

LETTER No 16

FIFTH REVELATION UNFOLDING

I- REVELATION PREPARATION

Revelations are most carefully prepared; for instance, about the fourth Revelation it is said: " *It will hardly be possible fully to explain the many reasons which led to the selection of Palestine as the land for Michael's bestowal, and especially as to just why the family of Joseph and Mary should have been chosen ...*" (122/0/1)

We are inherently led to think that, like for the previous Revelations, the Invisible Brotherhood has most carefully got ready the fifth Revelation concerning above all the choice of: first - the means, second - the whereabouts, third - the human personalities

1- The choice of means : A BOOK.

Modern vehicle of ideas. So, every individual, every home, has the whole Fifth Revelation at his complete and immediate disposal - without any intermediary. While reading the Book, let us be fully grateful and honor the authors of the papers; this wide range of personalities, from the Uversa Divine Counselors through the Melchizedeks, the Archangels, The Chief of Seraphim, to the midwayers.

2- The choice of the whereabouts : CHICAGO.

In fact, we notice that historically this country was geographically outside the 1939-1945 war.

Socially, this country, being only two centuries old is therefore much less embarrassed with traditions.

Its inhabitants origins are first from European countries, then from the other continents. Therefore the U.S.A. are the country which has the fewest religious prejudices and the most possibilities for the spreading of the Fifth Revelation throughout the world.

Next, linguistic importance, English is the most widely spread language in the world.

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3- The choice of human personalities : Doctor SADLER.

Doctor Sadler was a highly respected psychiatrist who is sometimes referred to as the father of American psychiatry. For many years, he taught at the post-graduate school of medicine at Chicago University and for almost thirty years he was a lecturer in Pastoral Counseling at Mc Cormick Theological Seminary.

II- THE FIRST PHASE : Receiving the Revelation Texts.

These texts were received at Chicago by a small group of persons led by Dr William S. Sadler through a contact personality. The Revelators asked to keep secret the name of the individual who was used in some way in the materialization of the URANTIA papers as well as details associated with this materialization. They want this Revelation to stand on its own declarations and teachings. They are determined that future generations shall have the book wholly free from all mortal connections - they do not want a St Peter, St Paul, Luther, Calvin or Wesley. The Book does not even bear the imprint of the printer who brought the book into being.

The technique of the reception of the URANTIA Book in english in no way parallels or impinges upon any phenomenon of the marginal consciousness. And it is the Book that a precision is given about the technique used : *"On many worlds, the better adapted secondary midway creatures are able to attain varying degrees of contact with the Thought Adjusters of certain favorably constituted mortals through the skilful penetration of the minds of the latter indwelling. (And it was by such a fortuitous combination of cosmic adjustments that these revelations were materialized in the English language on Urantia.)"* (114/7/9)

Concerning the contact personality, it is written :

"The Adjuster of the human being through whom this communication is being made enjoys such a wide scope of activity chiefly because of this human's almost complete indifference to any outward manifestations of the Adjuster's inner presence; it is indeed fortunate that he remains consciously quite unconcerned about the entire procedure. He holds one of the highly experienced Adjusters of his day and generation, and yet his passive reaction to, and inactive concern toward, the phenomena associated with the presence in his mind of this versatile Adjuster is pronounced by the guardian of destiny to be a rare and fortuitous reaction. And all this constitutes a favorable co-ordination of influences, favorable both to the Adjuster in the higher sphere of action and to the human partner from the standpoints of health, efficiency, and tranquillity." (110/5/7/)

Concerning the limitations of Revelation, the Book affords precisions, see paper 101, chapter 4, and paper 92, chapter 4, paragraph 9.

Previous to the beginning of the Revelation coming, a group of people from all walks of life were meeting at the Sadler residence as a psychological-medical discussion group. It was known as "THE FORUM". This group was in communication with the revelators, these persons then studied the papers as they came. In 1939, the revelators requested the leaders of the Forum ask for volunteers who should meet each Wednesday evening to seriously and systematically study the URANTIA papers. Seventy persons volunteered and they became known as "the SEVENTY". The Seventy were trained by directives from the revelators and their own leaders up to the time of the publication of The URANTIA* Book. Special emphasis was placed on the evolutionary nature of the acceptance of new truth and the danger of using broadcast, indiscriminate, or revolutionary methods in presenting the message of The URANTIA* Book.

Once again, and for the same reason of secrecy, the revelators asked for the destruction of every manuscript.

After many years of study and discipline, they were given permission to publish the book. They were told the book did not belong to the era in which they were living but would slowly take root in our society in the years to come. An early publication of the

Book was given, they were told, so that leaders and teachers may be trained and so that men of means may be found to provide for translations into other languages. The cost of the first printing was \$75,000, all of which was raised by voluntary contributions of those who had been members of the Forum.

In connection with the mandate for the publication of 'The URANTIA* Book, were given some admonitions among which we quote first:

" You are called to a great work and yours is to be a transcendent privilege to present this revelation to the peoples of this strife-torn world.

Supercilious scientists will ridicule you and some may even charge you with collusion and fraud. Well meaning religionists will condemn you as enemies of the Christian religion and accuse you of difaming Christ himself.

Thousands of spiritually hungry souls will bless you for the message you bring, and thousands of others will condemn you for disturbing their theologic complacence.

Are you ready for your baptism of joys and sorrows which will certainly attend upon the early distribution of the URANTIA Revelation ? "

Other instructions given by the Revelators about the future unfolding of the Fifth Revelation:

1/ Protect the text of the Book.

2/ Translate the Book into the main languages and find men of means to provide for those translations.

3/ Spread the Book from person to person.

4/ Form thousands and thousands of study groups from which will raise leaders and teachers.

Beside those instructions from revelators, one of the "seventy" gave us a personal point of view about large meetings: they are dangerous, she said, because the Fifth Revelation has to be evolutionary known on the whole planet through the wordly spread study groups. The study groups members will progressively gather, and eventually wide meetings will take place. But now, such wide meetings are dangerous because they look sect-like, particularly seen from outside.

Commentaries about the revelators' instructions:

1/ The text must be protected in behalf of future generations and to avoid quoting sentences out of their context.

2/ The translations are linked with the Fifth Revelation spreading plan for the whole world, they are essential:

-on the individual level: to grasp the gist of a concept, implies it being read in one's mother tongue.

-on the planetary level: translations are the only means for all the peoples of the world to become acquainted with the Fifth Revelation through the growing number of study groups.

3/ Spreading of the Book from person to person: indeed, this process implies contact and adaptation of one personality to another, and also avoids a misutilization of the Book. Today, readers spiritually implied in the spreading of the Book message understand this sound instruction.

4/ Study groups form the very basis of the brotherhood; they foster spiritual ripening.

Those instructions form a part of the strategy of the Fifth Revelation unfolding on the planet.

Then, the revelators left the planet saying:

"NOW, YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN"

This is the end of the first phase.

III. SECOND PHASE

The revelators have left the planet. Doctor Sadler, the Forum, and the "Seventy" are in the same position as were Jesus' apostles and disciples on the evening of Pentecost. They have to face a huge responsibility.

URANTIA Foundation was established as a non-profit, educational organization in 1950 and they published The URANTIA* Book under international copyright on October 12, 1955. URANTIA Brotherhood was also organized in 1955 as an ecumenical fellowship of people interested in studying and disseminating the teachings of The URANTIA* Book. Both organizations have offices at:

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In France, in 1955, J. Weiss received from a forum member friend, a copy of The URANTIA* Book; he undertook its translation into French and published it in 1962 under the title "La Cosmogonie d'URANTIA" in three volumes. In 1982, URANTIA Brotherhood re-published this same French translation under the right title "Le Livre d'URANTIA" in one volume.

In August 1982, a correction of this French translation has been undertaken by a french team of three members, one of whom is bilingual, and another an English teacher. This anonymous work will be finished by summer 1989 and proposed to the URANTIA Foundation.

Since 1980, it seems that some readers become conscious of the importance of translations. Translations into Dutch, Finish, Italian and chinese are going on. URANTIA Brotherhood, itself, sponsors a spanish translation.

Jesus, just before leaving, relieved of his functions Andrew, the chief of the apostles, without appointing anybody else. The parallel between Andrew and Sadler discloses that there is no planetary chief; that everyone is alone with his Book, directly depending on the divine gifts: The Father through his personal Thought Adjuster, Jesus through the Spirit of Truth, and his Seraphic Guardian always by his side.

The future is not open to our mortal comprehension, but we will do well to diligently study the order, plan and methods of progression as they were enacted in the earth life of Michael when the Word was made flesh. We are becoming actors in an ensuing episode when the Word is made book. Great is the difference in these dispensations of religion, but many are the lessons which can be learned from a study of the former age.

Any person reperussing this Revelation becomes a worker of the Supreme. Each of these persons will reflect his personal interpretation, but being in plain truth engaged, will be acting according to his or her personal Thought Adjuster, and a united movement will ensue. Any divergence ought to be wisely studied, then converted into progress or forsaken.

This planetary spreading of the Revelation needs a geographical center of reference and coordination; this is one of the functions performed by the URANTIA Brotherhood of Chicago.

IV. THIRD PHASE : The Book Epoch.

Morality then reigns over minds which *"have gained comparative deliverance from the shackles of animalism and from the fetters of materialism"* (20/9/1)

The Book, translated into the main languages has now taken root in the whole world. Throughout all countries, many study groups are functioning. Large gatherings take place.

Several of the main religious leaders adapt their dogmas to the Fifth Revelation. Minds, through their evolution will be soon ready to welcome a Revelator of Truth. It will then be the fourth phase.

EPILOGUE

Our epoch is the second phase epoch, and it will go on as long as the Revelators instructions are not wholly carried out. If, per chance, we would try to anticipate the third phase, if we would go right though, we would fail as was the case for the first two Revelations. We were told: *"Impatience is a spirit poison."*

Everyone of us is concerned in the unfolding of this second phase. Let us be certain that all persons implied in this Fifth Revelation unfolding give, or have given, the best of themselves. And when at variance, let us use this situation to acquire a better mutual understanding which is convertible into fraternal friendship.

But, above all, we must remain united, and unity depends on each of us through our personal submission to the incitements of our Thought Adjuster. Let us fit to Jesus' words pronounced at the last supper: *"Be you all as brethren. And when the Kingdom grows to embrace large groups of believers, likewise should you refrain from contending for greatness or seeking preferment between such groups."* (179/5/7)

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