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# THE LETTER

*"By the spirit fruits of your lives impels souls to believe the truth that man is a son of God, and that all men are brethren" (193-5-2)*

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As a prelude to our meeting in Haguenau you will find a text which will help you to think over something fundamental in the life of a human being, namely : what is doing the Father's will ?

Once you have taken that first step you will realize that it is not the end of the difficulties, for Lucifer has (wilyly) used our desire for liberty to make us accept *his* Declaration of Liberty, whereas *true* liberty is a just aspiration of evolutionary beings.

Very happily, a number of persons have been placed at strategic points to counter his sophistries, they are the members of the Reserve Corps of Destiny. Every true Urantian believer should aspire to be a member, but it is so simple ?



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- *Andrew*—"admired Jesus because of his consistent sincerity, his unaffected dignity."
- *Peter*—"The one trait Peter most admired in Jesus was his supernal tenderness. Peter never grew weary of contemplating Jesus forbearance. He never forgot the lesson about forgiving the wrongdoers, not only seven times but seventy times and seven."
- *James*—"That characteristic of Jesus which James most admired was the Master's sympathetic affection, Jesus' understanding interest in the small and the great, the rich and the poor, made a great appeal to him."
- *John*—"Those characteristics of Jesus which John most appreciated were the Master's love and unselfishness."
- *Philip*—"The one quality about Jesus which Philip so continuously admired was the Master's unfailing generosity. Never could Philip find anything in Jesus which was small, niggardly, or stingy, and he worshiped this ever-present and unfailing liberality."
- *Nathaniel*—"most revered Jesus for his tolerance. He never grew weary of contemplating the broadmindedness and generous sympathy of the Son of Man".
- *Matthew*—"It was the Master's forgiving disposition which Matthew most appreciated."
- *Thomas*—"The other apostles held Jesus in reverence because of some special and outstanding trait of his replete personality, but Thomas revered his Master because of his superbly balanced character. Increasingly Thomas admired and honored one who was so lovingly merciful yet so inflexibly just and fair; so firm but never obstinate; so calm but never indifferent; so helpful and so sympathetic but never meddlesome or dictatorial; so strong but at the same time so gentle; so positive but never rough or rude; so tender but never vacillating; so pure and innocent but at the same time so virile, aggressive, and forceful; so truly courageous but never rash or foolhardy; such a lover of nature but so free from all tendency to revere nature; so humorous and so playful, but so free from levity and frivolity. It was this matchless symmetry of personality that so charmed Thomas. He probably enjoyed the highest intellectual understanding and personality appreciation of Jesus of any of the twelve."
- *James*—"Alpheus especially loved Jesus because of the Master's simplicity."
- *Judas*—"Alpheus was drawn toward Jesus because of the Master's unostentatious humility. Such humility linked with such personal dignity made a great appeal to Judas. The fact that Jesus would always enjoin silence regarding his unusual acts made a great impression on this simple child of nature".
- *Simon the zealot*—"The one thing about Jesus which Simon so much admired was the Master's calmness, his assurance, poise and inexplicable composure."
- *Judas*—"There was no special trait about Jesus which Judas admired above the generally attractive and exquisitely charming personality of the Master."

Here again are some precious characteristics :



### IN WHICH CIRCUMSTANCES CAN WE DO THE FATHER'S WILL ?

It is by priority in the mobility of any action and in the way of acting that we are called to do the Father's will. «And fail not to remember that the will of God can be done in any earthly occupation. Some callings are not holy and others secular. All things are sacred in the lives of those who are spirit led ; that is subordinated to truth, ennobled by love, dominated by mercy and restrained by fairness- justice. The spirit which my Father and I shall send into the world is not only the Spirit of Truth but also the Spirit of idealistic beauty.» (1732-D)

We say in conclusion that realisation in itself is of secondary importance in God's view. « Even the *work* of this world, paramount though it is, is not nearly so important as the *way* in which you do this work.» (435-D).

Finally, to do the Father's will, is to follow Jesus.

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### THE SOPHISTRIES OF LUCIFER.

**I**n our ascension career we have to go through many tests before we can become the courageous, wise, loyal and well-balanced univers children the Urantia book tells us about. Living in the strife-torn system of Satania it is inevitable that, during the course of this training, we are exposed to the sophistries of Lucifer at one stage or another.

Over the past year a lot of «New Age» material has been brought to my attention. As I always like to approach new «truths» with a fair and open mind I could see there was some excellent material among it, some of which would greatly benefit the planet as a whole and also the individual in becoming a more joyful and happier person. I could even overlook certain discrepancies in the cosmography of the Master Universe (some books claim this to be the Twelfth Universe). However I could not accept some of the «truths» and «Omnific laws» that were so lovingly presented regarding God or the Omnific Presence, the story of creation, the status of Jesus and all of mankind, just to mention a few. I could clearly recognize the

sophistries of Lucifer all over again, only presented in and up to date version.

The Urantia book tells us :

«Lucifer charged that the Universal Father did not really exist, that physical gravity and space energy were inherent in the universe, and that the Father was a myth invented by the Paradise Sons to enable them to maintain the rule of the universes in the Father's name. He denied that personality was a gift of the Universal Father. He even intimated that the finalizers were in collusion with the Paradise Sons to foist fraud upon all creation since they never brought back a very clear-cut idea of the Father's actual personality as it is discernible on Paradise.» (603 C)

In one of these New Age writings I read :  
«No one can describe the Source as such, as no one ever created has been close enough to gather this information.» (Partaking of Truth» Vol 31 Chapter 1)

On page 32 B of the Urantia book a Divine Counselor says : «I have served as a Divine Counselor in all seven of the

superuniverses and have long resided at the Paradise center of all things. Many times have I enjoyed the supreme pleasure of a sojourn in the immediate personal presence of the Universal Father. I portray the reality and truth of the Father's nature and attributes with unchallengeable authority; I know whereof I speak.»

«Partaking of Truth « continues :

«So is my assumption rather than the documented Truth. Compare the Energy-field to a whirl-pool in which an unseen center attracts and repulses particles of light on a pulsating motion. This is similar to a heart beat, yet timed so speedily that the beat as such can not be perceived as a substance either, it is pure energy only.» (Partaking of Truth - vol 31 chapter 1)

The Urantia book tells us :

God is primal reality in the spirit world; God is the source of truth in the mind spheres;

God overshadows all throughout the material realm. To all created intelligences God is personality, and to the universe of universes he is the First Source and Center of eternal reality. God is neither manlike nor machinelike. The First Father is universal spirit, eternal truth, infinite reality, and father personality. (23-D)

In another New Age book it states: «We prefer not to use the word God in speaking of the ultimate creative force of the universe. Primarily because the word God in your society has become masculinized and requires the use of the masculine pronoun, thus perpetuating the personification of the universal creative force, which is ethereal and not physical. This cannot be personified...» («Messages from Michael» P.23

On the other hand The Urantia book teaches us : Notwithstanding that God is an eternal power, a majestic presence, a transcendant ideal, and a glorious spirit,

though he is all these and infinitely more, nonetheless, he is truly and everlastingly a perfect Creator personality, a person who can «know and be known», who «can love and be loved», and one who can befriend us; while you can be known, and other humans have been known, as the friend of God. He is a real spirit, and a spirit reality.»(28-C)

Primitive religion had many personals gods, and they were fashioned in the image of man. Revelation affirms the validity of the personality concept of God which is merely possible in the scientific postulate of a First Cause and is only provisionally suggested in the philosophic idea of Universal Unity. Only by personality approach can any person begin to comprehend the unity of God. To deny the personality of the First Source and Center leaves one only the choice of two philosophic dilemmas : materialism or pantheism. « (29-A)

The Urantia book goes on:

Lucifer contended that the local systems should be autonomous. He protested against the right of Michael, the Creator Son, to assume sovereignty of Nebadon in the name of a hypothetical Paradise Father and require all personalities to acknowledge allegiance to this unseen Father. He asserted that the whole plan of worship was a clever scheme to aggrandize the Paradise Sons. He was willing to acknowledge Michael as his Creator father but not as his God and rightful ruler. (603-D)

In vol. 2 Chapter 12 of «Partaking of Truth» it is mentioned that Jesus-Sananda is one of the so-called masters or Avatars.

«This piece of information will upset a few previous misconceptions that Jesus was the son of God. In truth you all are»

And in vol 31 Chapter 12 it says: « As can be seen from other chapters in «Partaking of Truth», Jesus-Sananda was not of any other creation than all Mankind.»

Although the Urantia book teaches us that indeed we are all sons of God, it does not put us on the same footing as Jesus, who was and still is Michael of Nebadon, a Paradise Son, our universe Father and Creator.

«To our universe and all its inhabited worlds the Sovereign Son is, to all practical intents and purposes, God.» (367-A)

The Urantia book continues :

«Most bitterly did he attack the right of the Ancient of Days - "foreign potentates" - to interfere in the affairs of the local systems and universes; These rulers he denounced as tyrants and usurpers. He exhorted his followers to believe that none of these rulers could do ought to interfere with the operation of complete home rule if men and angels only had the courage to assert themselves and boldly claim their rights.»

In the book «Messages from Michael» an entity who identifies himself as Michael says :

«...there is no more a devil than there is a God». (page 167)

«...there is no sin, only karma. There is no evil, only maya. There is no one to punish you.»

The Urantia book proceeds :

«He (Lucifer) contended that the executioners of the Ancients of Days could be debarred from functioning in the local systems if the native beings would only assert their independence. He maintained that immortality was inherent in the system personalities, that resurrection was natural and automatic, and that all beings would live eternally except for the arbitrary and unjust acts of the executioners of the Ancients of Days.»

In vol. 32 Chap.10 in "Partaking of Truth" we are given some more «truths» :

«You are perfects.

You have everlasting life.

Nothing is ever destroyed or annihilated.

Nothing but light exists.

Evil is non-created, and thus does not exist.

There is never to be an end of anything, all is infinite.»

On the other hand the Urantia book teaches us :

«As for the personality of the iniquitous one, it is deprived of a continuing life vehicle by the creature's failure to make those choices and final decisions which would have assured eternal life. When the continued embrace of sin by the associated mind culminates in complete self-identification with iniquity, then upon the cessation of life, upon cosmic dissolution, such an isolated personality is absorbed into the oversoul of creation, becoming a part of the evolving experience of the Supreme Being. Never again does it appear as a personality; its identity becomes as though it had never been. In the case of an Adjuster-indwelt personality, the experiential spirit values survive in the reality of the continuing Adjuster. «(37-C)

In "Messages from Michael" it states : «...We do not promise a paradise, or for that matter, a hell either, only progressive evolution, the ultimate state of which is bliss, and which you will achieve with or without our help.» (page 283).

And on page 22 «There is no exalted purpose behind human life. The life itself is the purpose and is only one stage of evolution, which proceeds in a awesomely ordered, unalterable line until the created in effect evolves to become the creator.»

On page 63- D of the Urantia book a Divine Counselor tells us :

«The Father desires all his creatures to be in personal communion with him. He has on Paradise a place to receive all those whose survival status and

spiritual nature make possible such attainment. Therefore settle in your philosophy now and forever : to each of you and to all of us, God is approachable , the Father is attainable, the way is open; the forces of divine love and the ways and means of divine administration are all interlocked in an effort to facilitate the advancement of every worthy intelligence of every universe to the Paradise presence of the Universal Father.»

«Creature mind does not inherently control energy; that is a Deity prerogative. But creature mind can and does manipulate energy just in so far as it has become master of the energy secrets of the physical universe.» (U.B. 1222.B)

I could go on. For in "Partaking of Truth" Vol 31 Chap 6 I read : « Personal or individual contact with the Omnific Presence can only be obtained through the Hierarchy. «

This denies the fragment of the Universal Father - the Thought Adjuster.

As the Urantia book teaches :

«Although the Universal Father is personally resident on Paradise , at the very center of the universes, he is also actually present on the worlds of space in the minds of his countless children of time, for he indwells them as the Mystery Monitors. The eternal Father is at one and the same time farthest removed from, and most intimately associated with, his planetary mortal sons». ( 1176 - A)

It is perhaps wise when you read some of this New Age material to watch out these and others Luciferic «truths».

MADELINE NOORDZY - AUSTRALIA

*Quotations are from:*

- "THE URANTIA BOOK."
- "PARTAKING OF TRUTH", Gabriel, Arch-Angel of the Realm, by a Trusted Channel in Brisbane.
- "MESSAGES FROM MICHAEL" by Chelsea Quinn Yarbro.

Report on a study group  
held in Aix-les Bains,  
March 1, 1992

Subject : The reserve corps of destiny - paper 114-7.

**T**hese few notes, taken by one participant, are not exhaustive. They can be expanded by those who participated to this study, and completed by eventual readers.

We are impressed by the importance of human beings. The humans who are mustered up in this corps become *«pivotal individuals»* to the supra-human administration of our planet. The Gods elaborate the plans for our progress and development . But they are helpless without the human

will to act.

We stumbled over the concept of *«selfconscious Adjuster»*. Even referring to the English text did not really help. There was no translation mistake here. Some of us saw them as highly

experienced Adjusters. One of our friends held that we should not waste too much energy on such small unclear points. . There are so many rich concepts in the book that we can put aside some of the more obscure parts which are too difficult to grasp at this time. So, we pushed on with our study.

Every one would wish, of course, to be part of the reserve corps. And at the same time, each feel too unworthy. But this question is unimportant. We know that to reach this statut, one must be wholly devoted to a specific task, and in a totally unselfish manner. This is the first step. Only very few of the reservists are conscious of their eventual role. This conscious members are called «*contact personalities*».

The Urantia Book, as far as we understand it, has been revealed using a number of techniques. The main one was through a contact personality whose identity must be kept secret. This person was certainly not uninteresting. It was not him that mattered, but the work which he could accomplish, totally unconsciously. The American referred to here, did not even show much interest for those papers which he was composing without knowing it, and which presented principles often different from his own. He was simply the contact part of a *fortuitous combination* of events. His mind could easily hear his Adjuster, and that was not problematic to him. His personal balance kept him from becoming fanatic.

The contact personality is of no importance by himself. There are many different revelatory techniques. The text is a self-revelation of what average humans of an epoch could comprehend of a supra-human message.

In fact, it is better that individuals do not become too important; human pride corrupts everything. These men and women are «*secretly rehearsed*» to

eventually carry missions of safeguarding some essential values on our planet. This training is assured by the combined work of Adjusters, seraphims and midwayers. The person so selected cannot expect to live an easy life, but rather to be confronted with many stimulating situations.

These persons become *key*, but we must not conceive these key positions as we ordinarily do in human terms. These individuals are not selected because of their dominant social status, but only on account of their personal values and capabilities. We are told that few of them have ever been historically known. Many have probably never been forced to face a situation where their actions would have made them aware of their status, or made the world aware of their role. We thought that, may be people like M. Sadler, have been members of the reserve corps.

We understood that the doings of a reserve corps member correspond to times where there are risks that essential truths could be lost to this world. These times rarely coincide with specific temporal events or predictable personal situation. We took as an example the possible loss of the Urantia Book. As we witness the dispute between the leaders of our organization, or at least of those who pretend to be our leaders, we are lead to believe that discreet readers are being held ready to act suddenly to save this revelation if need arises.

One of the readers shared an hypothesis which is not devoid of cleverness and humour; he was challenged by several friends, though. We have often read that sometimes the Adjuster of an elderly dying reservist transfers values to a younger reservist. We have imagined the younger reservist leading a peaceful and tranquil life. The Adjuster must then first make him conscious of his new mission; so that he may, consciously exemplify this new



value, which he must understand and experiment to make it progress. He then becomes a pivotal individual to the evolution of humanity. Now he must be constantly stimulated, awakened, utilized but without jeopardizing his free-will. His life is no longer easy but useful.

One who seeks to be useful must expect to face a difficult life: a strong character is built on stumbling blocks which one must overcome with success.

Contrary to this vision of a human subject being suddenly stimulated, another reader compared man to a funnel. He therefore receives abundant lessons from life, from his environment. He must concentrate all his efforts toward one unique goal, and dedicate himself to his sole purpose. In this way we can observe the true good will of man; whereas the previous illustration focused on materialistic resistance.

We have further observed how this paper challenged us to religious or social actions. One must be a devoted militant to the service of a cause, as opposed to a personal ambition, to be incorporated into the destiny reserve corps. To serve one's fellows in the various domains of social, political or technical fields, etc...is also an act of spiritual faith. All individuals are tested in each circumstance of their life, through their social behaviour.

We have asked a question which may have some importance: must a member of the reserve corps be a spiritually advanced individual, one who has traversed the major psychic accomplishment circles? Is not any individual who has brought material progress on our planet, and who works in the direction chosen by the supra-planetary government, a highly spiritualized being? Can one be a pivotal individual for the planet and only have a low survival potential? Are we not

mixing material progress and individual carrying specific values for civilization? We hope that some reader can help clear up our thoughts on those points.

The next issue did not find a clear answer. But the Urantia Book warns us that revelations are partial. It is the question of this famous «cosmic reserve corps» under brackets in the book. When this book was being written, this corps was more numerous than the other one and it numbered over one thousand persons. Apparently both corps have different functions. There is no link between them. We made some hypothesis: We could be part of it if we had a «cosmic conscience» much more developed than the planet's average citizen. From this point of view (even though it may seem pretentious), sincere Urantia Book readers could be well positioned.

This corps would escape to planetary narcissism and the collective ethnocentrism where most religions tarry with their medieval cosmic visions: a God for a single world in a closed cosmos. On the opposite, physicists have a perception of a vast universe, almost infinite, but they do not envisage a Creator behind this universe. Only a cosmic conscience can relate and unite a cosmic vision and the spiritual experience which both eternally characterize this rich universe.

We have also discussed the spiritual quarantine of our planet. One day, soon we hope, our world will again be encircled with the rest of the universe. We can also ask ourselves what will it change in our life? Will humans play a role in this reconnection. In this case, this task related to telediffusions could certainly not be trusted to cosmically shortsighted individuals.

At this stage of our common research, we had to address the question of Michael's return to our planet.

Our book leaves us with a dynamic message : let us not await this moment passively like some many very old sects or churches which give preference to rituals or fatalism like Indouism, Buddhism or Islam which now invade Europe with their hopeless messages.

It is probably the first time that we write a report of the points of view discussed by each readers in the group.

Therefore our discussions will not be lost. Furthermore we expect , after the diffusion of this article, that you will react. We thank in advance all those who will help us better understand the divine entities who govern us and to more readily comply with their laws of love.

DANIEL DAVIER. AIX-LES-BAINS -  
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## THIRD INTERNATIONAL ENCOUNTER OF URANTIA BOOK READERS.

From August 1, to August 8.  
At Haguenu.

There are still a few vacancies . Most of those who have reserved up to now come from outside France. They come from the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Finland, Germany, Holland, Belgium or Switzerland. It would be nice if we could count on a few more participants from the hexagon and/or from the french territories.

Come and live with us this third encounter. We are going to exchange our viewpoints on proposed solutions to the main issues of our time and days, and we shall try to draw some viable conclusions; that is for the social side of our meeting.

*But certainly, the most important will be of living a unique experience, a feeling that prevailed throughout our two previous meetings. You may expect a genuine brotherhood spirit in which the language barrier can be overcome by a smile or a glance and in which even silence can become eloquent when it is accompanied by love or the joy of being attuned on the level of the soul, a lover and a loved soul. Come and live with us this foretaste of life in the kingdom.*

## NEWS FROM ...

### SWITZERLAND

■ As he did in previous years, our friend Claude Castel is organizing, in his home, a friendly meeting of the readers of the URANTIA Book. This is to commemorate the anniversary of Michael's bestowal. (paper 120) It will be held on Sunday August 23.

Readers that would be interested in joining should contact :

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## AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

■ A new association of readers is born with the name:

### ANZURA

The Australian and New Zealand  
United Readers Association

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In article 2 of its constitution, the goal is given as:

—The purpose of the association is to encourage the study of The URANTIA Book and to assist in its dissemination by moderate, evolutionary growth. It will support URANTIA Foundation's aims and objectives for the dissemination of the URANTIA Book and its teachings. It will have a simple organisational structure of readers dedicated to serving this purpose, without seeking recognition. This purpose is to be sought by efforts to:-

- a) Assist the distribution of The URANTIA Book in Australia and New Zealand.
- b) Encourage and support the formation of URANTIA Book study groups and their interaction.
- c) Encourage and support an annual conference of students of the URANTIA Book.
- d) Maintain a readership list and study group directory.

In a letter joined to the text we can read, among other items: "It is the intention of ANZURA to assist the dissemination of the URANTIA Book into Australia and New Zealand without encumbering it with church, temple or other spiritual institutions. Although ANZURA is made of individual religionists, it is not our intention to create, in any form or manner, a religious institution of any kind. As you know, membership with ANZURA should not be confused with the spiritual brotherhood of which the URANTIA Book speaks. We believe that this spiritual Brotherhood is made up of all believers wherever they may be and transcends all of our human organizations or institutions. We hold the view, and recognize that collectively there are certain things we can achieve together.

However this should never replace or eclipse the importance of the individual's efforts in sharing this revelation in a natural manner on a person-to-person basis with their fellow men and women.

The C.E.R.D.H., in the name of European readers, is happy to wish a long life to this association which should afford its members the pleasure of increased service.

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"Bulletin", a new magazine, is concurrently born. It will be published 4 times a year. For further information please contact Kathleen SWADLING (same address as the association)

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Our friends from ANZURA are organizing an annual conference for students of the URANTIA Book, this year the theme will be:

### "HUMAN NATURE AND THE TWELVE APOSTLES"

*from 5:00 pm Friday October, 1992  
to 2:00 pm Monday 12, October 1992*

Venue:

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