



WHY THE IDEA OF AN ELLIPTIC UNIVERSE STRUCTURE?

The revelations of cosmology are of immense value because it "presents cosmic data in such a manner as to illuminate the spiritual teachings contained in the accompanying revelation." (1109:ML) A comparable description of philosophy reads:

"Philosophy dare not project its interpretations of reality in the linear fashion of logic; it must never fail to reckon with elliptic symmetry of reality and with the essential curvature of all relation concepts." (1137:5)

"The local universe consists of three degrees of reality manifestation: matter, mind, and spirit. The morontia angle of approach erases all divergence between the findings of the physical sciences and the functioning of the spirit of religion." (1136:3) "...therefore will religion always be characterized by paradoxes, the paradoxes resulting from the absence of the experiential connection between the material and the spiritual levels...." (1121:#3:2) But it is not paradoxical that the idea of the elliptical structure of the universe is SYMBOLIC of truth. "God is the source of truth in the mind spheres; God overshadows all in the material realms." (23:#2:1) Even man's meaning grasps and value realizations are denominated "psychic circles." Linear thinking will never achieve high circle attainment. Truth expands circularly in mortal mind through experience. Since truth is ever widening, ever expanding circularly, it follows then that spirit values swing around the curved path in obedience to the incessant absolute pull of the gravity spirit of the Eternal Son and returns to its Paradise Source.

Rather than being mathematically round--wanting in creative imagination and beautiful complexity--the physical universe is symmetrically and truthfully elliptic. The ellipticity of truth is reflected in the pattern of the cosmos. THE COSMOS IS PATTERNED BY TRUTH.

--Georgia Gecht

HAS SCIENCE DISCOVERED THE ULTIMATON?

In the June 1971 issue of Scientific American there is a most interesting article entitled "The Structure of the Proton and the Neutron."

The authors, Drs. Henry W. Kendall and Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky, while researching the internal structure of the atom at the Stanford University Linear Accelerator Center, have come upon startling results in the course of tests. The results indicate "the way ultrahigh-energy electrons are scattered by protons and neutrons suggest that these elementary nuclear particles have a complex internal structure consisting of pointlike entities called partons."

In Paper 42, "Energy--Mind and Matter," of the Urantia Book, the existence of the ultimatton is revealed. The ultimatton is described as a "minute sphere" and being "the first measurable form of energy" as well as "the basic unit of materialized energy."

One hundred ultimattons are required to form a typical electron. It is further stated, "The entire segregation and grouping of electronic matter, together with electric differentiation of negative and positive bodies of energy-matter (the electron and proton), result from these various functions of the component ultimattonic interassociation."

The ultimatton is the basic unit of the structure of the atom. Is the parton the ultimatton?

--Scott Forsythe

PALM SUNDAY MEETING

Vern Grimsley, founder of the Family of God radio program and dedicated student of the Urantia Book, will speak. The title of his talk:

"SO SEND I YOU"

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On Jerusem, the ascenders from isolated worlds such as Urantia "are known as the agondonters, meaning evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone."

(U.B. 579)

BIRTH

Patterns of consciousness,
Distorted by fears,
Suspended in time by traditions,
conditioning, dogma;
Consciousness suddenly made fluid, draining
out of all artificial forms and molds,
Momentarily transcending time and space,
Reminded of origin, destiny, and identity,
Begins to crystallize itself around a
radiant nucleus of faith.

Cosmic diamond crystals,
Worship-radiating to the outermost regions
of being,
Expanding-growing along rays of truth and
goodness,
Re-Forming the distorted patterns into a
reality of divine perfection.

I rest in awed submission, ready, antici-
pating,
As an ever increasing vibration
Deep within my being, signals;
The fantastic process of cosmic birth has
begun.

--David Kantor

(Ed. Note: The above poem was written by a
Urantia student now attending the University
of California at Santa Cruz.)

HOW THE URANTIA BOOK HAS INFLUENCED ME

In January 1971 I was discharged from the U. S. Army with plans to finish my college work while using the G. I. Bill. I decided not to enroll that spring, however, since I had just become interested in the Urantia Book and wanted to devote all my spare time toward studying the book. I then used the next five months to begin a serious cover to cover study of the Urantia revelation, and I quickly discovered that no other religious teaching I had come in contact was to have such a profound influence on my thoughts and actions as had the Urantia Book.

When I returned to Cal-State Fullerton in the fall of '71 I was very pleased to learn that a Department of Religious Studies was in its first years of development at CSCF. I decided then to enroll in the program and took two classes in the Religious Studies area. One of the courses, Problems in the History of Religious Thought, was divided into three major areas of study: God, Word, and Revelation. All members of the class were asked to bring in a class project which typified our comprehension of the concepts we were discussing as well as a personal statement of our own faith or beliefs. I presented readings from the Urantia Book along with a brief statement regarding the origin and history of the book with an emphasis on the Urantia Book as an example of modern day revelation.

Another class I enrolled in in the fall was called Ritual and Symbol, and I found that the Urantia Book was of invaluable aid in sorting out the factual information of our religious origins from the myths of our eastern and western traditions.

This semester my studies include a course entitled The Future of Religion, a seminar in anthropology called Alternative Futures, and a third class in which I am studying Jewish and Comparative Mysticism. At least five members of The Future of Religion class are Urantia Book readers, and the professor, Dr. Donald Gard, has welcomed our enthusiastic perspective. Dr. Gard, the chairman of the Religious Studies Department, is presently reading the copy that the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles donated to the Cal-State Fullerton Library.

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URANTIA BOOK INFLUENCE (Continued from page 2)

I see a very challenging and positive future for the Urantia revelation within the established higher educational system. Traditionally, the colleges and universities have been the proving grounds for many of the new ideas within cultures, and it is my sincere hope and desire that those individuals who are personally active in the spreading of the Urantia teachings who are also active in universities will aid in the continual growth and progressive evolution of the "good news" that we all see within the teachings of the Urantia Book. I trust that this "good news" will truly become infectious in its transforming power and that with hard work, courage, and determined optimism the teachings of the Urantia Book will become an important influence in transforming the colleges and universities into true schools of higher learning.

Let's put the universe back in the university!

--Pat McNelly

A DEDICATED URANTIAN

Julia Fenderson stands tall among those who have dedicated many years of their lives in working for the dissemination of the truths contained in the Urantia Book. She started reading the Urantia Papers in 1939, and since the Urantia Book was published in 1955 she has read it from cover to cover many times.

When Julia came to the Los Angeles area in April 1945 she knew that several families living here had read the Urantia Papers and had been regular attendants at Dr. Sadler's study forum at 533 Diversey Parkway in Chicago. She contacted these persons and organized an informal study group on religious philosophy, discussing the world's religions.

Julia served as secretary for this little band of Urantia students, and monthly meetings and picnics were held.

On October 1, 1956, the second charter in the United States was granted to this group by the Urantia Brotherhood. Fred Squires was the first president. Julia served as secretary for many years, later as vice-president and president, and is now membership chairman.

Several years ago she was appointed Western Field Representative by the Urantia Brotherhood. She also serves on the Brotherhood Council which meets every August in Chicago. As Field Representative, her duties include visiting other study groups, assisting in the formation of new societies, and answering requests for information from new students.

During this time she has also carried on the family obligations of wife, mother, and grandmother. Now she has more time to devote to the Urantia movement which is so important in her life.

STUDY GROUPS

Julia Fenderson hosts a group in Culver City every second Thursday of the month beginning at 8 p.m.; (213) 838-3215

James McNelly of Fullerton, 114 E. Glenwood, hosts a group every third Friday, 8 p.m.

Marley Stevens has started to host a study group. They will meet the second and fourth Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Arts Studio, 811 E. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim. For details please call Marley Stevens, (714) 635-9773.

Georgia Gecht leads a group the second and fourth Sundays, 2 p.m. For further details, call (213) 454-8961. Classes are held in a Santa Monica location.

Jean Becker hosts a study group every Monday evening, 500 Mariposa Ave., Sierra Madre. This is a new group.

A new group starting soon will be led by Candy Johnson, 1174 N. Mariposa, Los Angeles. For further details call (213) 664-1691. The meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Polly Parke leads a study group on Friday evenings in the San Fernando Valley. Call (213) 360-5048 for details.

Stanley Colobrese, a professor in Bakersfield is starting a study group.

According to reports, Bill Fenderson, one of our editors, has made progress in his health. We love and appreciate you, Bill.