

REINCARNATION!

**AN
EVOLUTIONARY
IDEA?**

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INTRODUCTION

The question of "reincarnation" comes up over and over again when gathering together those who have discovered the Urantia Book. Why? Prior to the Urantia Book, most of us have explored many authors and religions and practiced many methods of attaining higher knowledge in our search for God. Usually we found them limiting, disappointing, impractical, or in some way unsatisfactory. Consequently, we moved on and on until we discovered the Urantia Book!

A Melchizedek tells us that reincarnation is a philosophically debilitating teaching (1029) and an Evening Star calls the belief an absurd doctrine of twentieth-century barbarianism (953). A midwayer tells us that our Master found it difficult to make men believe that their souls had not had previous existences.(1181)

The contemplation of there being no "reincarnation" bothers us until we recognize what the Urantia Book is and then it is easily allowed to fall away as unimportant. I have known those, however, who persist in finding an answer - myself included - to explain the phenomenon of "de ja vu", a "remembrance" of "past lives, children who reportedly are able to remember loved ones from another life that is going on at the same time as this one, and the numerous psychics and therapists who are somehow reading or regressing you into your "past life" experiences. In addition, many "new thought" religionists, some religious "masters" and authors are still teaching reincarnation and it seems to get more prevalent as time elapses!

I, personally, have evolved in my thinking that reincarnation is a "crutch", a "cop-out" explanation for why things are as they are. We, as humans, seem to need the comfort of reincarnation "karma" to ease our guilt about allowing our brother and sisters around the world to live in squalor and pain and sickness. "It is their karma and they chose this before they were born" is heard by those who believe in reincarnation. It is also my personal opinion that a belief in reincarnation is dangerous - and causes much needless suffering for those who embrace this belief. For instance, anyone who be-

lieves in "karma" has trouble accepting a (medical or other) physical healing because they feel they "will have to come back with worse dis-ease or handicap" in their next life experience to satisfy the "karma" accumulated. Can anything good come from the belief of reincarnation or using it as an explanation for unexplainable experiences? I think not.

As I become catalyst for many Urantia study groups, I've had many experiences to try to explain what is happening. What can explain this - rationally and reasonably? Are the majority of people just not ready to give up the idea of reincarnation? Is there something here which our minds cannot yet comprehend because our scientists and psychologists cannot prove it?

As others before me who have contemplated this subject, I have some ideas of the origin of the teaching and how and why it persists. Naturally, I cannot prove it scientifically, but I would like to share my ideas. Perhaps there is someone who will read this who can find proof.

Trying to sincerely communicate personal inspiration and knowledge is stimulating -- a "quickening" action of prayerful openness. This stimulation is God's opportunity to awaken and "stretches" us to a higher consciousness, you know? Each of us grows into new revelation of Truth as we are individually ready for it ... so no one has a "corner" on revelation. The Urantia Book is a new revelation of information designed to help us overcome old misunderstood truths, correct evolved thought patterns, and to enable us to begin to embrace our cosmic citizenship. Is it possible that less was said about reincarnation to enable us to step up our pursuit of the possibilities which would lead to our personal development about the subject? The "seed was planted" and it is up to us to correct the misguided teachings with practical logic and possibility thinking? I present the following possibilities for your contemplation. I invite your responses.

ANCIENT TRADITION and DEFINITION

This is an ancient tradition inherited from our ancestors through word of mouth, ancient writings, and possibly our own genetic programming! Does that make it true?

Reincarnation is described as a process of living one life, dying, being born into a new body, living that life to its completion, dying, being born anew into a new body, repeatedly until we have experienced all that can possibly be experienced in life -- and possibly gotten it right, or reached perfection -- the last time around. Then what happens?

NEW AGE DISCOVERIES

In this day and age, there seems to be an urgent need to seek for something beyond the world we see. Always man has been aware of a "something" which is greater than he is -- an inborn acceptance of "God" or that which is known by so many different names. Every religion and philosophy on the planet agrees about one fact: whatever you call this spirit that is always with you...it is recognized by religionists everywhere!

Regardless of the religious denomination one has been raised in, a new energy is surging through mankind. An energy seeking release -- from tyranny of governments, civil, societal, religious! People are entering a "new age" of thinking about what they are thinking! A "new age" of wanting information about concepts, teachings, possibilities, the information to allow one to "make up one's own mind" about what one accepts as basic life truth. Is it because we have inherent within us a new "urge" to explore and find "something" greater than we see around us? Are we evolving to the point that we want answers for the concepts that have lain dormant within mankind for many generations -- no longer able to let others think for us --is that why

there is so much change going on in the world today? The general populace is now eager to learn more, to be open to possibilities, to explore their origins and destinies, and consider philosophies that were at one time considered dangerous, heathen, even evil witchcraft! The fears that inhibited many generations right up into the twentieth century no longer seem to stultify this generation of the "new age."

Some are researching and studying the ancient lore of ancestors practiced thousands of years ago! Ancient religious records of church archives and museums are being dusted off and approached with an open mind ready for new discoveries! Could these phenomena occurring on this planet in our times mean that we have actually entered a "new" age, or dispensation? What are we gaining by this fury to dig up and listen to and read about? Is mankind gaining something of eternal value or spinning on a wheel that never stops turning? What is this "new age" people are talking about?

The planet seems to be on the brink of a new consciousness -- a higher consciousness -- reaching for even greater heights. New revelations of "Truth" are being "discovered" by individuals "listening" to the "Indwelling Voice" of God. Perhaps the "new age" is really just the "old" age being seen and heard by "new" consciousness?!? It seems to be a "collection" of many ideas, theories, and truths from a variety of old (ancient) and newly rediscovered "methods" of religion, philosophy, and even science! With the exception of the Hindu religions (which embrace beliefs from every other religion and mix it with old teachings) our judgments, through limited viewpoints, could originate in Christianity, Buddhism, Hebrew, or any of the other major worldwide religions -- all seem to be unwilling to see the unity in their diversity now, let alone with "new" concepts to contemplate! Therefore, I can readily see why so many "religious Masters" and new teachers are turning to Hinduism to clothe their teachings! However, in doing this, they may be "compromising" the new wine by putting it into "old skins" ... digging up old, outgrown beliefs and superstitions which mankind had wisely begun to forget! Perhaps one must carefully inspect the teachings and separate the "wheat from the tares" and if they don't fruit - aren't "pure" truth - why do we harvest from them?

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

500,000 years ago the Truth of potential eternal life through many lifetime experiences was first taught on this planet. 40,000 years ago, it was again introduced and taught freely. Again, 4,000 years ago by Melchizedek to Abraham and others! Then 2,000 years ago by Jesus! Plus all the other prophets and special "holy men" of ALL religious traditions throughout our evolution taught this Truth.

Could we have misunderstood? Was Truth being revealed to us but our primitive consciousness, our limited scientific knowledge, our superstitious beliefs, our narrow perceptions, and fixed traditions -- could we "have ears and not hear, eyes and not see" and actually what we thought we were hearing was not what was meant by the teachers?

Jesus is reported to have said: "Ye must be born anew..." but does this mean literally? Could it really mean that your personal awareness, your individual consciousness level, must step "up" -- become "new", put you into a "new life" of more sensitivity to wanting God's Will in your life? Could it mean that you would actually "be changed" into a being which lives "on this earth, but not of it" as stated in the biblical book of John?

EARTH, THE CENTER OF ALL CREATION?

The terms "Reincarnation" and "Physical immortality" suggest that Earth remains the center of everything and all life must be acted out only on this planet; that it is desirable to always stay on this planet -- through many lifetimes, or through the eternal survival of this body (which is made up of the dominant DNA characteristics physically inherited from our ancestors)! Perhaps this idea comes from an ancient fear of letting go of the familiar and moving into a new adventure, in a new place.

The truth of potential eternal life through many life experiences was taught 500,000 years ago, 37,000 years ago, 4,000 years ago, 2000 years ago -

- and even today! However! The consciousness of the people on the planet had not yet evolved to accept the idea that the planet was a sphere and only one among the stars with life on them.

Traditionally, Columbus holds the historical position of first proving (in the 15th century) that he could sail West to get to the East. It was many years after that before the general populace began to accept that this "ball" we call Earth orbited around the sun and not the sun around us! Still later before people accepted the "new" idea that some of those stars "hanging from the sky" were not just lovely decorations for us to enjoy --but some were planets! And how many people today still resist the idea that there could possibly be human mortals on any of those other planets?

Visualize, for a moment, if you will: You are living 1500 years ago. The world is considered "flat" and no one had ever heard a theory about the world being round -- or that we move through space around the sun. You have been told you will "wake up" after you die, and experience another life in another form, many times through eternity. What would you "know" when you "reasoned" this teaching through your perceptions?!? You would think it perfectly logical to assume that if this were true, you will be born again in a new body -- repeatedly forever! Right?!? Then, being told you are gradually becoming "perfect" through these many life experiences, until you became "perfect" and reached "Heaven" -- what would your logical conclusion be? That you must be born repeatedly until you had every possible experience and had mastered your mind, and in turn, your body -- and therefore, reached physical immortality, no longer having to die and be born again, and again!

With Twentieth Century perceptions of 500,000 years of accumulated knowledge, our minds have broadened into a consciousness ready for higher concepts. Now, we can recognize that if there is life on our little planet, why couldn't there be life on other planets? Remember, Jesus said: "In my Father's house are many mansions" -- wouldn't he have been referring to other worlds besides Planet Earth? If so, why would we be "stuck" here for eternity? Can you imagine staying in your birth town without being bored by the time you outgrow childhood? Why then would you want to spend eternity on this little planet of the enormous wonderful universe?

MANY IDENTITIES

My experiences in many groups of those who "believe in" reincarnation, is that when discussing past lifetimes, more than one individual of the group will state: "I am the reincarnation of Saul of Tarsus" or "I am Mary Magdalene" or "I was the apostle Peter". In all fairness I have no doubt of the sincerity of the persons expressing their knowledge about their "past" life. However, I've not yet found their explanation about why "Paul" or "Mary" or "Peter" have "reincarnated" in so many of these presently existing individuals as satisfactory! Perhaps it could in some way be explained by our sub-conscious memories?

MEMORY RECORDING:

In the past several decades, many psychologists and "wise men" have discovered some startling theories about "experiences" -- including the idea which Carl Jung described as subconscious memories. It seems that every experience we have ever had is recorded in this subconscious memory. Along with the action that took place, our feelings about that action, the smells we smelled at the time of the action, the sights we saw at the time of the action, the sounds we heard at the time of the action, were also tucked away in the subconscious. It is my understanding that this is why we sometimes feel "nostalgia," or "sadness" or "loss" when we catch a whiff of a fragrance, or a few notes of a melody. Our subconscious is throwing up the harmonious feelings we felt when smell, sight, or sound was once smelled, seen, or heard in our past -- and the action of the experience somehow escapes being brought back into our conscious mind!

If this experience (along with the accompaniment of the sights, sounds, smells, and feelings) is permanently recorded into our subconscious minds, why then couldn't every mental thought (idea, dream, emotion, inspiration, and wish) also be permanently recorded in our subconscious minds?

Recently we are hearing the pros and cons of the dangers and advantages of subliminal advertising and programming. This includes the practice

of listening to recordings of things we want to learn while we sleep, superimposing self-improvement affirmations over music, ocean waves crashing against the beach, winds whistling through tree tops, waterfalls, etc. It also includes the advertised messages of "Shoplifting is a crime" or "buy xxx" superimposed over background music in stores.

Therefore, the "action" does not have to be an experience, but only visualized in the mind, for it to be "real" to the subconscious mind! The subconscious mind can't make any distinction between real and imagined experiences!

GENETIC RECORDING:

Suppose that everything recorded in our subconscious mind is also recorded in the genetic structure of our body cells? Anything that becomes a part of our body cells is part of our DNA or genetic inheritance.

In recent years, scientists have studied the DNA make-up of our cell structure. It has been determined that this DNA is the recorded pattern of such bodily characteristics as hair and eye and skin color; size and shape of the basic bone structure; possible inherited diseases, or at least a weakness for a type of disease; and even possibly our attitude or disposition towards life!

Science Fiction writers have picked up on this theory of being able to recreate "another you" by taking one of your cells and "cloning" it! If the theory works, another "you" right down to the color of your skin, eyes, and hair; basic bone structure, weakness to inherited diseases and possibly even your memories and attitudes about life would be present in this "cloned you"!

INHERITED MEMORY:

Let's go one step further. If the memory of every thought, idea, emotion, dream, feeling, and actual experience has been recorded in your DNA or genetic patterns then is it also passed onto your progeny? Do your children inherit all of these memories from you?

The body is a multiplication of a single cell formed at the time of your conception. However, it is not a brand new cell. It is the unique combination of the joining of a cell from each of your parents, which then begins the division and multiplication journey until a new body is formed! Those 2 cells from the parents were not new cells manufactured specially for the creation of this new baby. They were the excess cells after the cells from each of the parents had multiplied and divided! The cells that formed each of your parents went through the same process with their parents: Your grandparent's divided cells met and joined and formed a combination cell which rapidly followed the pattern of divide and multiply until the body which housed your parent was formed!

This process can go all the way back to when the first human appeared on this planet! Or, wait! As the new baby is being formed in the womb of the mother, it goes from the single cell through the phases of evolution: the egg, the fish, frog, animal, and then the human. Do we carry along with the pattern of life from the beginning, the memories of each stage of that life experience, including the jumping from one lily pad to another???

GENEALOGY:

Each of us has 2 parents -- a mother and a father. Each of us has 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, 32 great-great-great-grandparents, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192, etc., until after about 1000 generations we have EACH HAD MORE PARENTAL ANCESTORS THAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE EVER LIVED ON THE PLANET!!! (in "45 generations" my adding machine could only double as far as 3,083,665,963,000,000) What happened? It seems we have all had the same ancestors somewhere -- proving the "brotherhood" of mankind!

Now -- what happened to all the experiences, thoughts, dreams, feelings, emotions, and memories of all of those ancestors? Do we have them all in our genetic structures? Is it possible that what we call this "new body" (baby) is the combination of every memory in its genetic DNA memory?

How are these memories stored? Could they be recessive and dominant just as the genes which determine our hair coloring, our skin coloring, our eye coloring, etc.?

Are these memories on one side of our inheritance also shared by our cousins? Our second cousins? Our third cousins? Our fourth cousins? Our fifth cousins? How many of your third and fourth level cousins do you know? How far back are these memories carried? How far down the line of our progeny do these memories remain?

CELL LIFE

Recent scientific experiments have suggested that cells can have an indefinite (eternal?) life because they constantly reproduce themselves if kept in the right chemical environment. Normally, I understand a cell lives up to approximately 14 days in the perfect saline solution. If that solution is replaced and renewed, the cell can live longer. (This is true of germs and bacteria - perhaps I am presumptive to believe that cells behave similarly? Based on this presumption, I continue my hypotheses.)

There was a program on NOVA (TV) one time (I cannot recall the specific program) where an experiment was done. A woman was connected to a type of lie-detector instrument and stimulated physically (poking with a needle), mentally (given mental problems to solve) and emotionally (startled and provoked to fear or laughter). Naturally, the mechanical device attached to her registered this with a needle. Attached to another machine, was a container of live cells removed from her physical body, which also registered identical responses to her stimulation!

To enhance this experiment, they then removed her from the same room as the live cells and continued to stimulate her physically, mentally and emotionally. Both machines continued to register identical readings. Eventually, they took her several miles away and still both machines continued to register identical readings! This would suggest to me that as long as our cells are alive, they are affected in the same way the body is. Distance can be disregarded.

To follow this line of reasoning, perhaps the child is affected in some way when either of the living parents are affected? Remember, the child is a multiplication of the parent's cells - a living reproduction of the parents genetic inheritance. Does response to stimulation stop just because it is in another "container" - the child's body?

We have established that the child's responses could affect his children/heirs. Does the child's stimulated response affect the parents also? If so, how many generations "backwards?" Only the "living" ancestry will register it on some level. Those "dead" containers (ancestors) would not be affected. But, what about the cousins? Would only the living cousins of living ancestors be affected by the stimulation of one great-great-grandchild? Or could living cousins of already dead ancestors be affected by the stimulation of a distant cousin?

Remember the HUNDREDTH MONKEY EXPERIMENT? In the 1950's a group of scientists experimented with giving gritty yams to some monkeys on an island. Eventually one of the monkeys washed her yam before she tried to eat it. One by one each monkey on that island learned to wash his yam. When a certain number of monkeys on that island began washing his yam, all of the monkeys on the other islands began washing their yams for the first time! Mental telepathy? Or, genetic memory stimulation?

NEW IDENTITY WITH PREVIOUS LIFE MEMORIES:

It seems by this process of deduction, that a "new" baby is really "old" -- lots of old memories! The "New baby" at least "moves into" a body of many "old memories!" Perhaps this "new" personality, or identity comes to indwell this "new body." If we substitute the word "new identity" for "baby" and "House" for "body" and "furniture" for "DNA (genetic Memories)" we could also relate the concept this way:

"New Identity" moves into a "house." This "house" has all the "furniture" of everyone who ever lived there-- and each generation who

inherits the house doubles the size to accommodate the growing pieces of furniture. Can there be such a thing as genetic memory house cleaning?

Have our cousins - even our 7th cousins, also inherited some of these memories? Are they dominant or recessive? I ask again, how many of your third and fourth levels cousins do you know? Could you be reacting to circumstances similarly and not even know it?!

THE SINS OF THE FATHERS ARE VISITED UPON THE SONS

This is an old biblical quotation which is only philosophically possible. Without getting into a discussion of "sin" or "consequences of sin" let us consider that the genetic cellular memories are inherited and passed down (visited upon) the successive generations.

As our parents reproduce themselves, they are combining with the cellular memories of the other parent. Consequently, there will be different combinations of recessive or dominance factors in coloring and even in memories. Some inherited memories would become recessive and disappear completely. Others would combine with similar dominant factors and become very prominent.

Would cousins having those same dominant factors be affected by stimulation of one distant relative? Or would all cousins be affected but only the ones with the dominant awareness would notice?

GENETIC HOUSE CLEANING:

"New Identity" moves in, examines and evaluates all the "furniture" and decides to recover, repaint, throw out, put in storage, repair, destroy, move around and relocate pieces and makes self a "home." Each new thought, feeling, dream, or experience "New Identity" has is another piece of furniture to place in the home. Or, "New Identity" could decide to do noth-

ing, just move in and leave all the old furniture just how and where it is. Eventually, "New Identity" will become crowded and uncomfortable! "New Identity" (NI) will then become uneasy, dis-eased, and sick if "NI" doesn't do something about the accumulated "furniture." At this point, "NI" can re-evaluate the "furniture" or continue to ignore and become more and more dis-eased!

Can we change our genetic memory inheritance? Can we examine and re-evaluate the genetic memories and throw some out, recover, repaint, relocate, and reorganize this DNA inheritance? What would we do? Bring each out into the light of SPIRITUAL WISDOM, and look at it really good -- decide if it is beneficial to our future, then if it needs rethinking and adjusting to new potentials "redo" it; if not, throw it out! This would lead us to a new field of emotional psychology!

Is it possible to clean up our house, change the dominance or recessiveness of our inherited memories? Is it possible that if we change our genetic memory inheritance we are also changing those for all of our relations which have inherited these particular memories? Again, I ask: How many of your third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, cousins do you know? Is your house cleaning affecting them? Do they know it? Could this cause changes that seem miraculous or unexplained to them? I wonder.

EMOTIONAL PSYCHOLOGY:

For too many years, now, psychiatrists have been taking us back to our earliest years to "remember" a traumatic experience and pull it out to place "blame": "Your Mother did this to you," "Your Father did this to you," etc. In this process, some have even taken you back into previous "lifetimes!" Could we, by changing our inherited "furniture" perhaps put an end to the memory for future generations?

How would we recognize a piece of "furniture"? When something "triggers" an impressive response in you, causes you to hold your breath, makes you want to leave or get rid of something or someone, you have a

possible piece of "furniture" that needs to be examined and reevaluated! First, is it yours? Do you want it? I don't think it is necessary to ask "where it came from."

Is it possible that the genetic housecleaning of your cousins, parents, or even children or grandchildren could affect your inherited memory banks? Is it possible that those unexplained feelings of excitement, sorrow, depression or happiness are actually being lived by a relative?

PAST LIFE READINGS - PARANORMAL PHENOMENA:

In addition to the psychiatrists, some practitioners of psychic phenomena -- through intuition, channeling, trances, palm reading, tea leaf reading, tarot cards, etc. -- have also been able to "tap into" this "genetic memory" and give us "readings" about our "past lives."

Wouldn't it be delightful if an inventor could give us a scientific machine to evaluate our cells for the DNA pattern of genetic memories and we can ask questions like: "I have this challenge in my life experience, did any of my ancestors ever have this problem?" Then perhaps the machine will tell us: "Your Uncle Joe, or great grandfather did." Could we then ask for "Uncle Joe's" or "Great grandfather's" solution to the challenge! Oh, but then, it might be to out-dated to work for us in the new generation!

WHOSE CELLULAR MEMORIES ARE THEY, ANYWAY?

If this hypotheses is correct and we inherit cellular memories of past experiences of every ancestor, then every brother, sister, cousin, second cousin, third cousin, fourth cousin, fifth cousin, sixth cousin, seventh cousin, etc. etc. must also have some of these cellular memories. Is there a connection

in these unconscious memories? Does one - several cousins away - affect us? Do we affect others?

I've had days where I've been happy or sad for no apparent reason. Is it possible that someone else is affecting the cellular memories and stirring them up? Or, are they mine once I am born into them? This leads us to another chain of thought: How long does a cellular memory live and what determines if it is dominant or recessive?

Perhaps following this line of reasoning we could even explain the unexplained birth of a "genius" or insanity in a family? Perhaps two distant cousins with similar genetically inherited memories mate and have a child. The possibility of a fourth or sixth cousin marriage is quite real. If both have (dominant or recessive) musicians in their great, great grandparent ancestor level - could this not reawaken a recessive DNA coding and make it dominant? I wonder.

DISCARDED LIFE ENERGY

What happens to that which does not have eternal value when we pass through the veil of death on Urantia? Does it linger behind and become a part of the mass consciousness, race consciousness, or collective unconscious? Would it be available to - or magnetized by - someone who comes along with similar energy (inherited genetics)? Would we be psychologically sensitive to thoughts or opinions, or whatever, left by a distant ancestor? Would this include specific memories of that long dead and distant ancestor combining with our own inherited "furniture" which would cause us to think we lived it before in a previous lifetime?

THOUGHT ADJUSTER CONNECTION

We know the Thought Adjuster acts as our receiver/transmitter of Truth, Beauty and Goodness communications with the unseen world. Our

Thought Adjuster uses thought clusters of our conscious and subconscious memories to stimulate inspiration and personal revelation. Without actually experiencing the individual who originated the experience memory in the genetic lineage, couldn't the Thought Adjuster pull the information needed from subconscious memory banks when helpful?

COSMIC MIND

We are told in the Urantia Book that our use of the gift of the Mind circuits are limited only by our perceptions and the physical material brain we have. When one human somehow lifts the mortal limits for himself, is he also lifting the limits for all of us who are ready to move upwards in higher consciousness? Could all of humanity be somehow affected?

GRAVITY CIRCUITS AND OTHER THINGS

While reading the Urantia Book we also begin to pick up a sense of many levels of communication channels. There are the spiritual gravity circuits, competition circuits, son circuits, spirit circuits, angel circuits, etc. Is it possible that we are always communicating on an unconscious level within these circuits? Perhaps the son circuits connect us to all other sons of the Father - here on Urantia first, but then also with other son beings in our local system, constellation, local universe and perhaps even all the way to Paradise?!? We are told that other beings on other circuits communicate this way. The material sons (Adams and Eves) had a way of communicating within a certain material distance - was this on the Material Son circuit? Could this explain mental telepathy to some extent?

Perhaps as these are being reconnected we are developing new awareness levels which we don't understand and can't begin to explain? I wonder.

GRACE

The bible and religionists often talk about God's grace. I don't fully understand the term "grace" although I have studied its meaning extensively. It is somehow a lifting or making an exception to learned or earned freedom from error, evil, or one's sins. Could it be a method for rising above one's inherited genetics, of getting rid of the so-called furniture and rising in consciousness to a new, higher level of responsiveness to spiritual-gravity action?

A Perfector of Wisdom on authority of the Ancients of Days (Urantia Book page 140) tells us that "As the mind of any personality in the universe becomes more spiritual - Godlike- it becomes less responsive to material gravity." Further along that same page, we are told that "in the last analysis the unifying possibilities of even the human mind, the ability to co-ordinate things, ideas, and values, is supermaterial."

INTENTION

There are many other possibilities in explanation of reincarnation, which could be broached here, but so many others before me have done it so well, I choose to conclude with this last thought. I only bring you these possibilities of stimulation to your acceptance or rejection of "reincarnation." These possibilities help some new Urantia Book readers bridge their objections to the position of the authors of our beloved Urantia Book. Is this not our purpose in any discussion about reincarnation?

ARE YOU ASKING?

Some "Religious Masters" are still teaching "reincarnation" (re-birth, or new incarnation, after death on this planet) because the majority of people are NOT ready to give up the idea.

Teachers of "Truth" are taught (guided by that "inner voice" of God dwelling within) to "not take anything away" from a student, but just "add new ideas" and the seeds of those new ideas will one day germinate and grow to "crowd out" (burst from within) the old erroneous ideas -- the parable of the "new wine in old wine skins?" A healthy and recommended exception to this "rule" is when a student sincerely asks. Then integrity demands higher teaching!

Are you asking?

AN EPILOGUE
A PERSONAL NOTE

The thoughts contained in this booklet are not intended to answer your questions about reincarnation, but rather to stretch your thinking about reincarnation.

My thoughts have allowed me to comprehend many layers of human race-consciousness, evolutionary ideas, scientific and philosophic ideas, and superimpose my religious thoughts over them. I am still growing in comprehension of the idea of eternal growth and change. Is it necessary for me to understand the full spectrum of my destiny from this tiny planet among the stars of the universe while I am in but a material form slave to material laws?

There is much nourishment among many religious books of all religions and philosophies on this planet. All have a ribbon of truth running through them. Perhaps if we can set aside our prejudices and limited perceptions for a short time we can learn much by personal revelation in the study of some of these beliefs - including reincarnation.

I have read and studied many books including the Torah, the New Testament, the Christian Bible, the Urantia Book and many philosophic books or translations of other's religions. I suggest all of these books to you. With the Spirit of Truth, The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, or still small voice within, any truth student can widen his or her horizons! -Patije