

WHAT IS IDENTITY?

From The Urantia Book

- 1232:LP- "HUMAN BEINGS possess identity only in the MATERIAL sense. Such qualities of the self are expressed by the material mind—(the organized consciousness) as it functions in the energy system of the intellect. When it is said that a man has IDENTITY, it is recognized that he is in possession of a mind circuit which has been placed in subordination to the ACTS and CHOOSING of the will of the human personality. But this is a material and purely temporary manifestation..." "But mortal personality, through its own choosing, possesses the power of transferring its seat of IDENTITY from the passing material-intellect system —to the higher morontia-soul system which, in association with the Thought Adjuster, is created as a new vehicle —for personality manifestation".
- 1235:1- "...repersonalization, -reassembly of memory, insight, and consciousness—IDENTITY".
- 1235:7,no.5-"Personality, -while DEVOID of identity, CAN UNIFY the identity of any living energy system".
- 1235:2- "The phenomenon of personality is dependent on the persistence of the IDENTITY of selfhood reaction to universe environment; -and this can only be effected through the medium of mind". (Life IS a process —between selfhood and its environment).
- 569:LP- "The arrival of an Adjuster constitutes identity -IN THE EYES OF THE UNIVERSE, and all indwelt beings are on the roll calls of justice".
- 550:2- "As ascendant beings you are in possession of personal memories of all former and lower existences, and without such 'identity-memories' of the past there would be no basis for the humor of the present, either mortal laughter or morontia mirth. It is this recalling of past experiences that provides the basis for present diversion and amusement".
- NOTE: What of the spirit-fused mortals whose memories are in the possession of the Adjusters and are not available to the creature?
- 8:4- "Personality is superimposed upon energy, and it is associated only with living energy systems ; —identity can be associated with non-living energy patterns".
- 1226:4:no.13- "Personality may survive mortal death with IDENTITY IN THE SURVIVING SOUL".

WHAT IS A LIVING ENERGY SYSTEM?

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RELATIONSHIP exists between two objects. Three or more objects constitute a SYSTEM. In systems the parts are 'arranged'. Such a system is more than just a 'relationship'. The individual members are NOT CONNECTED with each other—except in relation to the whole —and through the individuality of the whole. Systems are significant because of organization—'positional values'—(alignment).

As in any mechanical equipment, the parts must be in a certain 'position' in relation to the others to function harmoniously as a system. So it is with the human system, —the human organism, —albeit physical mechanisms are passive; organisms are ACTIVE.

The human organism is a living energy system, —unified into a whole, functioning, going-entity, BY THE PERSONALITY.

LIFE is really a 'process' which takes place between the organism (SELFHOOD) and its environment.

In the human organism -the SUMMATION of its parts constitutes selfhood. SELFHOOD then is a living system, —the parts of which are in COSMIC alignment (if the system is normalgood. In a bad system something in the 'arrangement' is either missing, or displaced,

—deranged.) The SELFHOOD is a living, ACTIVE organism composed of physical energy, mind energy, and spiritual force, with a personality SUPERIMPOSED upon it to unify the function of the TOTAL parts—the 'system', and to reveal the identity of the resultant 'organismal patterns' of the reaction to its environment. These patterns are not entirely a mechanical process, —since the personality functions as a 'factor' in the total situation. The physical part is subordinate; the intellectual part is co-ordinate; —the indwelling spiritual force is potentially directive; the personality is SUPERORDINATE. It is the television tube through which the results of the 'process' of the experiences of the organism with its environment are projected...(onto the screens of other minds). Personality is the unifier and focalizer.

Even as a T.V. tube (a passive mechanism) projects the identity of the subjects throughout the active experience of a temporary story, —so does the personality impart the temporary identity manifestations of the organism, —a material and purely temporary-active impartation, —on a material world.

On the MORONTIA level all of these finite dimensions of the material level are GREATLY ENHANCED, and certain NEW dimensional values are realizable. All these enlarged dimensional experiences of the morontia level are marvelously articulated with the supreme (or personality) dimension —through the influence of MOTA, (moral duty) —and because of the contribution of morontia MATHEMATICS, —(causation).

"The personality imparts VALUE of identity and MEANINGS of continuity"...to the association of the organism and its environment, thus acting as a 'factor' in the total situation.

Remember: that DIMENSIONAL LEVELS of finite personality and SPIRITUAL LEVELS are NOT co-ordinated in (experiential) personality realization.

There is differential growth in finite personality dimensions on the varying levels of self-realization and reaction to environment —on material, morontial, and spiritual levels of progression —on universe levels of the finite, absonite, and bordering on the absolute. The ability and willingness of the organism to contact environment represents the attitude of the whole personality.

The organism ITSELF must co-ordinate, associate, organize, spiritize, expand, and balance these personality dimensions within itself by experience, and through MIND, WILL. It has the indwelling spirit to direct it, the personality to totalize and impart its meanings and continuity, and innumerable helpers to contribute to its success in the universe ascension.

Energy and spirit are still experienced separately, in degrees, on the higher levels. The 'seemingly dual' universe must be conceptually unified by mind.

If we work to unify these energies, if we strive for balance, we are unifying our own identity and consequently will manifest a well integrated, expanded personality, which is our contribution to the Supreme Being.

102:5,6- "Even in time and space, mind establishes those relative relationships between energy and spirit which are suggestive of mutual kinship in eternity."

"MIND TRANSMUTES the values of spirit —into the meanings of intellect, VOLITION has power to bring the meanings of mind to fruit —in BOTH the spiritual and material domains. The Paradise ascent involves a relative and DIFFERENTIAL growth in spirit, mind and energy. The personality is the unifier of these components of experiential individuality"

NOTE: please re-read the first part of this lesson —"What Is Identity" for a better understanding of personality and its function.

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