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on Human destiny

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REVELATION : STRATEGY OF DEVELOPPMENT

" Be you perfect even as I am perfect."

God our father invites us because He knows that perfection is the creature's evolution attainment, he also knows that she can't reach perfection without his help. God, our Father is love and mercy and when those two qualities act together they become ministry.

This divine ministry is put into practice:

- Through the Thought Adjusters as acting in the creature's mind and functions as a technique of conjoint revelational evolution. In this process the creature's choices are sovereign.
- Through the spirit of truth, a gift of Jesus to the human mind, to guide us toward truth.

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- Through the Invisible Brotherhood, from the top of the hierarchy to the midwayers as they function on planets. This ministry then, is part of a whole revelatory plan which is described in paper 52.

We would like to put back the URANTIA papers in this third manifestation of our heavenly Father's love and mercy, try to understand the motives, look into the foreseeable consequences and work out an organizational and strategical plan of development in harmony with our unseen friends for the unselfish service of our planetary Brothers and Sisters and the hightening of the spiritual level of URANTIA.

While reading URANTIA papers number 52 and seq., we notice that the global material, intellectual and spiritual evolutions of a given planet proceed in a progressive, simultaneous and well ordered way with discontinuities punctuated, as they evolve, with successive Revelations. That's why the Revelations are not some unrelated events of a planet life for evolution itself connects them together. From a careful study of paper 52, we could reason out what would the next URANTIA Revelation be if our planet was not a decimal one !

Then, the URANTIA papers fit into a modified pattern, which has been worked out by some personalities of the highest spiritual level in our seventh superuniverses. Those papers are may be the adequate answer in response to those questions the present level of material, intellectual and spiritual level of URANTIA has accumulated since the last Revelation.

Always, evolution and spiritual progression have been restrained by prejudices and ignorance specially on our planet where the consequence of the Lucifer rebellion led to quarantine and universal circuits rupture (Paper 53). The imminent Lucifer judgment should be followed by the end of that quarantine and the nomination of a new planetary Prince . Therefore it would be logical the Invisible Brotherhood intervenes to prepare this new coming period and helps the struggle of URANTIA populations against the ignorance in which the quarantine immersed them. The URANTIA papers should seem to answer this double purpose. The picture of the entire life is slowly reconstituting, helping us to come to a better and larger understanding of things, meanings and values, a bit like this helicopter passenger who discovers the road that led him before to the heliport. He can see the traffic jam and the possible diversions, the unrolling of hills and the sequence of villages, the cutting of fields and woods. While contemplating the unfolding landscape from his helicopter, he realizes the road fits into a global plan, the different parts of the landscape are interdependent. While driving to the heliport he experienced the curves of the road, now while flying over he understands its laying out its difficulties and can help for.

In my opinion, to live cosmically is a bit like this. To understand the global plan and try to join, in recognizing the urges, the joy and the educative and formative earthly life values, but also in setting his ideals and motives on the spiritual level, the level of the soul, of the unselfish service, the quality of personal relationship and the desire to do our Father's will.

To that extend, the URANTIA Book is a precious tool, therefore, the study meditation and the experience of its teachings should enlighten our mind " the arena of choice " and enable us to make choices clother to our Father's will. Our happiness is proportional to our cosmical adaptation.

In many years from now, I think the URANTIA Book will become the bed-side book of the inhabitants of our planet. The life of the soul, the survival will become a reality for most of the men cleared from all secular traditions. This also means that we will be reconnected with the universe for we will be intellectually and spiritually

conscious of the Invisible Brotherhood. Then, we will live the fourth phase of the Kingdom, " the next age of man " the idea Jesus has developed in paper 170.

But it's not yet the time and we should prepare those great events by trying to live among ourselves and in our daily life the phase number two of the Kingdom, by studying, protecting, translating, and spreading those papers with wisdom and discrimination.

Let's organize in order to welcome in due time spiritually hungry people that certainly will knock on the door of the Spiritual Brotherhood of believers.

In East Europe, after more than 40 years of Stalinism and freedom frustration, the maturation of events has become such that suddenly the Gorbatchevian spark has caused the explosion. Within 48 hours the Berlin Wall collapsed and we can see incredible changes unthinkable a few hours earlier. To be accepted by the population itself and by the international community, the changes must be done from inside. The old totalitarian system collapses but fortunately a higher system of social organization does exist and is available: Democracy.

Within the decades to come, I think that sudden and swift changes will occur in the religious domain. Is this present slow maturation process period used to prepare this spiritual alternative represented by the Fifth Revelation ? Is the reactualized message of Jesus ready to remove in the main languages, metaphysical anxieties that will undoubtedly beset men ? Is the example given by the quality of relationship between our organisations that are supposed to spread this new gospel, so attractive that they become centers of spiritual attraction ? Are the study groups sufficiently spread throughout the world to welcome those new truth seekers ?

When the *profit* for profit motivation will be replaced by the *service* motivation, when money will represent no more than a means to the service of spiritual causes instead of an end in itself, when Truth, Beauty and Goodness climb the scale of values, so that, they take the first place in the heart of men, will the task we think we have been in charge of by the Invisible Brotherhood be carried out?

The level of saturation, enabling URANTIA to reject, from inside, this unbridled run toward selfish profits that starves two thirds of the planet has not yet been reached. But, is the present level very far from it ?

Profit motivation has not yet been replaced by Service motivation. Therefore very few Brothers do accept those papers and this confirms the idea that we are at the beginning of the preparation phase. Let's not take shortcuts. In my opinion it would be dangerous and immature to look for the the quantity of readers " at all costs", before, we must be organized. We need to organize throughout the world many nuclei of really reborn women and men, who understand what evolution is, cosmically live in their daily life Jesus' Gospel and bear the spiritual fruits.

The URANTIA Book is a creation of the Invisible Brotherhood and the desire to enter their service begins by the concern to obey to the guidelines the Revelators have given and which become meaningful with what has been said before. Let's remember those four guidelines.

Protect the original text:

The Gospel of Jesus is reactualized, adapted to the new centuries to come. It disturbs the settled ideas, as Jesus disturbed the scribes and preachers of the Temple, it restores the truth and proposes a planetary acceptable religion without material or intellectual constraint. With care we must watch over the original text not being modify and precisely this is the role of the Foundation copyright. According to the Bern

Convention, the U.S.A recently signed (End of 1988), 15 years remains before the end of the legal protection. The original text is spread out enough to be self-protected and the end of the copyright will not bring trouble.

But to protect the text is also to prevent from unfair use by authors looking for fiction material, or so.

To me, what's happening in Spain is much more significant than legal or illegal use of the word URANTIA or the three concentric circles by Urantian dedicated associations or societies for they are only distinctive trade marks and not a part of the Revelation itself. Indeed, for several years, a Spanish author, Juan BENITEZ, has produced novels and fictions that include pages and pages from the URANTIA Book, punctuated with personal comments as Joshua loved to play war games and other rubbish of that kind. A public controversial discussion about this concern has been worked out in Spain. The plagiarism is such that in front of a law court this author would loose for sure. We have informed many times the Foundation since 1985. To me, this sets a dangerous precedent. " Defend it or loose it " as say our U.S friends !

But the protection of the text does not concern only the legal aspect. It has also to do with translations and here we deal with the second of the revelators advices.

Translations:

They remain the only way for a planetary spreading of the Revelation. If the french translation had not been made , no french speaking groups of readers would have budded throughout the world. The community of readers must produce very high quality translations, reflecting as objectively and faithfully as possible not only ideas and concepts but also and most especially the spirit and the spiritual fragrance of the text and this requires from the translators specific qualities (depicted in Henri BEGEMANN's article: " Translating the URANTIA Book " printed in the Letter number 22) that professional translators obviously cannot hold.

A translation that would be in accordance with the statements of BEGEMANN's article would stand on itself as a reference and I think that nobody would need to have a second one. If such was not the case, then we would see in a near future several translations in any particular language. The URANTIA Book is surely on the way to become a bestseller in a few decades and the copyright that protects it from " slashed " translations will cease in 15 years. Then, if great quality translations are nor available at that time, we run the risk to see on the market, poor, mutilated , interpreted even perverted translations, striking a blow to the spirit of the Revelation. To protect the Revelation is also to think, to anticipate and to act on this domain.

We are a group of readers having actively in mind the advisability of building a network of dedicated readers from all countries, willing and capable to translate benevolently and together create an international agency whose purpose would be to guide, advise and take in charge the coming problems concerning translations, whose capability and seriousness would be built on the spiritual, intellectual and technical qualities of its members and whose undeniable moral weight would guarantee the readers of the quality of translations. At the same time his natural authority would prevent from future outbursts.

Readers interested in translating are welcome and must contact the C.E.R.D.H. Many translators have already joined and a gathering has been planned during the Passover vacations in Montvillargenne (France).

The book from person to person:

The URANTIA Book holds concepts and ideas that are not yet ready to be accepted by international communities. Those concepts and ideas could be attacked by

ill-disposed individuals who could criticize and isolate them from their context or use them to achieve a personal and selfish purpose. We live in the times of preparation and we must be " sly as the snake but harmless as the dove ". As long as the events were not mature, Jesus did not try to enter in open conflict with the Sanhedrin, on the contrary he did flee the contact despairing Simon and Judas... In my opinion, it would be wise not to use advertisement or marketing. The reader ready to get the Book will find it anyway. The Invisible Brotherhood is at work. If we did not wholeheartedly believe this, we would have then no faith in their " service ".

This does not mean that we should remain passive, not at all, everyone of us has his role to play for the spreading of the URANTIA teachings, through the technique of person to person contact. This contact should be established through the contagiousness of unselfish love. The life of the reader should be an inspiring and attractive example, so that the truth seeker would come to the point of asking himself what leads the reader to so behave. This technique is the most efficient for it uses the call of the spirit. It must be clear that the book itself does not make the believer bear the fruits of the spirit and I often listen to people who say: " I do not need the URANTIA Book in order to experience my faith in God and serve my Brothers ". For sure they are right, but I would state also that:

" Man's terrestrial orientation, his cosmic insight, and his spiritual directionization are all enhanced by a better comprehension of universe realities and their techniques of interassociation, integration, and unification. " (106.0.1)

And it's precisely what reading the URANTIA Book brings.

The technique the Revelators recommend us is the contact of person to person: one is giving, the other receiving. Bonds of friendship thus weave between readers and the spiritual kingdom of the Father will become harmoniously established. This new Human Brotherhood on URANTIA must be created according to this technique of service. Those readers who live phase number one of the Kingdom (170.4.2) will spontaneously gather together to study the Book and form study-group. Thus becoming the social body of the movement.

The study groups:

Jesus also came on URANTIA to bring a new Revelation of his Father to the people of the planet. The first believers, like Paul, while substituting the idea of a social institution - the church - to the Kingdom of God in the human heart, then, the catholic church while appropriating Jesus as the redeemer of its faithful have emptied Jesus' message of the planetary meaning to confine it in a deviated and indirect religion. Obviously, the other races or people whose traditions are not Christian, don't recognize Jesus as their spiritual guide.

The Fifth Revelation is a planetary one and it would be dangerous for its unfolding to repeat the same error and to associate the Urantia Book with a group, a race, a country, a continent. Likewise it would be an error to confine the Fifth Revelation in a structure such as a society , a Brotherhood or a church with member cards, subscriptions, president, privileges and of course the without rank, the excluded, the for and against, the power rivalries, the internal struggles for the mastering of control, the ego conflicts, the frantic run for the " efficiency at all cost ", leaving out spontaneity, creativity and differences.

In the meantime we should be organized and the means to accomplish the task that seems to be given to us should be given. A deep consideration is essential and

necessary for it conditions at the end our success or failure, our union or desunion; it builds our future. The basements that are built today will decide of the design of the house of tomorrow.

This organization should be:

- The social expression of our faith and unity in God. The social natural inevitable consequence of the individual believer fruits of the spirit.
- A center for consideration, maturation and profound study of the reactualized teachings of the Godspel of Jesus and the associated cosmology of the Fifth Revelation and also a center for preparation and training of leaders and teachers.
- Finally, a driving belt, a tool enabling us to prepare the future, to bring in operation the strategy the Revelators worked out for the spreading of the Revelation on URANTIA.

This organization should be able to:

- Stimulate the spiritual growth of every one through the fraternal and intimate association with other believers; preserve our spiritual unity in God the Father of all and in Jesus our creator.
- Promote the necessary tolerance and flexibility to free and enriching expressions of different opinions and interpretations.
- Answer both on the local and the planetary level the needs for association of God seekers and integrate the diverse levels of socialization.

Our success will be measured by the spiritual fragrance our association will exhale, by the inspiration it will cause, by the attraction it will provoke on the truth seekers and by capability as a living organism to evolve, to adapt itself to the necessity of times and events, to incorporate the different races, cultures and religious expressions.

This living organism is may be already coming into existence for it is the sum of the dissiminated study groups throughout the planet that have started establishing contact among themselves and progressively generate a natural structure.

This " living organism " will take credit in respecting the creativity, spontaneousness and unicity of groups as well as their social, cultural and religious background. Merely on the level of group associations, simple rules of representativeness will progressively occur.

Each study group will be organized at one's convenience so that it meets the preoccupations, the manifested and unmanifested needs in accordance with the field it grows on. The study group is concerned with the study of the Book, but also it is a training fields where the teachings of the Book can be put in practice in the very heart of the group. It is at the same time a psychological support, an intellectual upholder and a fraternal and spiritual family. Most of the time a leader is required to consolidate the group. But a leader as Jesus was a leader !

This group association will enable us to resolve problems that are beyond the group level. This federation will organize its functioning on the representative model

and will be endowed with the means that will enable it to live and to function. Merely concerned with material problems, it will take in charge translations, sponsor and uphold study groups and resolve other difficulties that will arise for sure.

The secret of the success lies on the actual experience of phase one of the Kingdom (170-4-2): " The personal and inward experience of the spiritual life of the fellowship of individual believer with God the Father " for those believers will act in harmony with the divine gifts that urge to follow the same way. On that level of behaviour, the intellectual differences are left behind.

Representativeness is the universal method that rules group functioning. It is based upon voluntarism and ability. The spiritual maturity of the members is the cornerstone of the harmonious and unselfish functioning of the group.

This article is only a frame for meditation and consideration. We are waiting for reader and study group commentaries and we would share their view on how to be organized.

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LAWS

Ever since Roger BACON science has been organized so as to discover the laws of our physical world. The work is certainly not complete, but everybody is aware of the progress made. However, we know quite well that beyond physical laws, mental and spiritual laws must exist. The Urantia Book not only tells us that these laws do exist but gives many examples.

We can find either simple principles, the equivalent, in a way, of the principles of thermodynamics.

Examples:

- " Cosmic mind is conditioned by time." (9-4-4)
- " Space is measured by time, not time by space." (130-4-5)
- " Cosmic mind, when not associated with either energy or spirit, is subject to the gravity demands of neither material nor spiritual circuits."
(9-6-5)

Or true laws of proportionality. These laws may be physical as :

- " *The anywhere-present velocity of energy represent : the initial endowment of velocity, minus retardation by mass encountered in transit, plus the regulatory function of the living energy controllers of the superuniverse and the physical influence of near-by highly heated or heavily charged bodies.*" (15-8-6)

Or as :

- " *The increase of mass in matter is equal to the increase of energy divided by the square of the velocity of light. In a dynamic sense the work which resting matter can perform is equal to the energy expended in bringing its parts together from Paradise minus the resistance of the forces overcome in transit and the attraction exerted by the parts of matter on one another.*" (42-4-1)

Mental, social or spiritual laws are somewhat more complexe for they may include one domain or the whole of the non-physical data.

- " *The argumentative defense of any propotion is inversely proportional to the truth contained.*" (48-7-28)

- " *There is a direct relationship between maturity and the unit of time conciousness in any given intellect.*" (118-1-3)

- " *The mass of experience is determined by depth of concept plus totality of recognition of the reality of the external.*" (102-4-3)

- " *The motion of experience equals the force of expectant imagination plus the keenness of the sensory discovery of the external qualities of contacted reality.*" (102-4-3)

- " *The population must vary directly in accordance with the land arts and inversly with a given standard of living.*" (68-5-9)
Cf: The evolution of the moves is always dependent on the land-man ratio.

- " *The extent of civil government and statutory regulation, in an intermediate state of advancing civilization, is in inverse proportion to the morality and spirituality of the citizenship.*" (55-5-2)

- " *Woman's social position has generally varied inversely with the degree of militarism in any nation or age.*" (84-5-1)

- " *The truth and maturity of any religion is directly proportionnal to its concept of the infinite personality of God and to its grasp of the absolute unity of Deity.*" (1-5-8)

- " *Our ideals tend to grow by geometrical progression, while our ability to live up to them in enhanced only by arithmetical progression.*" (103-4-2)

- " *Spirituality in time and space is measured inversely to the linear-gravity response.*" (42-11-3)

- " *Spiritual development is determined by capicity therefore"*

(i.e the ability to discover beauty in things, reconize truth in meanings and discover goodness in values)

" and is directly proportional to the elimination of the selfish qualities of love." (100-2-2)

- " The element of error present in human religious experience is directly proportionnal to the content of materialism which contaminates the spiritual concept of the Universal Father." (102-4-5)

- " Spiritual assurance is the equivalent of your personal religious experience in the eternal realities of divine truth and is otherwise equal to your intelligent understanding of truth realities plus your spiritual faith and minus your honest doubts." (138-4-6 146-3-1)

- " Mortals will sometime realize that success in the quest of the infinite is directly proportional to achievement of Fatherlikeness." (106-9-8)

*- " The degree of the apparent actualization of this threefold Trinity" (i.e The Trinity of Trinities)
" is directly proportional to the disappearance of the qualifications and imperfections of reality in the cosmos." (106-9-1)*

These are but a few examples picked up here and there as I was reading the Book, but if some readers would go deeper, let them feel free to let us know about the laws they themselves have discovered. The competition is open to all and includes a classification which has just been started here. The prize for the best classification will be presented on Jerusem at an unrevealed date.

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