

At this time of year the subject of this paper seems very appropriate. All our lives we have heard about the wondrous birth of the Christ-child, not realizing until now, the wide scope of amazing and complex events which led up to this birth which was the seventh and last bestowal of our Creator Son, Christ Michael.

Michael of Nebadon is the 611,121st bestowal of the Eternal Son upon the universes of time and space and he began the organization of our local universe about 400 billion years ago. The first bestowal of Christ Michael occurred about one billion years ago when Urantia was taking on its present form. 1309:2

This paper will consist of two parts- first treating the purpose of these bestowals and then giving some background of each one with emphasis on the personality, character and work of Christ Michael as he appeared in the bestowals.

### I. Purpose

In order to establish the purpose of the bestowals it is necessary to identify the Paradise Creator Sons.

\*  
"The Creator Sons are the makers and rulers of the local universes of time and space. These universe creators and sovereigns are of dual origin, embodying the characteristics of God the Father and God the Son. But each Creator Son is different from every other; each is unique in nature as well as in personality; each is the 'only-begotten Son' of the perfect deity ideal of his origin." 234:1

"These primary Paradise Sons are personalized as Michaels. As they go forth from Paradise to found their universes, they are known as Creator Michaels. When settled in supreme authority, they are called Master Michaels. Sometimes we refer to the sovereign of your universe of Nebadon as Christ Michael. Always and forever do they reign after the 'order of Michael'; that being the designation of the first Son of their order and nature. . . . The order of Michael knows the grand universe from one end to the other; there is no essential experience of any of the children of time and space in which the Michaels have not personally participated; they are in fact partakers not only of the divine nature but also of your nature, meaning all natures, from the highest to the lowest. 234:3,4.

The attribute of bestowal is inherent in the Paradise Sons of the Universal Father. In their desire to come close to the life experiences of their subordinate living creatures, the various orders of the Paradise Sons are reflecting the divine nature of their Paradise parents." 1308:2

"The purpose of these creature incarnations is to enable such Creators to become wise, sympathetic, just, and understanding sovereigns. These divine Sons are innately just, but they become understandingly merciful as a result of these successive bestowal experiences; they are naturally merciful, but these experiences make them merciful in new and additional ways. These bestowals are the last steps in their education and training for the sublime tasks of ruling the local universes in divine righteousness and by just judgment." 1308:4

\*  
There are 700,000 known Creator Sons and probably more. 235:4

"In the course of the bestowals, the Creator Son engaged in a descending exploration of the various natures of creature personality, and he also achieved the revelation of the variously diversified wills of the Paradise Deities, whose synthetic unity, as revealed by the Supreme Creators, is revelatory of the will of the Supreme Being."

"These various will aspects of the Deities are eternally personalized in the differing natures of the Seven Master Spirits, and each of Michael's bestowals was peculiarly revelatory of one of these divinity manifestations. On his Melchizedek bestowal he manifested the united will of the Father, Son, and Spirit, on his Lanonandek bestowal the will of the Father and Son; on the Adamic bestowal he revealed the will of the Father and the Spirit; on the seraphic bestowal, the will of the son and the spirit; on the Uversa mortal bestowal he portrayed the will of the Conjoint Actor, on the morontia bestowal the will of the Eternal Son; and on the Urantia material bestowal he lived the will of the Universal Father, even as a mortal of flesh and blood." . . . the sum total of all seven bestowals is a new Nebadon revelation of the Supreme Being. 1318:4,5.

Thus we can conclude there are two major purposes in the bestowals: the completion of the Creator's training and the revelation of the Supreme Being.

## II. THE BESTOWALS

### The First Bestowal

### Melchizedek Bestowal

Time: Approximately one billion years ago--our time.

A record reveals that "this visitor (Michael) lived as a Melchizedek in the likeness of a Melchizedek. He worked as a Melchizedek, and he faithfully performed all of his assignments as an emergency Son of our order." The record further reads . . . "he loved us, understood us and served with us, and forever we are his loyal and devoted fellow Melchizedeks. . . ." It is universally believed that this Melchizedek was Michael. In each bestowal (the first three) he appeared suddenly and as a fully developed individual. The facts of the Michael Bestowals are known, but how they are effected is not understood. p. 1310; 3,4.

### The Second Bestowal

### Lanonandek- (System Sovereign)

This was the Lanonandek Bestowal or mission. Almost 150 million years after the Melchizedek bestowal a rebellion occurred in system 11 of constellation 37. For more than seventeen years of universe time a strange and unknown ruler, that we now know was Michael, administered the affairs and wisely adjudicated the difficulties of this confused and demoralized system. 1311:4 "No System Sovereign was ever more ardently loved or more widespreadly honored and respected. In justice and mercy this new ruler set the turbulent system in order while he painstakingly ministered to all his subjects, even offering his rebellious predecessor the privilege of sharing the system throne of authority if he would only apologize to Immanuel for his indiscretions . . . millions of his misguided and deluded followers accepted the forgiveness of this new ruler, known in that age as the Savior Sovereign of the system of Palonia! 1311:4

THE THIRD BESTOWALMaterial Son as Planetary Prince

In this bestowal, Michael appeared as a Material Son, and served as Planetary Prince of World # 217. The second rebellion of another System Sovereign took Michael as a unique Material Son to a world of secession and rebellion where there was no direct communication with the outside universe. He here worked for one generation of planetary time. "Each of these missions was followed by an age of increasing service and loyalty among all celestial intelligences of universe origin, while each succeeding bestowal age was characterized by advancement and improvement in all methods of universe administration and in all techniques of government. 1313: 4

THE FOURTH BESTOWALSeraphic Bestowal

This was the seraphic bestowal which extended forty years of standard universe time. "During this time he was attached as a seraphic teaching counselor, what you might denominate a private secretary to 26 different master teachers, functioning on 22 different worlds." His last assignment was as counselor and helper to a Trinity Teacher Son who did not fully realize his identity. . . "And so it has become forever true, concerning angels that their Creator and Ruler has been in all points tried and tested in the likeness of seraphic personality." 1313:5,7

THE FIFTH BESTOWALAscendant Spirit Pilgrim  
of Mortal Origin

. . . It took place 300 million years ago. Michael's destination was Uversa where he sojourned as Eventod for 11 years of Orvonton time. He served as an Ascendant Spirit Pilgrim of mortal origin. "This Being received the assignments and performed the duties of a spirit mortal in common with his fellows from the various local universes of Orvonton. "In all points he was tested and tried, even as his fellows, and on all occasions he proved worthy of the confidence and trust of all his superiors, while he unflinchingly commanded the respect and loyal admiration of his fellow spirits." 1314:6

And here there is an important comment concerning the bestowal which has personally influenced each one of us. "About this time the Melchizedek colleges began to teach the probability of Michael's sometime incarnating as a mortal of the flesh, and there occurred much speculation as to the possible technique of such an inexplicable bestowal. That Michael had in person performed in the role of an ascending mortal lent new and added interest to the whole scheme of creature progression all the way up through both the local and universe and the superuniverse." 1315:2

THE SIXTH BESTOWALThe Morontia Mortal Bestowal

Michael then appeared on the headquarters of constellation five called Edantun, as a full-fledged morontia mortal of ascending status - - - "it was one of the most extraordinary and amazing epochs in Michael's bestowal experience, not even excepting his dramatic and tragic sojourn on Urantia." The writer of this paper avalia, is not permitted to unfold the details of this career . . . and he . . . comments:

"When Michael returned from this morontia bestowal, it was apparent to all of us that our Creator had become a fellow creature; that the Universe Sovereign was also the friend and sympathetic helper of even the lowest form of created intelligence in his realms." . . . "All Nebadon continued to discuss the many exploits of their Sovereign Ruler. 1315:6

THE SEVENTH AND FINAL BESTOWAL

Mortal of Urantia

Since the time of the default of Adam and Eve, for more than 35,000 years, it was known that Michael had selected Urantia for his final bestowal. Therefore he had always appeared as a fully developed individual of the personality bestowal selection, and it was a "thrilling announcement . . . telling that the Babe of Bethlehem was to be born on Urantia." The incarnation of Michael is a secret that will forever remain unsolved. "Joshua ben Joseph, the Jewish baby was conceived and was born into the world just as all other babies before and since except that this particular baby was the incarnation of Michael of Nebadon, a divine Son of Paradise and the creator of all this local universe of things and beings." The only supernatural event associated with the birth was the announcement of Jesus' birth to a group of Chaldean priests and their leader Ardon by the seraphim through midway creatures. 1317:2,3.

"Urantia is the sentimental shrine of all Nebadon, the chief of 10 million inhabited worlds, the mortal home of Christ Michael, Sovereign of all Nebadon, a Melchizedek minister to the realms, a system savior, an Adamic redeemer, a seraphic fellow, an associate of ascending spirits, a morontia progressor, a Son of Man in the likeness of mortal flesh, and the Planetary Prince of Urantia. And . . . this same Jesus has promised sometime to return to the world of His terminal bestowal, the world of the Cross! 1319:1

CONCLUSION

BY Pauline Parke

In preparing this paper I have come to understand more fully Christ's mission to us and where we stand in the scheme of things. Most important, however, I now have a completely new concept of Christ as the Creator of our world, our originator and designer, our Sovereign our Caretaker. For some reason this picture has not been stressed. Doing this research has considerably broadened my heretofore vague and narrow ideas concerning the nature and Being of Christ.

The  
Seven  
Bestowals  
of  
Christ  
Michael

1. A Melchizedek minister to the realms
2. A system savior
3. An Adamic redeemer
4. A seraphic fellow
5. An associate of ascending spirits
6. A morontia progressor
7. A Son of Man in the likeness of mortal flesh and the Planetary Prince of Urantia