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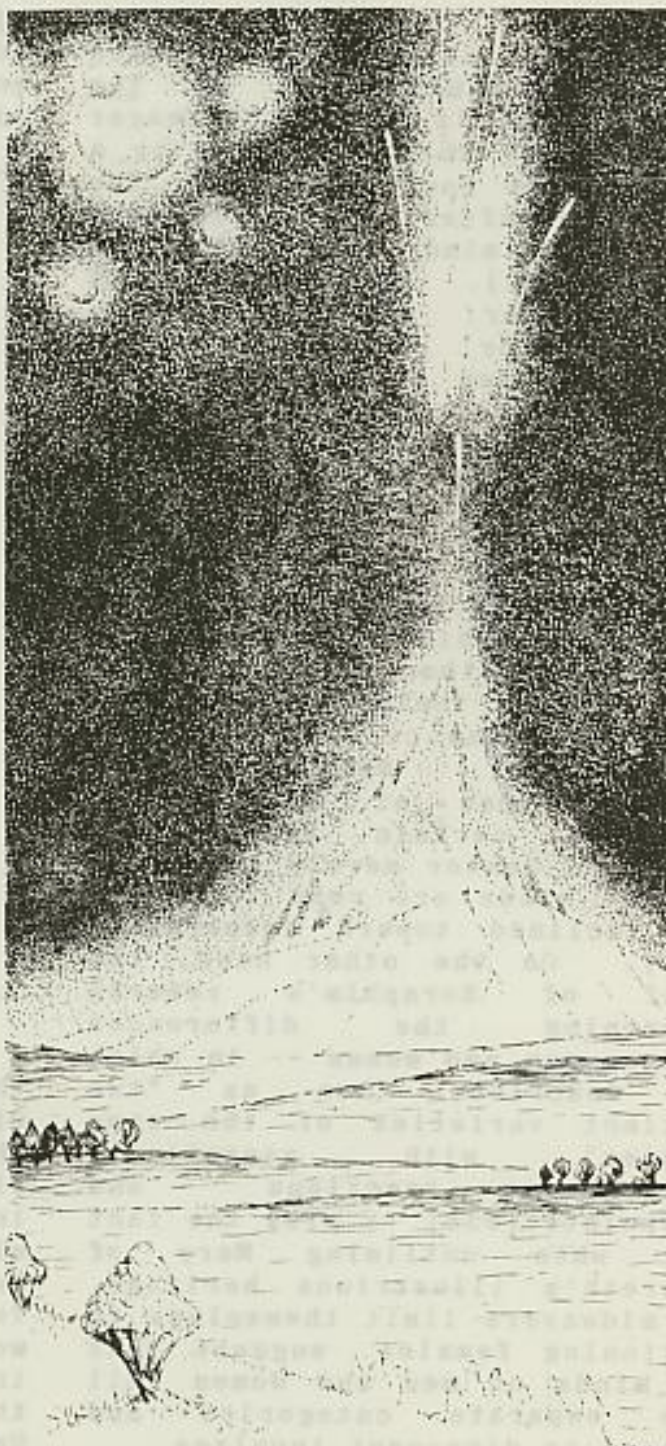
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Nat Lacey

"Mount Seraph on Jerusem"



**The Mind-Ministry Enigma**

by Neal Waldrop

In a section heading which appears on page 480 of The URANTIA Book, a Mighty Messenger implies that the human mind is a nonspiritual energy system. Two pages thereafter, he states that the human mind is subject to gravity [482]. And eight hundred pages later, another Mighty Messenger (or, perhaps, the same one) indicates he does not know whether an idea pattern occupies space, but is sure it does not contain space [1297].

Perhaps the nature and functioning of the human mind are among those scientific discoveries which the revelators were not at liberty to anticipate [1109]. for their miscellaneous circumlocutions certainly are not very helpful. Mentioning that various types of human minds share a certain kinship, a Universal Censor merely adds that kindred minds are very fraternal and inclined toward cooperation [191]. On the other hand, the Chief of Seraphim's remarks concerning the differences between men and women -- in which she describes them as "two distinct varieties of the same species" with essentially different reactions and viewpoints [938] -- plus the fact that when outlining Mary of Nazareth's illustrious heritage, the midwayers limit themselves to mentioning females, suggest that the minds of men and women fall into separate categories and respond to divergent impulses.

Since we lack adequate scientific data and are forced to use the human mind while seeking to understand it, our intricate muddle has no obvious exit. As long as that remains so, we cannot hope to comprehend the techniques and limitations of the mind ministry of the Thought Adjusters, the guardian seraphim, and the master seraphim of planetary supervision.

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Still, we know that the Thought Adjusters work from within. If we were to compare their activities to those of living purifiers, catalysts, inceptors, and facilitators of mind-morontia transmutation, we are unlikely to be too far wrong. Two additional elements, though, would need to be explained: (1) that the Thought Adjusters are of the nature and quality of the Universal Father; and (2) that



each Thought Adjuster ministering to a human mind is destined for future-eternity betrothal and atonement, provided that the human or ascendant will consents.

The actions of the guardian seraphim are more difficult to grasp, for we are told that they do not attempt to influence us directly [1246] but are "mind stimulators" who "continually seek to promote circle-making decisions in human mind" [1245], employing "the social, ethical, and moral environment of human beings" [1245]. The master seraphim, in contrast, "function as ideational clearinghouses, mind focalizers, and project promoters" [1256]. They cannot "inject new and higher conceptions into human minds," but "often act to intensify some higher ideal which has already appeared within a human intellect" [1256].

These scattered passages are suggestive and intriguing. But before we can reach reliable conclusions, we must first develop a sophisticated and satisfactory explanation of the human mind, one which depicts it as an organic, dynamic, and progressive energy system with well-nigh unlimited potential for growth, renewal, and transformation.

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