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SOURCE: THE URANTIA BOOK

WHAT IS DIVINE? WHAT IS DIVINITY? (from pg 3)

Deity is the source of all that which is divine. Deity is invariably divine, but all that which is divine is NOT necessarily Deity, though it WILL BE co-ordinated with Deity, and will tend toward some phase of unity with Deity, -spiritual, mindal, or personal.

DIVINITY is the unifying, co-ordinating quality of Deity. Divinity is creature comprehensible as— truth, beauty, and goodness.

In personality it is correlated as LOVE (Father), MERCY (Sons), and MINISTRY (Spirit). On impersonal levels, it is disclosed as JUSTICE, POWER, and SOVEREIGNTY.

Divinity is imperfect, as on experiential and creature levels of time-space evolution. Divinity may be perfect, as on existential and creator levels of Paradise perfection.

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CONCERNING TRUTH (from 646:#10)

The meanings of eternal truth make a combined appeal to the intellectual AND spiritual natures of mortal man. (646:last line)

Truth is the basis for science AND philosophy, —presenting the intellectual foundation of religion. (647:2)

The recognition of TRUE relations implies a mind competent to discriminate between truth and error.

The bestowal Spirit of Truth which invests the human minds of Urantia is responsive to truth—THE LIVING SPIRIT RELATIONSHIP of all things and all beings, as they are co-ordinated in the eternal ascent God-ward. (647:5)

Eternal truth is the special ministry of the Paradise Sons -who not only bestow themselves upon the mortal races but even pour out their Spirit of Truth upon all peoples. (647:LP)

Truth meanings are the mortal-intellect repercussions of the eternal word of Deity—the time-space comprehension of supreme concepts. (648:2)

Divine truth, -final truth (absolute truth) is uniform and universal. But all finite knowledge and creature understanding -are relative. Truth varies, due to this relativity —according to various personal experience, as well as the length and extent of that experience. (42:#7:1-3)

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CONCERNING BEAUTY

The pursuit of beauty—COSMOLOGY—is largely a unification of contrasts. Variety is essential to the concept of beauty. (646:#10:3)

SUPREME beauty—the height of finite art—is the drama of the unification of the vastness of the cosmic extremes —of Creator—and creature.

Attainment of finite art is: the creature becoming perfect as the Creator. Man finding God, and God finding man. That is the achievement of the supremely beautiful. THAT is the attainment of the APEX of cosmic art. (646:#10:3)

The HIGHEST beauty consists in the unification of the variations -that are born of pre-existent harmonious reality. (646:#10:4)

Attainment of these "cosmologic" levels of thought includes:

- 1-Curiosity: hunger for harmony and thirst for beauty, ever searching for new levels.
- 2-Aesthetic appreciation: love of the beautiful. Appreciation of the artistic touch of all creative manifestations.
- 3-Ethic sensitivity: the reach for moral values and idealism in human character.

Through the realization of TRUTH, the appreciation of BEAUTY—leads to the recognition of DIVINE GOODNESS—in Deity relations with all beings.

Thus BEAUTY (cosmology) leads to the pursuit of divine reality values—to God-consciousness. (646:#10:5)

Universal beauty embraces the harmonious relations and rhythms of the cosmic creation. This is an intellectual appeal and leads toward a unified and synchronous comprehension of the material universe. (647:1)

Beauty sponsors art, music, and meaningful rhythms of ALL human experience. (647:2)

The existence of beauty—implies the presence of appreciative creature mind.

Beauty is the intellectual recognition of the harmonious time-space synthesis of phenomenal reality, (all of which stems from eternal ONENESS). (647:3)

Universal beauty is the recognition of the reflection of the Isle of Paradise—in the material creation. (647:LP)

Physical matter is the time-space shadow of the Paradise "energy-shining" -of the absolute Deities. (648:2)

CONCERNING GOODNESS (646:#10)

Divine goodness represents the revelation of infinite values to the finite mind, therein to be perceived and elevated to the spiritual level of human comprehension. (647:1)

Goodness embraces the sense of ethics, morality, and religion, —experiential perfection hunger. (647:2)

Goodness is the mental recognition of the relative values of the diverse levels of divine perfection. The recognition of goodness implies a mind of moral status, a personal mind, -with ability to discriminate between good and evil. But the POSSESSION of goodness,—greatness, is the measure of real divinity attainment. (647:4)

Divine goodness is more fully shown forth in the loving ministry of the personalities of the Infinite Spirit. (647:LP)

The goodness values of divinity are the merciful ministries of the spirit personalities of the Universal, the Eternal, and the Infinite to time-space finite creatures of the evolutionary spheres. (648:2)

CONCERNING TRUTH, BEAUTY, and GOODNESS (646:#10)

In worlds settling in light and life mortals pursue a fuller realization of the Deity elements —truth, beauty, and goodness. This represents man's efforts to discern God in matter, mind, and spirit. (646:#10:2) These quality values embrace the revelation of Deity to the realms of time and space. (646:LP)

As mortal personality unifies the human experience—with matter, mind, and spirit, so does this divine and supreme IDEAL become power unified in Supremacy and then person-alized as a God of Fatherly LOVE. (647:7)

LOVE, the SUM TOTAL of these three qualities —is man's PERCEPTION OF GOD as his spirit Father. (648:1) "To finite man truth, beauty, and goodness embrace the full revelation of divinity reality. (648:4)

These reality values of divinity are blended in the Father's relation to his creatures as LOVE. They are co-ordinated in the Eternal Son and his Creator Sons as divine MERCY.

They are manifested through Infinite Spirit and his children as divine MINISTRY.(648:3)

These three divinities are primarily manifested by the Supreme Being as POWER-PERSON-ALITY SYNTHESIS. (648:3)

These divinities are variously shown forth by God the Sevenfold, -in seven different associations of DIVINE MEANINGS and VALUES, on seven ascending levels. (648:3)

To augment your concepts of these universe realities and their techniques of inter-association, integration, and unification, -please read the following-----

1275:#6:3 and last paragraph; (gulf between energy and spirit).

638:3-5 (dual manifestations) 639:1 (dual phenomena). 1263:NL (beyond Supreme).

THESE STUDIES WILL ENHANCE YOUR COSMIC INSIGHT AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONIZATION.