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If a child dies before it has a chance to decide, then it is in the hands of loving Deity.

Now for the point: What is the ultimate cruelty? To condemn a child to live in a very defective body and/or in a degenerate home.

We should prevent these births. Why shouldn't parents be required to pass the tests that adoptive parents do at the very least?

(Don't say, "Who is going to decide?" Somebody made the law for that.)

Delusion, Illusion, and Hallucination

In the synonym under the definition of delusion in Webster's 2nd College edition of the New World Dictionary of the American language is:

"Syn. - delusion implies belief in something that is contrary to fact or reality, resulting from deception, a misconception, or a mental disorder [to have delusions of grandeur]; illusion suggest the false perception or interpretation of something that has objective existence [perspective in drawing gives the illusion of depth]; hallucination implies the apparent perception, in a nervous or mental disorder, of something external that is actually not present; mirage refers to an optical illusion caused by atmospheric conditions, and, in figurative use, implies an unrealizable hope or aspiration."

So we can see that in these three very interesting words there is an overlapping of meanings as are many words in our language; or as an Orvanton Divine Counselor states in the forward of the U book "a circumscribed language of the realm" or "there is such a paucity of language."

My thoughts and reflections as I understand these words meanings and their impact in our evolutionary life. In some meanings illusion and delusion are normal and beneficial to us as mortals but definitely detrimental in others.

Examples of beneficial delusions from illusions in regard to our sense of sight and sound (which is part of our sensory system and planned evolution from a pattern carried forth by the Life Carriers) is in watching television and movies and the listening to music. In watching tv or films we have an illusion of a meaningful, continuous flow of events and also a like continuum of sounds in music.

In another sense the meaning of the three words may seem detrimental and even paradoxical in viewing our evolutionary past but are a consequential result of evolution on our rebellious planet and, in part, even normal (compared to normal evolving worlds) when considered by an enlightened person. The U book says much about our ignorant, immature, and superstitious ancestors, and about the varying levels of their types remaining today.

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or where babies come from; and some delusions and illusions no doubt can be narcotic in that they seem to alleviate our fear of the unknown.

We can have misconceptions or delusions concerning another person's behavior. Not understanding what motivates him to act in ways we do not approve of, we imagine many untrue things about him, and therefore we can not love him. But great improvement can be made if we become aware of the causes and plan proper steps to overcome these misconceptions that results in much unhappiness.

This, I believe, is where the effectiveness of prayer comes in. It is, after all, for our benefit as progressors, not for Christ Michael or our Universal Father. In honest, sincere prayer all things that are detrimental to us and our relation to others is brought into our consciousness and analyzed with the aid of our thought adjuster and the Spirit of truth. These detrimental delusions can be replaced by beneficial productive thoughts.

These beneficial productive thoughts will lead us to such actions as reading and studying more carefully to discover true meanings and values. Aids along this line are use of a good dictionary, attentive listening, and careful observation. Also, we need to be conscious of the veracity of the things we say and write, eliminating idle, repetitious, and meaningless talk.

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Ignorance and immaturity are not derogatory or dirty words on any evolutionary scale and, considering the Universe of Universes, every entity or personality is in varying degrees that way compared to our Universal Father. But the shame is when we stagnate in some level when we have the potential to advance.

The deleterious effects of delusion, illusion, and hallucination we may cause in ourselves and perpetuate in others through our superstitious ignorance, rebellious immaturity, or disinterest.

The child in many (maybe most) American homes is started on the delusion road by such a parent when they fail to satis-

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-- George Farnham

Some Good Advice

Roden tells us (pg. 1779) to:
"Train your memory to hold in sacred trust the strength-giving and worthwhile episodes of life, which you can recall at will for pleasure and edification. Thus build up for yourself and in yourself reserve galleries of beauty, goodness and artistic grandeur."

H.B.H.

On page 1736, last par. of section 2, Jesus says, "They also lack consistency. They strain at gnats and swallow camels."

I'm amazed at how many people do that now.

So let's look at a few gnats and camels. (Mind you, I'm not saying that the gnats should be swallowed, either. I'm pointing out the relative hue and cry made about them when compared to the camels.)

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Also most people at that time had a bottle of bichloride of mercury tablets (very poisonous) which they called corrosive sublimate. It was used to dissolve in water and make a disinfectant. After it was used it was poured out -- into the environment. There are mercury mines in Calif., Arizona, and Nev. I never heard of people being afraid to work there, or live nearby.

Gnat No. 2 - Three Mile Island. But you know all about that.

Gnat No. 3 - Agent Orange. You also know all about that.

Now let's look at a camel that's swallowed by most people. Drunk driving. 26,000 people a year killed (more than all Vietnam War) and 3/4 of a million hurt or crippled. Also, whether they drive or not, literally millions of persons have their lives ruined, both physically and emotionally, by drinking.

So, do people get up on their high horses and demand that something be done about releasing this poison into the environment? You know the answer. It's a nice social custom, so they let the killer among us alone.

And that's what they're doing about the Russians. I'm not belittling the atrociousness of the shooting down of KAL007, but compare it to what the Russians have been doing for years. And these millions have not only been killed but tortured. I guess the people of Afghanistan wonder why the huge outcry about 259 people, when millions of them have been killed, and millions more are exiled.

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So, the immortal soul is Quality, and there's no comparing it to the Quantity of the universe.

And, after all, God made the whole physical universe for me - and you - and you - and you - and all of us.



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