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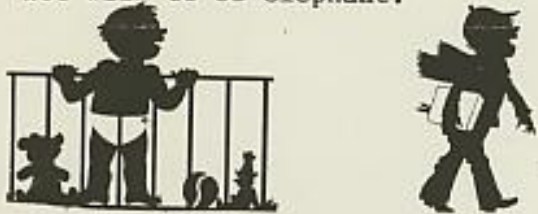
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But "man in his spiritual domain, does have free will. Mortal man is neither a helpless slave of the inflexible sovereignty of an all-powerful God nor a victim of the hopeless fatality of a mechanistic cosmic determinism. Man is most truly architect of his own eternal destiny." (1134-35)

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But he can have any attitude he wants to about living his life. If he wants God he'll reach for him from the worst environments, and eventually get him. And a good environment won't keep him from having a bad attitude.

That's why the Supreme Executive of Ovonton sent word to Gabriel to let Lucifer rebellion run its course so they could determine the attitude of all the beings who were exposed to Lucifer's manifesto. They didn't want any half-hearted or doubt-stricken creatures to go on toward Salvington. (617)

On page 136 we read. "When matter, mind and spirit are unified by creature personality, we are unable fully to predict the decisions of such a freewill being."

So, a person goes on the "trial trip in the flesh" to determine his attitude. Does he want to do God's will, or does he want to be his own God?

That's why a person starts out in the 7th circle with only one pair of guardian angels per thousand persons. If he has a good attitude he may climb the circles fast, and get more help from his angels. The closer he comes to God the more spiritual help he gets.

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While he is in the flesh he has all kinds of helpers to show him the way to be god-like. He has guardian angels, adjutant mind spirits, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Thought Adjuster, the reality responses (191-2), and others we don't know about, as they tell us on page 147, par. 2.

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Why don't they give him a personal guardian in the 7th circle?

They want to determine his attitude.

They don't want to waste all that spiritual help on someone with a bad attitude.

Could our educators learn something from that?

This "trial trip in the flesh" is a trial. It is a test. Our attitude determines whether or not we will pass.

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Dutch East India Company posts dotted East and West.

# "The Sun Never Sets on the British Empire."

That's what we were taught

when I was in school. When I asked how that could be, I was shown a world globe with all the British Empire in red. Then I was told when the sun sets on the part that's in the Eastern Hemisphere, it's rising on the part that is in the West.

I think Providence — the overcontrol of evolution — had something to do with that. (1304-5)

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The Pilgrims sought religious freedom in the New World.

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A Thought to Dwell on:

"No society has progressed very far when it permits idleness or tolerates poverty. But poverty and dependence can never be eliminated if the defective and degenerate stocks are freely supported and permitted to reproduce without restraint" Page 803

Do you believe the U-Book?



# "Some one Hath Done A Wrong"

That's what the Bell of Atri seemed to be saying when it rang. (If you don't know the story of the Bell of Atri, it's because your elementary readers were filled with pabulum instead of literature, as they still are.)



Our group was studying page 315. I pointed out that if someone has done you a wrong, you can't show mercy until they realize they've done wrong, and are sorry about it.

Such a discussion we had!

The Book begins by saying, "you should even now understand that mercy is a quality of growth."

So if the wrongdoer doesn't admit he's wrong, he hasn't grown any. He still has the same nasty attitude he had.

It says we must be "first just, next fair, then patient, then kind. And then on that foundation, if you choose and have it in your heart (you must feel it) you can take the next step and really show mercy." (emphasis mine)

"First just" ... The offender has to understand what justice is in this case. He has to know he's done wrong, and be sorry about it.

"Next fair." The Significance of Origins may help here.

Then patient, then kind! You can finally be kind! That process has been one of growth for the wrongdoer, and if he has come that far he deserves mercy. And if you're a loving person you can give it.

But the U-Book says unless you traverse these steps there can be no genuine mercy — no growth.

What you mistakenly think is mercy may be patronage, condescension, charity, or even pity.

If the wrongdoer doesn't understand he's done wrong, or won't admit it, he's still the same stinker with the same attitude.

But if he does understand what is just — and repents his wrongdoing — then the Book tells us: "True mercy comes only as the beautiful climax to these preceding adjuncts to group understanding, mutual appreciation, fraternal fellowship, spiritual communion and divine harmony."

The U-Book tells us that mercy is not to be thrust upon those who despise it. If it's rejected then does "justice prevail and righteousness decree?"



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A DARTMOUTH COLLEGE alumni group planned a fund-raising dinner, setting the patron's fee at a stiff \$500, and solicited ideas for a slogan to keynote the advance publicity. Nobody remembers the winner. But a loser was, "All You Can Eat for \$500."

—Contributed by Charles Palmer

Jesus believed in cultivating a sense of humor!

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And yet, Blaise Pascal was also right in asserting that the heart has its reasons of which reason does not know. Nor does this open the door to irrationality, for it is precisely reason that knows that the heart has its reasons of which reason does not know.

The heart's reasons of which reason does not know seem to be quality — values — which are felt, as the U-Book tells us on page 1219.

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