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INTRODUCTION

We believe that there is universal agreement among the World leaders, in all fields of endeavor, that the greatest need of our time is for a spiritual revival. We believe that it is impossible to call modern man to do spiritual battle with the forces of evil besetting our world with the trumpet blast of the dark ages. We believe a new revival must be preceded by a new theology, and that it must be a cogent theology that will not do violence to either science or religion. We believe the following pages are a revelation of such a Theology.

—THE AUTHOR.

DEDICATION

I humbly dedicate this booklet to all sincere truth seekers.

1. **We** believe that God is a living and loving spiritual personality. We believe that He is universally present. We believe the best definition of God is a loving parent who cares for His children. We believe that the highest revelation of God's personality ever revealed on this planet was the revelation He made through His Son, Jesus, when He said, "Those that have seen me have seen the Father."
2. **We do not believe** that man is conceived in iniquity and born in sin.
3. **We believe** that man is a child of a loving God, and that God is a living spiritual personality.
4. **We do not believe** in the doctrine of original sin — we do not believe that God blames the children with the sins of their ancestors.
5. **We do not believe** in the fall of man — we do not believe that man broke a covenant with God and fell from grace.

6. **We do not believe** that man is a fiat creature (started spontaneously by God as a full blown man).
7. **We believe** that man is an evolutionary creature, and that man started with the simple life implantations in the shallow seas of this planet.
8. **We do not believe** that life was spontaneous or that it originated from dead matter. **We believe** that life was planted with purpose and design.
9. **We do not believe** the fact of animal origin attaches stigma to any personality in the sight of God. **We believe** he who starts the lowest will know the most when he arrives.
10. **We believe** that evolution is one of the ways God has of producing finite intelligent will creatures. We do not limit God to this method of creating His children, He may have other methods of creating different orders of His children.

11. **We do not believe** Adam and Eve were the first human beings on this planet, but **we do believe** them to be historic personages, (not generic terms). **We do believe** the Garden of Eden was a real place, having a geographic location, and not an allegory. **We believe** Adam and Eve were biologic missionaries sent to this planet to upstep the evolutionary blood line. **We believe** that it was their sons and daughters referred to in the sixth chapter of Genesis as the sons of God taking the daughters of men to wife. **We believe** Adam and Eve did default on the instruction of their superiors, and that their plans were foiled by the personalities involved in the Lucifer rebellion. **We believe** this default did curse the human race by poor biology, but that man is not blamed for it morally and spiritually.
12. **We do not believe** men die because they are sinners, but that they are allotted a reasonable number of years in which to sample life to determine whether they want to live for-

ever or not. **We believe** that free will places responsibility for survival on man.

13. **We do not believe** all men to be immortal, but that all men are potentially immortal. **We believe** only twice born sons are immortal.

14. **We do not believe** God has prepared any place to punish His children after death. **We do not believe** in hell other than the grave. And **we believe** the devils referred to in the Bible, were rebellious sons of God of a higher order than man, and that Jesus put down the rebellion while He was on earth, and they have had no power to molest man since the universal bestowal of the spirit of truth. But the teachings of the rebels still persists among the world religions.

15. **We believe** all men to be the child of the living and loving God and that the invitation to survival (salvation) is universally extended to all, but only those accepting the invitation by acknowledging sonship of the Heav-

enly Father and dedicating their will, (this constitutes the second birth) will be saved from death.

16. **We believe** all men need salvation because they have free will and that God loves His children so much He will not force eternal life upon them but extends the invitation to all to live.

17. **We believe** it is appointed unto man once to die then face the judgment; but in the case of nonsurvivors **we do not believe** they will be awakened to be told that they did not survive. **We believe** their transcripts will be presented at judgment by their guardian angels.

18. **We believe** the second death to be when the judgment is passed that they did not qualify by the second birth, and that their soul is blotted out as if they never existed.

19. **We do not believe** the Bible to be an infallible book, nor the final word of God to man but **we believe** it to be a holy book because

those who wrote it were seeking God. **We believe** that revelation is of necessity limited by man's capacity to comprehend, hence revelation is limited by evolution therefore it must be progressive.

20. **We believe** the Urantia Book to be the most recent and significant revelation to the human race, and that it is destined to change the course of History for a better and higher type civilization.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

1. **We believe** Jesus to be a unique and distinct Son of God of Paradise origin. **We believe** Jesus is the creator, upholder and administrator of the Local Universe in which we reside.
2. **We believe** that when He visited our planet He was a visitor from outer space, and His mission to this world was far more noble than has ever been suspected.
3. **We do not believe** that He came to our world to influence God in His attitude towards the human race.
4. **We believe** God loved the human race just as much before Jesus came to pay us a visit as He did after His death on the cross.
5. **We believe** the doctrine of vicarious atonement is a bloodthirst doctrine of the dark and dim past, and is an insult to a Loving God and beneath the dignity of a Creator Son.

6. **We believe** the human race is one order of will creatures created by Jesus and that God the Universal Father requires of all Creator Sons that they live the life of the will creatures they create before they are granted sovereignty of their universes. **We believe** birth, life and death to be a part of the natural life of man and that it was necessary for Jesus to live such a life in order that He might be an experienced administrator.
7. **We do not believe** the death on the cross was a part of the bestowal plan of Jesus. It was a cruel and dastardly crime.
8. **We do not believe** in the virgin birth. **We believe** the genes and chromosomes of Joseph and Mary provided the physical body of Jesus. The mystery of how Creator Sons bestow themselves upon their creature creation is a mystery far beyond the comprehension of the finite mind of man.
9. **We do not believe** Jesus to be a member of the Trinity. **We believe** the Eternal Son is the member of the Trinity.

10. **We believe** the word **only begotten** applies to the uniqueness of the personality of Jesus and that it in no way disinherits the rest of God's children.
11. **We do believe** in the Trinity concept of creation. **We do not believe** God to be a self-centered personality, but that He freely distributes Himself and shares His life with His creation.
12. **We believe** that the Universal Father has divested Himself of all the responsibility that He can safely delegate to His offspring. **We believe** God creates His children for His own glory and that He dearly loves every one, notwithstanding a sometimes apparent unfriendly environment.
13. **We believe** that salvation (survival) is based on choice and a willingness to do the Father's will rather than morals. **We do not believe** that men can save themselves by the righteous deeds of the flesh. **We believe** that the saint and sinner stand in need of salvation.

And the only way one can come by salvation is by inheritance—it cannot be earned, found, purchased or won. We believe that the only source from which it can be inherited in our Local Universe is from Jesus, because He is our spiritual ancestor. We believe this is what He had in mind when He said “I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by me.”

14. We believe that faith is the mechanics whereby people in this world establish the reality of the next. We truly believe that it is by faith through grace that men are saved, faith being the essence of belief, and grace, meaning it is free. God's children are not indebted to Him for having been created. Men from time immemorial have tried to buy salvation by sacrificial rights, and they have tried to earn it by living righteous lives. Since the totality of reality consists of the Grand Universe it necessarily follows that there can ultimately be but one will, one unit, one universe, hence the only way sur-

vival can be had is by a loyal dedication of the God-given will. The will is the only contribution mortals can make to Deity.

15. We believe salvation to be free, but progress is only by personal effort, we believe the command “Be ye perfect even as your father in heaven is perfect” is a final mandate to man. “Pick up your cross and follow me you must bear spiritual fruit in the kingdom” is what the author and finisher of our faith would have us do.
16. We believe that this world is a spawning ground of personality, and that life is an evolutionary journey from here to Paradise, and that this evolutionary activity takes place upon the planets of the far flung universes, and we believe that one day we will stand in the presence of the Universal Father and say Father here Am I, what is my next assignment?

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