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= THE COSMIC CAREER OF MICHAEL =

This occasion is in commemoration of the birth of the Master on Urantia, -by way of the mother route, which occurs only once in the life of a bestowal Son.

Last year we reviewed the highlights of Michael's earth life, the hardships he endured, the magnificent occurrences, and the tragic happenings. You have read the beautiful, enlightening, inspiring, and difficult career of Jesus on Urantia.

But there is another career, in advance of his Urantia career, which is far more beautiful and infinitely more difficult than his short career in a mortal life, -his COSMIC CAREER. And so I would like you to think of this day in terms of its being a commemoration of the preparation for Michael's last bestowal, -and the consequences. (And here we are reminded that when he departed he said, "it is finished"and it was, truly and literally, the end of his bestowals, -the seven required bestowals.

When I read of his cosmic career, I am sure you will agree with me, that it is hard to comprehend how, ..(even though we know it is a part of the curriculum of the Order of the Michaels) -he could descend from the unimaginable position of an original SON OF GOD, to the task of participating in the creation of a finite universe of billions of suns with solar systems, -and creating, and having the responsibilities of the destinies of all creatures therein (66:3) -THEN TO DESCEND to a rebellious planet of the lowliest of all mortal creatures, -in an effort to repair the damage, only to experience the most sorrowful ordeal in the history of Nebadon after a brief thirty-seven years on this -our very own planet, and thereafter to bear the brunt and sorrow of the age-long terrible drama that has persisted. And still today, on this planet, the devastation of human bodies and souls is abhorrent.

In time and eternity, his bestowal was comparatively recent, -only nineteen hundred and seventy two years ago, (7 BC and 1965 years). Jesus lived and died for a whole universe, not just for the races of this one world. (2017:1)

Let us now view his cosmic career beginning with the magnificence of his original birth and heritage.....

The Universal Father is the infinite personality of the First Source and Center, (5:3)- the Eternal Son is from eternity, and is wholly and without qualification-ONE with the Father. In divine personality they are co-ordinate; in spiritual nature they are equal; in divinity they are identical. THESE ARE THE PARENTS OF MICHAEL.

How was Michael created? He is of dual origin, embodying the dual characteristics of God the Father and God the Son, and he is different from every other Paradise Son (234:1)- "the only begotten and only begettable offspring of the perfect union of the ORIGINAL CONCEPTS -of the two Infinite and Eternal and perfect minds of the ever-existent Creators of the universe of universes. There never can be another such Son because each Creator Son is the unqualified, finished, and final expression and embodiment of all of every phase, of every feature, of every possibility, of every divine reality that could, throughout all eternity, -ever be found in, expressed by, or evolved from, those divine creative potentials, -which united to bring THIS Michael into existence. Each Creator Son is the absolute of the UNITED DEITY CONCEPTS which constitute his divine origin."(235:2)

"The divine natures of these Creator Sons are in principle derived equally from the attributes of BOTH Paradise parents. Some Creator Sons are, however, more like God the Father; others more like God the Son. The trend of administration in the universe of Nebadon suggests that its Creator and ruling Son is one whose nature and character more resemble that of the Eternal Son. Some universes are presided over by Paradise Michaels who appear equally to resemble God the Father and God the Son". (These observations are in no way

implied criticisms; they are simply a recording of fact.) (235:2,3; 367:#2:1)

The primal (Eternal) Son and his Paradise Sons, the Michaels, are engaged in making a universal revelation of the spiritual and personal nature of the Father to all creation. "In the central universe, the superuniverses, the local universes, or on the inhabited planets, it is a Paradise Son who reveals the Universal Father to men and angels." (89:2) Never on all the worlds of this universe in the life of any mortal did God ever become such a LIVING REALITY as in the human experience of Jesus of Nazareth.

One of the joint chief executives of our superuniverse, a Divine Counselor, who takes origin directly in the Paradise Trinity, who was assigned to formulate this statement says: "And even we of high origin understand the Father much more fully as we study the revelation of his character and personality in the Eternal Son and in the Sons of the Eternal Son".

"The Father comes down to you as a personality only through the divine Sons of the Eternal Son. And you attain the Father by this same living way; you ascend to the Father by the guidance of this group of divine Sons". (89:2,3)

To the children of a local universe a Michael is, to all intents and purposes, GOD. This great God actually WALKED ON THIS VERY PLANET, —as a mortal. (see 88:1)

After Michael's creation he was put through an intense training period in the circuits of Havona and prepared for his subsequent adventure in the universe creation.

He used the creatures of Havona as personality-pattern possibilities for his own mortal children and spirit beings. Havona and Paradise are the source of his creative power. He regards this central universe as the home of his parents, HIS HOME, which he enjoys returning to. (162:2-5)

When Michael went forth from Paradise to found his universe he was known as a "Creator Michael". After being settled in supreme authority, —after the seven bestowals, he is called a "Master Michael". (234:3) "Sometimes we refer to the sovereign of your universe of Nebadon as Christ Michael".

By way of a news item...:

Recently, on Uversa, there was recorded a universal broadcast of a "conclave extraordinary" on the Eternal Isle of Paradise, —of one hundred fifty thousand Creator Sons, —from the various superuniverses, —assembled in the parental presence, and engaged in deliberations having to do with the progress of the UNIFICATION and STABILIZATION of the universe of universes. This was a SELECTED group of Sovereign Michaels, —sevenfold bestowal Sons. (234:5)

No doubt our Michael attended this meeting and he would most certainly have a great deal to report and discuss with his Brothers concerning the LAG of his rebellious worlds and the delay in unification and stabilization of his universes. But we are thankful that in this high court, our Master Michael had a fair, merciful, and unbiased hearing.

The fact of his presence at this meeting is verified in this reference-(371:#6:1) "Michael's absence from Salvington in no way interferes with the orderly conduct of universe affairs. During the absence of Michael, as RECENTLY on the mission of reunion of Orvonton Master Sons on Paradise, Gabriel is the regent of the universe." "Gabriel is the chief executive and actual administrator of Nebadon."

As Michael first embarked upon the adventure of universe making to become the head, —virtually the GOD of the local universe of his own organization, —then for the first time he finds himself in intimate contact with, —and in many respects, dependent upon the Third Source and Center, —Infinite Spirit. Infinite Spirit, though abiding with the Father and the Son at the center of all things, is destined to function as the actual and effective helper of each Creator Son. Therefore is each Creator Son accompanied by a Creative Daughter of the Infinite Spirit, —that being, who is destined to become the "Divine Minister", —the Mother Spirit of the new local universe. (see 235:LP & 236:1)

The departure of a Michael on the occasion of a bestowal liberates his creator prerogatives, -but also subjects him to certain limitations. Let us examine a few of Michael's limitations: (236:2-6)

1. ENERGY-MATTER is dominated by Infinite Spirit. Before any new forms of things, or any new transformations of energy-matter may be attempted, a Creator Son must secure the consent and working co-operation of the Infinite Spirit.
2. CREATURE DESIGNS and TYPES are controlled by the Eternal Son. Before a Creator Son may engage in the creation of any new type of being, he must secure the consent of the Eternal Son.
3. Personality is designed and bestowed by the Universal Father. (This is the exclusive function of the Universal Father. 70:#6:4) (It is the revelation of God to the universes.29:3)

Michael was not yet a Master Son when he arrived on Urantia. There were colossal purposes for his appearance here on this particular planet, one being because of the terrifying Luciferian rebellion. "Inherent in the bestowal plan, and as a provisional FEATURE of this ministration of love, the Paradise Sons act as rehabilitators of that —which misguided creature will—has placed in spiritual jeopardy. Whenever and wherever there occurs a delay in the functioning of the attainment PLAN, IF REBELLION, perchance, should mar or complicate this enterprise, then do the emergency provisions of the bestowal plan become active FORTHWITH".

"The Paradise Sons stand PLEDGED and READY to function as retrievers, —to go into the very realms of rebellion —and there restore the spiritual status of the spheres. And such a heroic service -a co-ordinate Creator Son DID PERFORM on URANTIA, -in connection with his experiential bestowal career -of SOVEREIGNTY ACQUIREMENT!" (85:#4:4-no.2)

Upon his departure from the beautiful Salvington worlds for Urantia, Michael was to enter upon this unique bestowal with the complete assurance, not only that Immanuel would exercise the full authority of the Paradise Father in the administration of his universe during his absence for the Urantia bestowal, but also with the comforting knowledge that the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse had decreed the safety of his realm throughout the entire bestowal period. And this was the setting of the momentous occasion when Immanuel presented to Michael —the seventh bestowal COMMISSION.

Among the long list of charges of Immanuel to the universe ruler, (who subsequently became Jesus of Nazareth) the following is one of the excerpts:

"You will grow up on Urantia as a child of the realm, complete your human education, —all the while subject to the will of your Paradise Father, —live your life on Urantia as you have determined, —terminate your planetary sojourn, and prepare for your ascension to your Father to receive from him, the SUPREME sovereignty of your universe."

Further charges included in his bestowal commission, (very briefly enumerated here) were meticulously outlined, but simply described, such as: Terminate technically the Luciferian rebellion;—In weakness, -become powerful by faith-submission to the WILL OF HIS FATHER;—Return to Paradise as the Son of Man as well as the Son of God, Supreme Sovereign of his universe;—Accept from Gabriel the conference of Planetary Prince; —Liquidate the pending dissensions of Nebadon....so his whole universe would recognize the justice in so doing, in the role of mortal flesh, -not by power of authority as a ruler.

Immanuel assured him that "Rebellion, such as has occurred in Nebadon three times, could not occur during his absence from Salvington on this bestowal. For this period the Ancients of Days have decreed that rebellion in Nebadon shall be invested with the AUTOMATIC SEED of its own annihilation. Immanuel further counseled him to: End his bestowal with a pronouncement of a dispensational judgement of the realm, and termination of AN AGE, RESURRECTION of sleeping mortal survivors, and establish the dispensation of the bestowed Spirit of TRUTH."

He was to function largely in the role of a teacher, heal the souls of men, and emancipate their minds from age-old fears; —Live an ideal life for the inspiration and edification of

his WHOLE universe; —Make a further contribution to the sovereignty of the SUPREME; — Pour out the Spirit of Truth and make all NORMAL mortals accessible to the ministry of the Thought Adjusters of the realms; —make his life the inspiration for ALL LIVES in Nebadon throughout ALL GENERATIONS to come; —Reveal God in the flesh; —Interpret with a NEW enhancement our Father... TO SUPER-MORTALS; —Make a new revelation of MAN to God.

Michael was informed that it would be within his power-of-will to terminate the incarnation at any moment subsequent to the arrival of his Thought Adjuster.

Aside from the counseling on the general conduct of his bestowal, Michael received the following advices which resulted from Immanuel's consultation with Gabriel. These advices concerned the minor phases of his mortal life. (Briefly described here)...Immanuel advised

Michael- To "give attention to things immediately helpful to your fellow men;—Live family and community life in accordance with the practices of the people;—Confine efforts largely to spiritual regeneration and intellectual emancipation; —Avoid ALL entanglements with the economic structure and the political commitments of your day; —do not interfere with the normal progressive evolution of Urantian races; —leave behind you a system of POSITIVE religious ethics; —avoid formal establishment of an organized cult, a crystallized religion, or segregated ethical grouping of mortal beings. Your life and teachings are to become the common heritage of ALL religions and ALL peoples; —Leave NO WRITINGS behind you on the planet, ..no images or other likenesses, ..leave nothing potentially idolatrous; —Marriage would be wholly honorable, but the incarnation MANDATES of Sonarington FORBIDS the leaving of human offspring behind on any planet."

Immanuel then became sovereign of Nebadon until Michael's return. Lucifer and his cohorts who had accused their Creator Father of selfishly seeking rulership and who was autocratically upheld in power,— by virtue of the loyalty of a deluded universe, —were to be silenced forever, and confounded by a lone mortal, —by the life of self-forgetful service of the SON of GOD —as the SON of MAN— doing the will of his Father. Jesus was truly God and man.

Now first of all, the attribute of bestowal is inherent in the Paradise Sons. In their desire to become 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. The Eternal Son led the way in this practice, having bestowed himself upon the seven circuits of Havona. The Eternal Son continues to bestow himself upon the local universes in the persons of his representatives,—the Michael and Avonal Sons. (1308:2)

In accepting the vicegerent sovereignty (the first stage of sovereignty) of a projected new creation, a Creator Son takes an oath to the Trinity, NOT to assume Supreme sovereignty until the seven creature bestowals have been completed and certified by the superuniverse rulers. (1308:4)

The question comes to mind -what is meant by "supreme sovereignty"? We can best understand this by comparing this experience with the achievement of the Supreme Being in relation to the seven wills of the Deity.

We know of the SEVEN PRIMARY EXPRESSIONS -of the wills and nature of Deity. They are expressed singularly and plurally; the united wills of the Father-Son-Spirit; Will of the Father-Son; will of the Father-Spirit; will of the Son-Spirit; and singly: the will of the Infinite Spirit; Eternal Son; and Universal Father. (1318:4)

The Supreme Being is unifying (in Supreme Mind) these seven wills. He is a unified summation of the entire finite activity of THIS universe age, —expressing simultaneously, all of the seven wills of the Deities. In passing through the experience of expressing each of the Deity wills in his seven bestowals, Michael is expressing the WILL OF THE SUPREME. He has identified himself eternally with the Supreme. (1318:LP)

Michael aspired not to perfection of rule as a Creator Son, ...but to SUPREMACY of administration as the embodiment of the UNIVERSE wisdom and the divine experience of the Supreme Being! (1324:1; 1318:5) Creature bestowal experiences qualified him to portray the experiential divinity of the Supreme Being. NO OTHER BEINGS in the universes have thus

personally exhausted the potentials of the present finite experience. NO OTHER BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE possess such qualifications for SOLITARY SOVEREIGNTY.

The sovereignty of a Creator Son in a local universe passes through perhaps seven stages of experiential manifestation. The stages appear in the following order: (237:#3:5)

1. INITIAL VICEGERENT SOVEREIGNTY, —the solitary provisional authority exercised by a Creator Son BEFORE the acquirement of personal qualities by the ASSOCIATED CREATIVE SPIRIT. (The Creative Mother Spirit acquires a personal nature tinged with that of the MASTER SPIRIT who was in transmuting liaison with Infinite Spirit. 375:2)
2. CONJOINT VICEGERENT SOVEREIGNTY, -the joint rule of the Paradise pair subsequent to the personality achievement of the Universe Mother Spirit. (this event: 374:#1:1)
3. AUGMENTING VICEGERENT SOVEREIGNTY, -the advancing authority of a Creator Son during the period of his seven creature bestowals. (see co-operative working union. 236:NL)
4. SUPREME SOVEREIGNTY, -the settled authority following the seventh bestowal. In Nebadon supreme sovereignty dates from the completion of Michael's bestowal on Urantia. It has existed just slightly over 1900 years of your planetary time.

NOTE: The next three stages are yet to come. The results of this covenant with the Paradise Deity are in far distant ages. They are great in dimension, lengthy in duration, and experientially earned.
5. AUGMENTING SUPREME SOVEREIGNTY, -the advanced relationship growing out of the settling of a majority of the creature domains in light and life. This stage pertains to the unachieved future of your local universe.
6. TRINITARIAN SOVEREIGNTY, -exercised subsequent to the settling of the entire local universe in light and life,—the achieved full living of the will of God. (see 177-last four paragraphs; 1278:2; and 621:Paper 55)
7. UNREVEALED SOVEREIGNTY, -the unknown relationships of a future universe age. (We are informed that in the next universe age Michael may collaborate with the Supreme Being in the first outer space. 1318:LP).

Now let us turn back to the fourth stage of experience again—Supreme Sovereignty. Michael has achieved a double purpose: (1) He completed the required experience in creature understanding; and (2) He can now represent the maximum authority of the Paradise Trinity in the personal administration of the local universe. Michael, therefore, combines in his personal sovereignty —the divine will of the sevenfold phases of the universal Creators with the understanding experience of his local universe creatures. His authority is unquestioned inas-much as it was acquired through ACTUAL EXPERIENCE in the likeness of universe creatures; his sovereignty is supreme since it embodies ...at one and the same time...the sevenfold viewpoint of Paradise Deity with the creature viewpoint of time and space. (1324:3)

The synthetic unity of the diversified wills of the Paradise Deities (as revealed by the Creator Sons) is revelatory of the will of the Supreme Being. In completing his creature bestowals, Michael was not only establishing his own sovereignty, —but also was augmenting the evolving sovereignty of God the Supreme. (1318:3)

To digress for a moment, it is interesting to note that at the time of Michael's release from the morontia bestowal (his previous bestowal, the sixth) -a suitable reception was arranged on Salvington. Millions upon millions of beings were assembled from the constellation headquarters worlds of Nebadon, and many sojourners on the adjacent Salvington worlds were gathered together to WELCOME HIM BACK TO THE RULERSHIP OF HIS UNIVERSE. In response to the many addresses of welcome and expressions of appreciation of a Sovereign —so vitally interested in his creatures, he only replied: "I have simply been about my Father's business. I am only doing the pleasure of the Paradise Sons who love and crave to understand their creatures". (1316:2)

"There was no secrecy (aside from the incarnation mystery) connected with any step in the Urantia bestowal. From first to last, up to the final and triumphant return of Michael to Salvington as supreme Universe Sovereign, there was the fullest universe publicity of all that transpired on your small but highly honored world". "Therefore had he always appeared as a fully developed individual of the personality group of the bestowal selection, and it was a thrilling announcement which was broadcast from Salvington telling that the babe of Bethlehem had been born on Urantia". (1316:#7:2,3)

"For a third of a century of earth time all eyes in all parts of this local universe were focused on Urantia". (1317:1)

When a Creator Son has seven times sojourned among his creatures, --when the bestowal career is finished, then is he SUPREMEY SETTLED in universe authority; he is a Master Son, a sovereign and supreme ruler. But the technique of obtaining supreme sovereignty over a local universe involves SEVEN experiential steps. Let us review them: (238;239)

1. Experientially to penetrate seven creature levels of being, through the technique of incarnated bestowals in the very likeness of the creatures on the levels concerned.
2. To make an experiential consecration to each phase of the sevenfold will of Paradise Deity.
3. To traverse each of the seven experiences on the creature levels simultaneously with the execution of ONE of the seven consecrations to the will of Paradise Deity.
4. On each creature level, experientially to portray the acme of creature life to Paradise Deity and to all universe intelligences.
5. On each creature level, experientially to reveal ONE PHASE of the sevenfold will of Deity to the bestowal level and to all the universe.
6. Experientially to unify the sevenfold creature experience with the sevenfold experience of consecration to the revelation of the nature and will of Deity.
7. To achieve NEW and HIGHER relationship with the Supreme Being. The repercussion of the totality of this Creator-creature experience AUGMENTS the superuniverse reality of God the Supreme and the time-space sovereignty of the Almighty Supreme, -and factualizes the supreme local universe sovereignty of a Paradise Michael.

After the bestowals and certain ceremonies decreeing Michael's sovereignty, a real estate transaction takes place:

"A Creator Son is given the range of a universe by the consent of the Paradise Trinity and with the confirmation of the supervising Master Spirit of the superuniverse concerned. Such action constitutes TITLE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION, -A COSMIC LEASEHOLD." "Until the achievement of bestowal-earned sovereignty, he rules as vicegerent of the Universal Father".(237:#3)

"It required almost one billion years of Urantia time to complete the bestowal career of Michael and to effect the final establishment of his supreme authority in the universe of his own creation." (1318:2) "Why should man bemoan his lowly origin and enforced evolutionary career --when the very GODS must pass through an equivalent experience before they are accounted experientially worthy -and competent finally and fully to rule over their universe domains!" (240:3)

Michael is now PLANETARY PRINCE of Urantia. "And your record tells the truth when it says that this same Jesus has promised sometime to return to the world of his terminal bestowal, the WORLD OF THE CROSS". (1319:1)