

PATTERNS OF EPOCHAL REVELATION AND THE BOULDER SCHOOL

1. The two types of epochal revelation

Type I is exemplified by the first two epochal revelations: The Planetary Prince's staff and the Adamic bestowal ministered to the full range of human culture—material and spiritual.

Type II is exemplified by the next two epochal revelations: Machiventa Melchizedek and Jesus engaged in exclusively spiritual missions; they carefully avoided giving collateral social, economic, or political teachings.

The URANTIA Book is a Type I epochal revelation. It addresses not only the spiritual needs of the planet but but material concerns as well.

2. Implications for the Boulder School at present

The Boulder School itself is, in virtue of the role The URANTIA Book plays in it, a ministry which patterns after the first type of epochal revelation. At the school we study all the Papers, discuss the full range of subjects, and prepare individuals to share the book with others.

Nonetheless we want to facilitate projects of those who desire to prepare for a second type of work, a specifically spiritual ministry, to be "exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men."

During the coming academic year, the practical implications of this concept are relatively minor: we will explore this concept in some of the discussions of the Papers, and above and beyond the coursework, I will offer to assist people to prepare for ministries that pattern after these two types of epochal revelation. This will be optional, for those who desire it, within the constraints of other time-commitments. After a year or two of preparation, we may be ready to determine how this concept should be expressed in the evolving structure of the school.

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