.

p. 1232D

The Adjuster is truly the path to Paradise, but man himself must pursue that path by his own deciding, his freewill choosing.

p. 1131D

When mind chooses a right moral judgement by an act of the free-will, such a decision constitutes a religious experience.

p. 1098A

In physical life the senses tell of the existence of things; mind discovers the reality of meanings; but the spiritual experience reveals to the individual the true values of life.

p. 1097C/D

New religious insights arise out of conflicts which initiate the choosing of new and better reaction habits in the place of older and inferior reaction patterns. New meanings only emerge amid conflict; and conflict persists only in the face of refusal to espouse the higher values connoted in superior meanings.

p. 1094B

While religion produces growth of meanings and enhancements of values, evil always results when purely personal evaluations are elevated to the levels of absolutes. A child evaluates experience in accordance with the content of pleasure; maturity is proportional to the substitution of higher meanings for personal pleasure, even loyalties to the highest concepts of diversified life situations and cosmic relations.

p. 52A

The possibility of mistaken judgement (evil) becomes sin only when the human will consciously endorses and knowingly embraces a deliberate immoral judgement.

p. 1094C

Some persons are too busy to grow and are therefore in grave danger of spiritual fixation.

p. 1094D

Real educational growth is indicated by enhancement of ideals, increased appreciation of values, and augmented loyalty to supreme values.

p. 1099A

It should be made clear that professions of loyalty to the supreme ideals - the psychic, emotional, and spiritual awareness of God-consciousness may be a natural and gradual growth or may sometimes be experienced at certain junctures, as in a crises.

p. 1097D

Religious perplexities are inevitable; there can be no growth without psychic conflict and spiritual agitation. The organization of a philosophic standard of living entails considerable commotion in the philosophic realms of the mind.

p. 1130D/1131A

Many spiritual births are accompanied by much anguish of spirit and marked psychological perturbations, as many physical births are characterized by a "stormy labor" and other abnormalities of "delivery". Other spiritual births are a natural and normal growth of the recognition of supreme values with an enhancement of spiritual experience, albeit no religious development occurs without conscious effort and positive and individual determinations.

p. 1096C

After such spiritual attainment, whether secured by gradual growth or specific crisis, there occurs a new orientation of personality as well as the development of a new standard of values.

p. 1095A

Religious experience is markedly influenced by physical health, inherited temperament, and social environment, But these temporal conditions do not inhibit inner spiritual progress by a soul dedicated to the doing of the will of the Father in heaven.

p. 1097C

Man cannot cause growth, but he can supply favorable conditions.

p. 1739C

Your spiritual destiny is conditioned only by your spiritual longings and purposes.

p. 1918A

In the next world you will be asked to give an account of the endowments and stewardships of this world. Whether inherent talents are few or many, a just and merciful reckoning must be faced.

p. 1233D

The sovereign Judges of the universes will not deprive any being of personality status who has not finally made the eternal choice; the soul of man must and will be given full and ample opportunity to reveal its true intent and real purpose.

p. 1229D

If and when mortal man has finally rejected survival, when he has been pronounced spiritually insolvent, morontially bankrupt, in the conjoint opinion of the Adjuster and the surviving seraphim, when such co-ordinate advise has been recorded on Uversa, and after the Censors and their reflective associates have verified these findings, thereupon do the rulers of Orvonton order the immediate release of the indwelling Monitor.

From the cosmic standpoint the mortal is already dead; the continuing life merely indicates the persistence of the material momentum of cosmic energies.

p. 180D

The Sons of the local universes can decree the survival of mortal man, but only the Ancients of Days may sit in judgement on the issues of eternal life and death.

p. 1231B

In some way not fully understood, the Universal Censors are able to gain possession of an epitome of the human life as it is embodied in the Adjuster's duplicate transcription of the spiritual values and morontia meanings of the indwelt mind. The Censors are able to appropriate the Adjuster's version of the deceased human's survival character and spiritual qualities, and all this data, together with the seraphic records, is available for presentation at the time of the adjudication of the individual concerned.

p. 1288B

The act of the creature's choosing to do the will of the Creator is a cosmic value and has a universe meaning which is immediately reacted to by some unrevealed but ubiquitous force of co-ordination, probably the functioning of the ever-enlarging action of the Supreme Being.