

Jesus of Nazareth as a Perfect Leader and Teacher What Does It Mean To Us?

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THE MOST AMAZING observation we can make reading the revealed life of Jesus in *The Urantia Book* is his superb qualities as a leader and teacher. How Jesus designed, prepared, and carried out his work is magnificently revealed in *The Urantia Book's* pages. Many writings about Jesus' life, particularly Christian texts, tend to exalt Jesus as the Son of God, but leave him noticeably in the background in his role as the Son of Man. Most often this approach places Jesus at an unreachable height as an example for humans.

In this presentation I would like to view Jesus primarily as a human in a teacher and leader role and to explore what this means to us as leaders and teachers of the Urantia revelation. Needless to say, today's Christian democratic society is markedly different from the society in which Jesus lived and taught. The revelators, therefore revised Jesus' teachings into modern day language. Surprisingly, considering the fact that *The Urantia Book* itself was a translated text



Source: Greg Olsen

Chris Michael contemplating Jerusalem, 2000 years ago, while he was experiencing life on earth as Jesus of Nazareth.

published almost 50 years ago in 1955, the teachings sound very contemporary. Anyone who has had the least bit of experience with translation would know how virtually impossible it is to translate word for word, especially when dealing with ancient languages and expressions.

The inspiration for this presentation came

over a year ago to fulfill a practical need. Having derived spiritual leadership and teaching experience during the past ten years, first in the Maharishi's meditation movement and later in the Urantia movement, it is still exciting for me to discover how Jesus led and taught. Some

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From the President

DEAR FRIENDS, READERS of *The Urantia Book* and Members of the International Urantia Association,

It is with great pleasure that I join with the newly-elected editorial team of the IUA Journal in writing the President's message.

You might have noticed the new look of the Journal. Through this medium you will continue

to receive informational and inspirational writings pertaining to *Urantia Book* teachings and news of current and future events. Your new Editor will further enlighten you regarding the content and objectives of the Journal.

The Representative Council has just completed the first election of the International Service Board. In 2003 Urantia Foundation

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From the President

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Trustees (IUA Board of Directors) have given IUA Provisional Operating procedures and a Charter; they then appointed the first Board, with one half of the International Service Board to serve for two years. In 2004 the Bylaws were ratified by the membership and thus initiating the transfer of power towards autonomy.

This election bears witness to the fact that IUA has become autonomous and in so doing establishes a continuing relationship of interdependence with Urantia Foundation and the ISB is now in the process of becoming the Board of Directors of UBA/IUA

Three new Board members were elected.

- Membership Committee Chair – Gary Rawlings – United Kingdom
- Education Committee Chair – Carolyn Prentice – United States
- Translation Committee Chair – Peep Sober – Estonia

Formerly appointed and now elected:

- President – Gaetan Charland - Canada
- Treasurer-CFO – Mark Kurtz – United States
- Conference Committee Chair – Eddie King – United States.

The other Board Chairs will complete their four-year appointed terms:

- Vice President – Seppo Niskanen – Finland
- Secretary – Shirley Pelland – United States
- Dissemination – Rick Warren – United States
- Communications – Will Sherwood – United States
- Charter – Jerry Prentice – United States

I would like to congratulate the Electoral Committee which was composed of three members from the Representative Council - Steve Shinall, Alain Cyr, Tapio Talvitie and from the ISB, Shirley Pelland. This Committee has done an outstanding job on this first election. Also my

thanks to all those that has participated in this election, as candidates or as voting members. I want to congratulate and thank the outgoing members of ISB who have done a marvellous job during their appointments - they are Travis Binion, Jeffrey Wattles and Cathy Jones. Cathy will remain attached to the ISB as the Executive Administrator of IUA. I am deeply appreciating that the members of the Representative Council have given me their confidence by electing me President of IUA for the next four years.

I would like to introduce to you to the team I am working with, the International Service Board (ISB). To some of you, this group of people might be a discovery as not everyone who is a member of the IUA is familiar with its organisation and structure. Be not dismayed by the sometimes apparent complexity of the organisation, its rules and politics; it is meant only to be a scaffolding on which our main activities in achieving our mission can be initiated and coordinated in a fully democratic way.

In order to make you understand the role of this dedicated group of people, let us say that the ISB is the executive branch of IUA. At this time, the ISB is a group of twelve people and that number could grow to seventeen. The members are elected, serve four years terms and hail from many different countries. The ISB acts on behalf of the members of the Representative Council (RC) who is the legislative body of IUA. The RC consists of the presidents and vice-presidents of all the national associations; there are twelve members at this time.

Let me introduce to you to each member and their position inside the ISB.

Gaetan Charland, President, from Quebec, Canada. My responsibilities as president is to overlook the welfare of the IUA and focus the energy of each committee on the mission of fostering study groups, training leaders and teachers and dissemination of the teachings

of *The Urantia Book*. I also serve as president of the Representative Council and I am the spokesperson for IUA. I assist the Membership Chair in the licensing of new IUA associations wherever they are in the world. I was formerly president of the Canadian Urantia Association and the Quebec Urantia Association. I am a reader since 1979 and believe strongly in the dissemination of the teachings through integration of their meaning in our lives.

Seppo Niskanen, Vice-President, from Finland. Seppo acts also as Chairman of the

Representative Council. He is 56 years of age and has been a reader of the UB for 30 years. He has served as Secretary in the Finnish Urantia Association since it was founded in 1989 and is currently one of the members of the Publication Committee. Seppo underlines the importance of study groups, and has hosted a study group for more than ten years and is currently an active member of the English Study Group in Helsinki.

Shirley Pelland, Secretary, from Wildomar, California. She likes to struggle with the challenge and revel in the delight of being a part of a growing team dedicated to supporting the growing readership. Shirley found *The Urantia Book* around 1970 and truly enjoys doing what she can to help bring this Revelation to all those who desire the truth and will be comforted and encouraged by it as she is.

Mark Kurtz, Chief financial officer, from Goshen, U.S.A. . His duties include financial records, banking, and raising funds for the Central Administration. He learned of *The Urantia Book* in 1968 while working as a flight instructor. Several study groups have been hosted in his home and it is his desire to resume studying with readers after his retirement this year.

Carolyn Prentice, Chair of the Education Committee, from Columbia, USA. Her duties at this position is to coordinate the activities within IUA and to offer to the membership ways to improve their educational skills while providing material to the majority of readers to increase their learning of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. Carolyn was Editor-in Chief of the IUA Journal from 1997 to 2001. She has very extensive and practical experience in education and will be of great service to the mission of IUA.

Will Sherwood, Chair of the Communication Committee, from Santa Clarita, California USA.

As communication Chair, Will is responsible for coordinating all the activities of the communications of IUA internationally. This includes the IUA journal, the IUA Website and discussion lists, his responsibilities cover a wide range of communication media. A student of "The Urantia Book" for over 35 years, Will was the founding president of SURF, the IUA chapter for Southern California and Arizona, USA. However, he confides that his greatest honour ever, was the privilege of designing the recent new cover for "The Urantia Book."

Gary Rawlings, *Chair of the Membership Committee*. Gary lives in Wales in the United Kingdom; he is director of two companies that are mainly involved with project management and the supply of equipment and materials. His responsibilities lie with the licensing of new associations and initial referrals of new members. Gary has just acquired a new responsibility which is to overlook the IUA membership database and its updating process. He works in close coordination with the membership chair of every IUA association. Gary was introduced to *The Urantia Book* by a friend in the year 2000.

Eddie King, *Chair of the Conference Committee*, is from Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Eddie's part in the work of the ISB is to assist and oversee with his committee, all IUA conferences. He also provides the organizing associations with counsels based on experience and guidelines necessary to ensure good planning and management. Born in 1954, Eddie has been a student of the URANTIA teachings for just over 20 years. He is married to fellow UB reader Jo Anne with whom he shares a business that provides art to healthcare and business facilities.

Rick Lyon, *Chair of the Study group Committee*, from Crawfordsville, Indiana, USA. Rick assists national and local study group committees and individuals in finding study groups or members for study groups. His committee plans to share study group news and methods among readers worldwide so they can share their excitement and success with others. Rick joined IUA in 1994 and he is now Vice-president of Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association and editor of their Circle Seeker newsletter. He is also a UBIS core teacher/facilitator.

Peep Sober, *Chair of the Translation Committee*, from Tallinn, Estonia. Peep began to read the book twenty years ago and formed a team of translators to translate the UB into Estonian. In 1999 he helped form the Estonian

Urantia Association and served as its first president for five years. He is also a representative of Urantia Foundation in his Country. As Chair of this committee Peep is responsible for all the translations that need to be done to accommodate the ongoing email meeting of the RC, in four languages. He also helps with his committee in the translation of many documents necessary for the activities of IUA.

Richard (Rick) E. Warren, *Chair of the Dissemination Committee*, from Fort Worth Texas, US. Rick discovered the UB on a friend's book shelf in 1986, read it a few times then joined the IUA in 1993. He is a founding member of Lone Star Urantia Association, served in all its offices, and helped or hosted various IUA conferences. Appointed on the ISB in March 2003, he is currently working on the Dissemination Committee which involves the distribution of referrals, promotion of library placement, funding translations, organizing book fair presentations, providing Urantia Books to prison inmates, and linking members for exchanges on methods and means of fifth epoch dissemination.

Jerry Prentice, *Chair of the Charter and By-Laws committee*. Jerry is from Columbia, USA and is the husband of Carolyn Prentice of the Education Committee. Jerry is a long time reader and well balanced individual with a clear mind. His responsibility as a member of the ISB is to coordinate and overlook the integration and application of the Charter and By-Laws of IUA by its many associations. He has served as a member of the committee who worked on the formulation and writing of the By-Laws and can be called upon for the interpretation of its meaning.

The ISB is also supported by a Judicial Commission that overlooks any problem that might surface in the judicial affairs of IUA. This body of three persons hail from many parts of the world and have various professional backgrounds. They are also readers of *The Urantia Book*.

Nancy Shaffer, from the US. Nancy is a lawyer and president of the commission.

Trevor Swadling, from Australia. Trevor is an artist, musician.

Eija Seppänen, from Finland. Eija is a psychiatrist

What a better way to start this new administration than by formally announcing the unveiling of the IUA Universal Database that is made available to all the associations of

IUA by Internet. This database will help the associations in the management of the readers and members in their area and it will facilitate the promotion and realization of our mission. This important management tool was created by a very generous and professional IUA member, Oscar Morales who is the Vice-President of his Local Association of Barranguilla, Colombia. To have access to this database, the governing members of the local associations must contact the secretary of their national association or the Membership Committee Chair, Gary Rawlings. I invite all the associations to update the data of their membership as soon as possible so we can better communicate with all the members of IUA wherever they are, by mail, email or by phone.

Another item worthy of mentioning is the licensing of a new Local Association in the Dominican Republic which is situated in the Caribbean Islands. Cathy Jones, Gary Rawling and I have been there to celebrate with those readers and give birth to this new association which has the potential of soon becoming another National Association. Let's welcome this new group and extend a helping hand, when needed.

And last, I would like to reiterate to you my commitment to pursue the mission of IUA. My focus is to help in the creation of thousands of study groups across the world, the promotion of means to disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book* and encouragement of programs to facilitate the study and assimilation in one's life of the spiritual and cosmic values of *The Urantia Book*. Emphasis will be given to a quality approach in the organizing and production of international and national conferences. All these activities, combined with an intelligent and wise strategic plan, will culminate in the development of teachers and leaders from among the members and readers of *The Urantia Book*.

All of this can only be accomplished by working together. This is why I appeal to your courage, your generosity and your loyalty to Michael and to your Indwelling Spirit so we can be united as a team and strive relentlessly at our mission, "to live and to disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book*."

Gaétan Charland
President IUA



Editorial

One word comes to my mind in sitting down to write this editorial: finally!

Am I already on page 2097?

Dear friends and members of the IUA, your journal has been remodelled.

Have you ever remodelled your home or your landscape or redo your kitchen or bathroom? It seems that most of these experiences, whatever they are, have one thing in common: 'you know when you start but you never know when you will finish.' It always takes more time than expected and it seems almost like a never-ending story...stories with a beginning but with no end. For us human beings may be this is a foretaste of Eternity.

ETERNITY IS LONG ESPECIALLY TOWARDS THE END!

When you start remodelling, you change this and that and then you change your mind on the title, the color, the pictures, the text, and then some people that were involved at the beginning move or don't have the time anymore, some family members get sick, new contracts arrive, divorce and new relationships occur and what not... So imagine all of these plus more and you will understand why this summer issue of IUA Journal has given you a foretaste of Eternity. Isn't that a good way to develop within oneself one of the fruits of the Spirit: long-suffering/ forbearance?

Patience is exercised by those mortals whose time units are short; true maturity transcends patience by a forbearance born of real understanding. (P.1295 - §6)

Remodelling the IUA Journal has been quite an experience, not really what I had in mind. Thank you God for the experience; nothing replaces experience. I am grateful for this experience and all that comes with it, especially the many surprises. Aren't we experiential creatures on an experiential planet?...and what

a planet, indeed!

Experience, wisdom, and judgment are the concomitants of the lengthening of the time unit in mortal experience. (P.1295 - §4)

In assembling the elements needed for this issue of your Journal, many peoples have collaborated. Thank you Alain for your kindness, your availability and your great support; thank you Claude for the remodelling of the journal; thanks to all our contributing editors, Johanne, Guy, Peep, Nathen, Jean, Gaétan, Cathy et Alcide ; thanks to our translators, Alain, Carlos, Jean, Jonathan and his friend Philippe; thanks to Pierre for your good advices, thank to Will and thanks to you, readers of *The Urantia Book*.

In this issue, Peep Sober from Estonia shares with us his understanding of the leadership of Jesus; Nathen Jansen from West Vancouver explains to us his perception of the daily reality of the religious experience with the support of our spiritual helpers, especially the Spirit of Truth. Jean Royer from France is entertaining us on the topic of personality, the third and last part of his presentation; Alcide Paradis is revealing to us his spiritual testimony and Johanne Séguin is talking to us about her discovery of *The Urantia Book*.

Johanne has also interviewed Cathy Jones for us. Add to that a quiz prepared by Guy Laporte to verify your knowledge of the UB, a little test sent to us by our friend Will Sherwood, some news by Alain Cyr and all the graphic work, illustrations and pictures put together by Claude Flibotte and voilà, you have the new issue of the IUA Journal. We hope you will enjoy it.

Thank you all for exercising your long-suffering with us. See you for the fall issue. God bless you all. ■

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International News

Here is a happy word from Uruguay, results of the recent conference in the city of Punta Del Este.

We are very happy!! And we want to share this with you and with all of you that works at the Foundation.

All the work that we have done previously and during the conference, gave its fruits! Two of the participants stood up and expressed their gratitude for having been able to listen to this speech about the angels.

Sixty-five people have participated in the event. Immediately after the conference, six books were sold, as a bookstore employee had offered to place a table with books just outside the conference room.

After the presentation that lasted for one and a half hour, we answered the questions from the public; every participant had a notebook.

We met wonderful people with whom we will remain in touch and we will start to read *The Urantia Book* together.

In concluding the conference, we project a picture of Christ Michael on Mount Hermon and asserting that the Universal Father is Love, that the Eternal Mother Son is Truth, that the Isle of Paradise is Beauty and that the Infinite Spirit is Goodness.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity he has given us by letting us talk about his children and we are willing to keep doing the same as long as we can, here, in Montevideo, and everywhere on the planet

Thank you dear soul sisters for giving us your help with this project, and thanks as well to the Foundation for their unconditional support.

We love you!
Horacio & Alberto



Urantia Foundation invites all qualified candidates to apply for the position of Director of Sales. To download a description of the position with the list of qualifications required, and the instructions for submitting an application, please browse to <http://www.urantia.org/new.html>. If you are not qualified or available yourself, please feel free to pass this notice on to those who you think may be interested and qualified.



Dear IUA members,

It is with great pleasure that we bring you very good news. The IUA universal database is ready to be used by all the IUA associations across the world. It is through the merit and dedicated work of one of our member, Oscar Morales from Colombia that this important and necessary tool is made available to us.

Without going in all the details about its technical specifications, we want to introduce you to its most useful aspects.

The database already contains the names of all of our members; thanks to the Foundation for supplying those data. Now every association should update the data for its membership. The accuracy of the data is dependant on the collaboration of each local association.

The database is accessible through the Internet and is completely made secure with email authentication, user's name and password. It is not publicized on a Web site but is made available through an email address. Only the governing members of any association can have access to this database and only the data for their association is available to them.

There are 3 levels of security and each one is dependant on the type of association to which you belong.

The database can contain not only the 3 types of members we have, but all the readers

that each association has in their area as long as the data is entered.

There is also a category that list the interest of the readers for study groups. This information will be very useful in helping people find or start a study group. It also gives the possibility to print mailing labels for different kind of members and for different kind of activities like conferences, IUA journal, newsletters, fund raising and study aids material. It also gives the possibility to send bulk mail by email when available.

It gives all the associations a very powerful tool to manage their growth and activities, as long as they have a computer and an Internet access.

There is a lot more to this database and it will be improved in the future. The next improvement will be its availability in different languages. At this time, it is only in English. There will be a set of instructions that will be sent to all users when they register on the different aspects of the IUA database and the security criteria.

To register contact your national association.



Dear Friends,

Since our ByLaws have been ratified, it seems fitting to now make the organizational structure easier to understand, especially for new or prospective members.

I have asked our esteemed Webmaster, Mario Caoile, to add these two charts to our Website:

- 1 - Central Administration
- 2 - Individual Members

I also like to give a special thanks to Sheila Schneider who assisted with the artwork, after the initial design was finished.

To access the UBA-IUA organizational charts, there are now three links, plus instructions for downloading the free Adobe Reader.

homepage

<http://www.urantia-iaa.org/index.html>

overview page

<http://www.urantia-iaa.org/overview.html>

and organization/uba page:

<http://www.urantia-iaa.org/uba.html>

On the latter two pages are links to download the free Adobe Reader.

Trusting you will find this information helpful.

In friendship and service,
—Cathy Jones

International Notices

CALL FOR WORKSHOP LEADERS for the 2006 IUA Conference in Sydney Australia from July 14 to 18, 2006

I hope you have had a chance to contemplate making the trip “down under” to Sydney, Australia in 2006 for the next international conference of the IUA that will be held July 14-18, 2006.

The ANZURA conference planning committee has been busy, and the results are exciting ideas for the program are unfolding. With the help from the IUA team, this conference will become a rewarding and educational experience for all the students of *The Urantia Book*.

Our theme will be: “Rewards of Isolation – Small Teams in Deep Waters”.

Please feel free to contact us on anzura@urantia.org.au to express your interest in leading a workshop and stipulate which topic you would like to present.

Contact Merindi Swadling for details on the whole program and... have a lovely trip down under.



NEW PROJECT

Here is a notice from Rick Warren, the ISB Dissemination Chair, informing us that a new project called “Prisoner Inquiry Response Team” (P.I.R.T.) has been set forth.

This is a very generous way to extend a helping hand.

The newly formed P.I.R.T. is guided by:
David Linthicum of Spirit of Oklahoma
Joy Brandt of Oregon Urantia Association
Jeanette Schafer of Oregon Urantia Association

We wish this new Team the best of success. ■

ASOCIACIÓN URANTIA DE LA REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA

A New Association

CATHY JONES

ON APRIL 24, 2005 Asociacion Urantia de la Republica Dominicana officially became the newest member of the UBA/IUA family. The meeting was held in Santiago, the second most populous city in the Dominican Republic. Readers and prospective members gathered at the lovely home of Hilvania Adams, a member of the Greater New York Urantia Association and a native of the Dominican Republic. Cathy Jones, outgoing Membership Chair, developer/planner of the event, chaired the meeting. Gaetan Charland, President, IUA, and Gary Rawlings, President of the Great



Readers and prospective members gathered at the lovely home of Hilvania Adams, a member of the Greater New York Urantia Association and a native of the Dominican Republic.



Britain/Ireland Local Association and incoming Membership Chair, spoke to the new group, welcoming them into the family and challenging them with a deep desire for disseminating the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

The challenge was gladly accepted by President Julio Cesar de la Cruz, Vice-President Jafet Santiago Diaz, Secretary Yudelka Disla and Treasurer Celandra Dominquez. This is a local association of 10 members presently, with many more readers country-wide interested in being part of this fraternal organization.

A delicious luncheon of typical Dominican food and beverage was enjoyed by 40 people, after which an afternoon of personal sharing and fellowship was enjoyed. ■

Interview with Catherine (Cathy) Jones

BY JOHANE SÉGUIN

Québec, Canada

Johane Séguin

First, I wish to thank you sincerely Mrs Jones for accepting to take part in this interview.

To begin, tell us a little bit about your own story.

Cathy Jones

I was born in Bay City, Texas in 1925 (about the time the Midwayers were making contact to initiate the Urantia Papers) in a Christian home, very active in Church activities. I loved reading the Bible. I got married at age 20 to Laurance Bowdoin, Atlanta, GA where we lived 19 years, bearing 3 sons. My greatest joy in life was being a full-time Mom and enjoying all the sports and Boy Scout activities; my oldest son is an Eagle Scout. Our family joined the Mormon Church. We then moved to Chicago and I went to work for a company where, after a few years of intensive study, I became a Certified Professional Secretary, leading to a management position within the company. Sadly, my first marriage ended in 1969. Always seeking truth, I was pulled to Eastern philosophy and being health conscious, I became a certified Hatha Yoga teacher. After 3 years of study, I became a Kriyaban Yogi. I still practice the physical Yoga and meditation, but I have moved away from the mantras, and calling the great teachers "Master." We moved to Los Angeles after all the boys were in college and that is where I found *The Urantia Book* in 1978. I am still amazed at this discovery which opened my eyes to the Universe and beyond. I married Allen Jones in the same year and we presently reside in Phoenix, AZ

Johane Séguin

Mrs Jones, the first question I really want to ask you is: How did you come to discover *The Urantia Book*?

Cathy Jones

Shortly after moving to Los Angeles, and discovering it was possible to make U-turns while driving, not realizing there were some areas where it wasn't legal, I made one in front of a motorcycle cop, leading to a traffic ticket. The morning I had to go pay the ticket ---- I remember what I was wearing, the prayer (on my knees) asking the Father for spiritual guidance



as to where to go next, as I had gone through two major organization changes and there was still this doubt as to where I belonged..... Standing in line, chatting casually with the people, the gentleman behind me, out of the blue asked me, "have you ever heard of *The Urantia Book*?" I asked, "what is it?" He told me briefly that it was a book about the 7 super universes, our planet, philosophy and Jesus' life, as he actually lived it. Since I had read many New Age Books and figuring one more wouldn't hurt, I asked "Where can I find that book?" "You can try the library." After paying the ticket, I immediately went to the library There it was. When I opened the book and looked at the table of contents I got goose bumps. Checked it out – the next week, purchased one and it has continued to be my companion, my inspiration ever since.

Johane Séguin

What impact on your life has reading *The Urantia Book* brought?

Cathy Jones

The impact of receiving the Book has opened my mind to eternity –who the Father really is –filling in the blanks of what I had learned previously - the vast universe – and my place in it

Johane Séguin

Please tell us about the greatest difficulties you have had to overcome in your spiritual journey?

Cathy Jones

Learning to be "AS a child" – put my complete trust in the Father and accepting his Love. To internalize the teachings, which takes time- and patience, a never-ending process.

Johane Séguin

Mrs Jones, would you describe the way you have chosen to be of service?

Cathy Jones

In reading TUB, I was struck by the word "service." It seemed to jump out from every page. I prayed to be guided and made a commitment to do the Father's will. I didn't "decide" or pursue any special "calling" in the Urantia Movement, just that I was willing to work and do my best at whatever I was asked to do, or saw a need to do. Whatever talents or experience I had gained I wanted to use it to honor the Father and the Supreme.

Johane Séguin

Stemming from your vast experience are there any counsels you would share with our sincere truth seekers in regards of their relationship with their Adjuster?

Cathy Jones

After wholeheartedly and fully accepting (not just mentally) that God really lives in my mind and heart, my goal has been and is, to become one with Him. I try to share my inner thoughts and prayers, not expecting a "voice" but a quiet knowing that I am never alone, I am a faith daughter.

Johane Séguin

Finally, what do you hope to see for the association and all those that live the teachings of the revelation in the future?

Cathy Jones

It is my heartfelt desire that those lonely, questioning, spiritually thirsty souls would have the opportunity to drink of the cool, refreshing well of living truth as given to us in this great revelation. I wish for them the joy of knowing who Jesus is and His great message of love, happiness and character building principles He taught. ■

Jesus of Nazareth as a Perfect Leader and Teacher

What Does It Mean To Us?

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challenges he faced then are surprisingly similar to the ones we face today. From a purely practical point of view, we can learn much by studying the life of Jesus from this aspect.

The lessons which the early Urantia movement leaders and teachers can learn from Jesus were already alluded when the revelators addressed the 1951 Forum:

“The future is not open to your mortal comprehension, but you will do well to diligently study the order, plan, and methods of progression as they were enacted in the earth life of Michael when the Word was made flesh. You are becoming actors in an ensuing episode when the Word is made Book. Great is the difference in these dispensations of religion, but many are the lessons which can be learned from a study of the former age.

“You must again study the times of Jesus on earth. You must carefully take note of how the kingdom of heaven was inaugurated in the world. Did it evolve slowly and unfold naturally? Or did it come with sudden show of force and with spectacular exhibition of power? Was it evolutionary or revolutionary?” [The Golden Years, pg. 18.]

Then which are the important lessons? The



Source: The Circular

A group of participants at the beginning of the Forum in 1934.

revelators themselves did not provide detailed guidance to the Urantia movement's early leaders on how to apply Jesus' example to present day circumstances. In fact, we know that the entire original text containing specific guidance, which was not published in *The Urantia Book* itself, was not allowed to remain — but had to be burned later. Therefore no original sources are available. WHY? Two reasons are obvious. First, it is impossible to give concrete guidance which would remain useful over a long time in our fast changing society. In fact such guidance may even become a deterrent to those very

undertakings which they are meant to support. Secondly, humans should be encouraged to think creatively. The Urantia revelators laid the foundation, but did not provide exact drawings for building the structure. It was left as an assignment to future generations to complete the edifice. This is also how Jesus handled his preaching about the Kingdom of Heaven. We have been told that preparations for his mission on earth began tens of thousands years earlier. Despite this, Jesus, while living on earth, still prepared very diligently for his public activities as a spiritual leader and teacher.



Source: The Circular

Some of the Forum members at a picnic in Pine Lodge, Beverly Shores in Indiana during the late forties.

1. CREATING A WORLD OVERVIEW

Jesus studied the background in which he was to live and compile his teachings. In his youth he worked in two directions simultaneously. The first was focused inward learning to understand himself and his role on earth as well as searching for, and finding God. The second direction was outward looking in order to learn about the world's many races and their religious beliefs. He studied Jewish holy texts and their translation into Greek particularly carefully. As a result he was able to maximize the acceptance of his new teachings by the Jews.

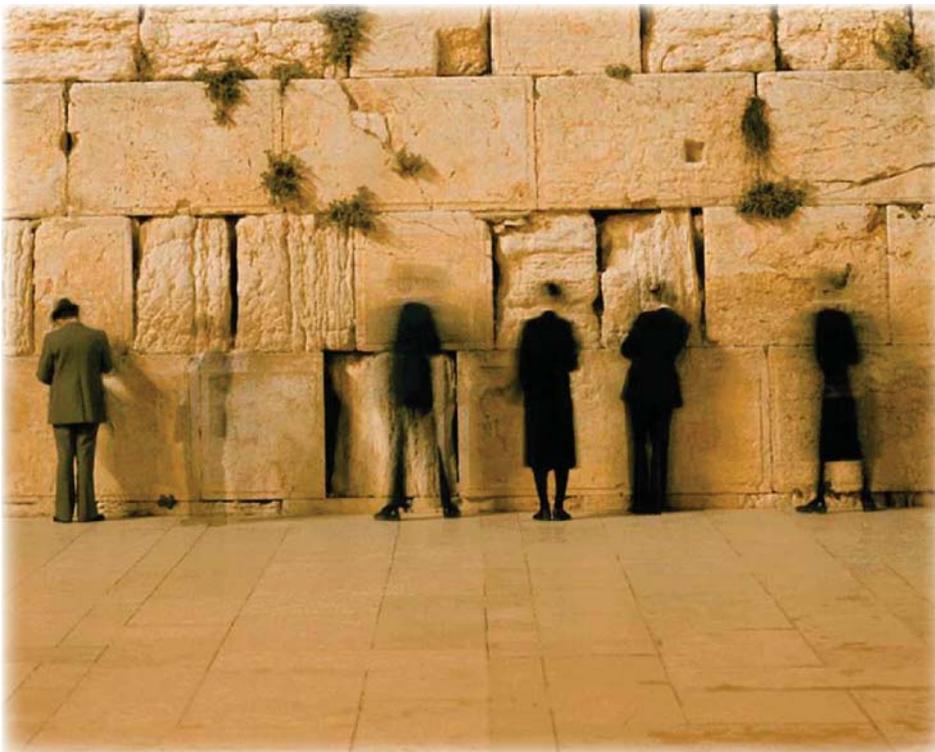
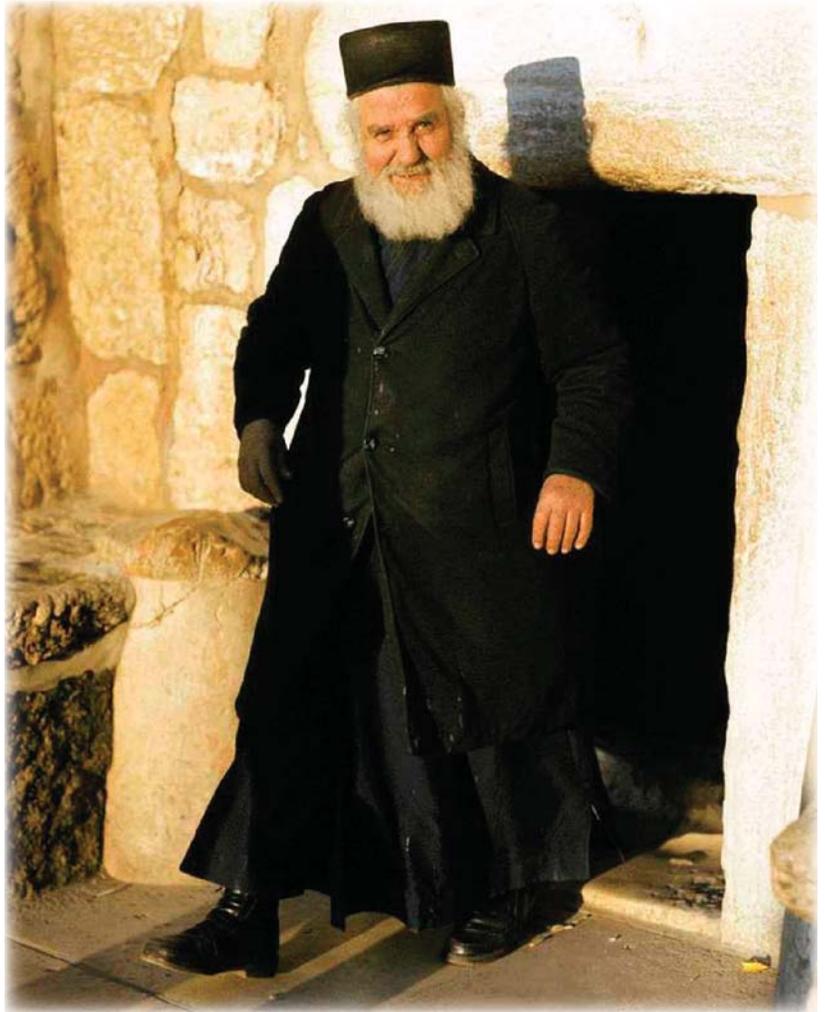
Its not difficult to see that the Urantia revelators have employed similar methods, and we too must follow the same path particularly in instances when we might be the first disseminators of the Urantia teaching in our country or region. We cannot copy anyone. Taking into

account our capabilities and circumstances we must find the best solutions. However, we need not begin entirely from an empty place, since the Urantia movement is already 80 years old when counted from the days of the Forum. We can find much that is instructive from that period of history; it behoves the teachers and leaders to conduct the appropriate research. Consequently we will understand better the present moment within the Urantia movement.

2. PERSONAL MATURATION AS A TEACHER AND LEADER

From his early youth Jesus was “self-taught.” He did not rely heavily on an “academic education” nor did he strive to enter the rabbi’s school in Jerusalem. Later he declined a teaching position in Alexandria when this was offered to him. Thus he maintained his total independence needing to make no compromises when fitting his teaching into the existing educational system. Jesus however was not rigidly against prevailing teaching methods when these could be utilized in the interests of his own mission.

On the caravan trip to Rome as the young Hindu Ganid’s teacher, Jesus illustrates how he was able to advance his spiritual mission without compromise while employed in a purely worldly occupation. Lectures on the shores of Lake Urmia show that he could also participate successfully in the educational system created by other people. This activity, however, was not pivotal to him becoming a teacher. We know that the apostles also lacked “higher education” since they were selected from among the general population making it easier for them later to teach broad masses of people.



The revelators recommended the formation of study groups which would be like greenhouses for the nurturing of new teachers and leaders. Through “self study” we should be capable of growing naturally into teachers and leaders. This, however does not exclude participation in some formal educational system, or even the establishment of such within the Urantia movement. Study group activity within the context of the IUA is necessary to share experiences and to adjust the course of activities in concert with companions. We need to thoroughly prepare ourselves if we wish to become effective spiritual teachers of the Urantia revelation. We are only able to teach spiritually that which we have experienced, felt, or taken ownership of. All other “spiritual talk” will remain at the level of knowledge or information.

The early leaders of the Urantia movement received their preparation directly from the revelators. But, just like the apostles and

disciples, we also have been left to fend for ourselves. We must creatively unite past experiences, present opportunities, and future challenges. Like all creative processes, this cannot be preprogrammed. On the other hand, it seems unlikely that the midwayers, seraphim, and other spiritual helpers have left us entirely on our own. No doubt many of us have noticed how sometimes things progress in organizational endeavours seemingly without effort — the right people just happen to be in the right place at the right time. And, at other times, a virtual endless stream of obstacles arises. A message by Machiventa Melchizedek, was read to the Forum in November 1951 which among other things, said:

“1. For five hundred years, from February 11, 1935, the overall welfare and direction of *The Urantia Book* is placed in the hands of the Seraphim of Progress.

“2. The immediate fostering of the Urantia revelation — from decade to decade — (at least for the next one hundred years) will be entrusted to the Seraphim of the Churches. I have instructed this group to create a special commission to carry on this work.”
[The Golden Years, pg. 16.]

This announcement could be interpreted as a prediction that before 2035, no major changes in the dissemination of the revelation will take place on our planet. The revelator’s magnificent public mission age is obviously not due to begin before this date. With regard to the current dissemination of the revelation, we can draw certain parallels with the period prior to the public teachings of Jesus. At the present time we must grow quietly and sensibly without aspiring to premature public notice. ■



IUA Recent Events

2005 – 5th annual meeting in Spain

– April 29 to May 2.

2005 – UK and Ireland Summer Meeting

– May 13 to 15.

2005 – 3rd National Mexican Conference

– June 11 – 12



IUA Upcoming Events

2005 – UAUS Conference at Sea – August 4 to 8.

2006 – IUA International Conference- Sydney, Australia. – July 14 to 18.

2008 – IUA International Conference- Mexico (dates to follow)

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Spiritual testimony from a person transformed by faith

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distinguishes you from the animal world, your faith in Father God and your fraternal life will avoid you from living at the level of animal existency.

However be patient and have good courage. For your natural impulsions which we call curiosity, love and adventure, fear of monotony and need to discover have not been given to you simply for you to be frustrated and reprimanded even if, during your short earth life you suffer many deceptions. Your highest hopes are destined to be fully realized, to be gloriously satisfied in the long ages to come.

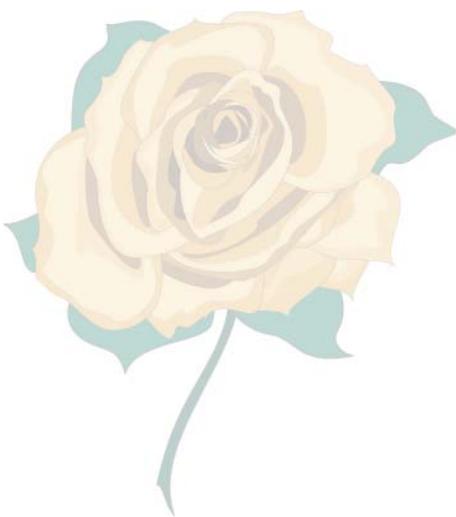
Thus, if the Father of love has not endowed your human nature of these high aspirations to tease and annoy you on planet Earth, believe also that death is the beginning of a permanent career of adventure, a perpetual life of inexpressible astonishments, of endless marvel, in short, an eternal voyage of discoveries in their true universities of surprises.

My dear friends do not reject this gigantic and exalting plan that this God of love proposes to each of you. And you will have eternal ages before you to follow your progressive experience and become perfect as your Father in Paradise is perfect, according to Jesus' very words. But the first steps of this exalting career must be made on Earth. Have the courage to make them as true sons and true daughters of God which among other things is INFINITE TRUTH, INFINITE GOODNESS, and INFINITE BEAUTY.

Why don't you live in spiritual fraternity and we will surely see each other in a few years.

Farewell to each of you. See you soon. ■

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The reality of religious experience

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THIS PRESENTATION WAS PREPARED in part with informative written material taken from *The Urantia Book*. It is with this great revelation in mind that never-ending thankfulness is given to our Heavenly Father for the revealed truths found within the papers of *The Urantia Book*.

Jesus in his tenth morontia appearance (at Philadelphia) said, "...there is but one gospel of the kingdom – the good news of the gift of eternal life which men receive by faith." (2041:6/191.4.3)

The reality of religious experience is to be found in living and sharing this light of life with persons who are willing and able to hear the message of its true saving grace, "The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man". This truth shall be fully discovered in eternal life – a new living reality born from out of the embryonic mortal creature existence or the corporeal state in which we are now living. The light-giving "kerygma" (message) is from the living waters...the good news of Jesus' teachings that we are now again discovering in the fifth epochal revelation, *'The Urantia Book'*.

The good news, if we recall what Jesus told

Nalda at Jacob's well, is about the divine Spirit of Truth which ministers to us. Remember, Nalda, like many persons before and after her, turned the discussion of her own personal salvation to the discussion of theological and philosophical controversy. However, Jesus was able to see within her soul the real desire to know the better way of living. He continued to teach by telling her that the way to rebirth comes from worshiping the Father in spirit and truth, and by the good news which He offers our souls through a receiving heart. Jesus then told her, "I who speak to you am He." (1614:1/143.5.7) Interestingly, that was His first earthly statement made to a human about His divinity and sonship with God.

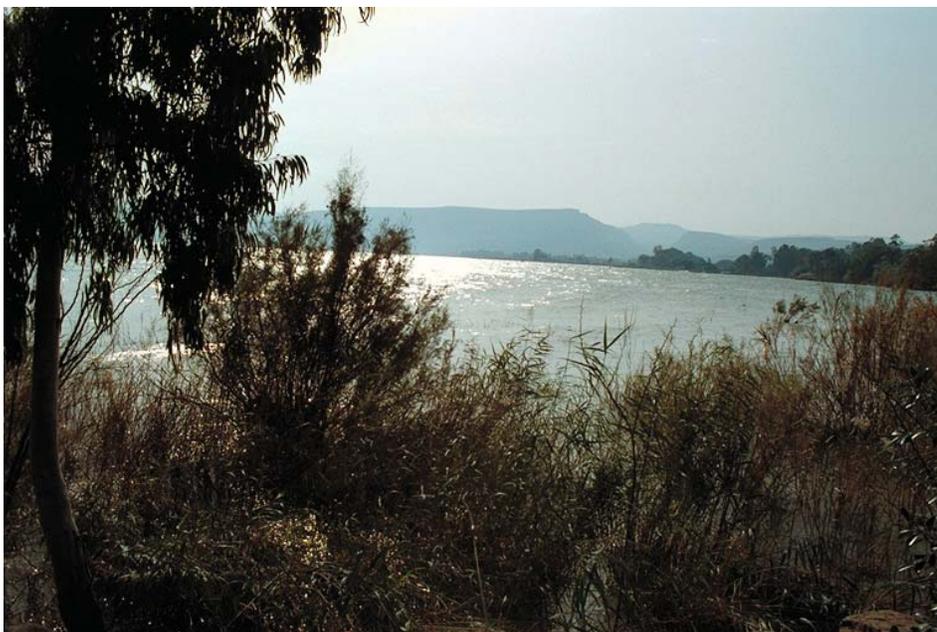
We must ever remember that the Spirit of Truth will remind us of the gospel of Jesus – the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man" – and it will deepen the understanding of His teachings if the heart is open to soul growth. The teachings of Jesus are multifaceted and cover many subjects which will enlighten persons who truly desire to drink of them. The reality of religious experience most certainly begins with personal salvation, but furthermore, it continues

in personal social ministry to believers and unbelievers alike. As we learn more about the living waters from our creator Michael, sooner or later, with the adjutant mind-spirits of worship and wisdom, we begin to teach the good news to our fellows.

This is really when our struggle to light and life becomes an interesting challenge, as we are told to expect trouble...even double the trouble, from those who do not take kindly to the truth of revealed religion. It is truly good news to know that Jesus said his spirit will go before us and that He will always be with us and that we should not be overly concerned about what to say, as His spirit will minister from within us in that hour and place, if help is truly necessary.

Let us not let the roots of living truth dry up. Let's open the flood gates of the living waters in our religious experience, a combination of spiritual fellowship and loving social service. We will be courageous in defense of goodness, patient in teaching truth to the unwise, and long-suffering under hostility. We must always remember that we have been forewarned to be gentle in our dealings with misdirected persons.

Spiritual light can be very illuminating to the mind or very annoying depending upon the state of the person feeling it. A good concept picturization of this experience may be appropriately illustrated as a bright SPOTLIGHT focused intensely on you while seated with others in a dark room, compared to a soft FLOODLIGHT making the experience more pleasing and acceptable for everyone. Additionally, an over enthusiastic religionist speaking to a man in the street may not necessarily be a great threat, but the religionist may well be creating confusion and misunderstanding in the mind of the person listening. How often we fail to recognize that a spiritually blinded person may easily stumble and reject the spiritual truths put forth in an effort to direct him inwards to the love of the heavenly Father. We should remember that all souls will survive if they are willing to co-operate with the inner gift of light from God. The willingness to find God and attain divine perfection, even if the person's desire is



On the shores of the Galilee Lake where the port of Capernaum (called Bethsaida in the *Urantia Book*) probably was; on the other shore, the Golan.

but the faint flicker of expressed hope, will be fully developed in eternity with the Thought Adjuster, the true gift of light which lights every normal person whose soul is born into a time and space experience. Some persons may ask: "Why does The Universe exist? ---say it, for the Universal Father's divine expression of LOVE in Time and Space.

PAPER 178 - LAST DAY AT THE CAMP

In His farewell address to the combined camp group of apostles and chosen disciples, both Jews and gentiles, Jesus said: Page 1932

"Throughout the vicissitudes of life, remember always to love one another. Do not strive with men, even with unbelievers. Show mercy even to those who despitefully abuse you. Show yourselves to be loyal citizens, upright artisans, praiseworthy neighbors, devoted kinsmen, understanding parents, and sincere believers in the brotherhood of the Father's kingdom. And my spirit shall be upon you, now and even to the end of the world."

We have been told that the Spirit of Truth will continue to restate Jesus' message to every generation. This spirit of Michael definitely helps us to remember His life and teachings according to our innate capacity to understand and experience this spiritual reality. The Spirit of Truth also helps to direct us in revealing Jesus' life and teachings to truth seekers, only to the extent of their sincere love for truth. Jesus' religion is one



Sunrise on the Galilee Lake. The picture was taken from the place where was held the ordination sermon on the higher lands overhanging Capernaum.

of faith, hope and love and we are encouraged to always "be of good cheer". The Spirit of Truth teaches us the Father's love and the Son's mercy. This spirit-teacher works through feelings in the heart to reach the soul. Capacity for this spirit is determined by our love for the truth, this same spiritual truth being the highest form of human liberty possible. We should remember that the Master is said to be a living truth in the heart. He is not knowledge in the mind, which is of

course necessary for growth, but a presence in the heart and soul.

The gospel of Jesus as it has been recorded in the Bible has changed the course of history, and most certainly the future of the world will likewise be significantly changed by the further restatements of His gospel message as revealed in *The Urantia Book*. He claims we should cease our senseless worldly yearning and concerns for that which is apparently evil when there is so much good truth to publish and proclaim to our fellows. Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that we may choose to live in this family of God as we experience life on this earthly world call Urantia of Satania. The family of God is within each of us to discover in our religious experience with each other and entrance is by faith-sincerity and truth-hunger. It is only by His earthly sons and daughters living the truth of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man that this family of God on Urantia will become more real. An unbroken living consciousness of this world-wide family of God will assist us in becoming more ideal and trusted citizens. Revealing the truth of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man should become our most supreme desire. Interested persons must be joyfully won over by this living truth, not duty-bound to live by it. We certainly know by now that most fellow humans rebel at the effort required to establish a valuable and meaningful religious life. How sorrowfully this world languishes in darkness from so many unfruitful branches. The reality of religious experience is found in a dynamic



The lake with its sparkling and silver water.

P.1969 - \$5 ...and of the sunrise and sunset on the shimmering Sea of Galilee, that he soothed himself as he made his human heart strong and ready to encounter the traitor who should so soon betray him.



The entrance of the fortress of Antonia facing the West. It overlooks the town and the Temple and was built by Herod to pay tribute to Marc-Antoine. The fortress is linked to the Temple with stairs. In the background on the left, the tower of Hippicus, one of the three towers build by Herod.

spiritual life which is directed in a progressive belief-faith struggle towards supreme loyalty to God, our Universal Father; it is a creative process with enthusiastic living that eventually brings forth the fruits of the spirit.

Let's affectionately water the roots of all living vines for a bountiful spiritual harvest: a field of, *“loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unfailing goodness, forgiving tolerance, and enduring peace.”* (2054:3/193.2.2) As truth-seeking and God-finding sons and daughters within this family of God, we can voluntarily assume another moral responsibility: a dedicated and loving service to the worldwide brotherhood of God-knowing believers through both organized and unorganized endeavors. Belief becomes living faith when we sincerely act on the service to both God and man, a social service ministry of love!

The teaching's of Jesus makes it apparent that the Father concept is our highest understanding of the personal Deity activities of God, the First Source and Center, and His divine Son, our Father, Michael of Nebadon. The teaching's of Jesus enlightens the supreme importance of the brotherhood of man, as being our highest understanding of living in this spiritual family of God, or historically stated the “kingdom of heaven.” In our search for God, all effort to half-heartedly realize our Father's love will be ineffective. The

more love we have for one another, the more we will crave to know the original personality, and in the reality of this religious experience there is an unavoidable urge to stand up for our human concepts of God. But a revelation of revealed truth is more – it is spiritual and beyond words of expression. The gospel must be lived in order



General view of the lower town. In the background, the walls of the confines of the Temple. We can notice leaning against the wall, the Arch of Wilson in the background and the Arch of Robinson (built by Herod) in the front. We can notice as well the race-course and the Valley of Tyropeon where the poor lived.

to be known. The gospel of the family of God is a living truth; and having chosen to live in this family of God, we must become enthusiastic in teaching the good news.

On His nineteenth and last appearance on earth as a morontia personality, Jesus prepared to say His last farewell to the apostles before he took leave of Urantia: He said “... *I am now about to take leave of you; I am about to ascend to my Father, and soon, very soon, will we send into this world of my sojourn the Spirit of Truth; and when he has come, you shall begin the new proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom, first in Jerusalem and then to the uttermost parts of the world. Love men with the love wherewith I have loved you and serve your fellow mortals even as I have served you. By the spirit fruits of your lives impel souls to believe the truth that man is a son of God, and that all men are brethren. Remember all I have taught you and the life I have lived among you. My love overshadows you, my spirit will dwell with you, and my peace shall abide upon you. Farewell.*” (2057:4/193.5.2)

We have made a beginning towards unbelievable spiritual liberation since His Spirit of Truth has been poured out on this planet. The order of things just passed was a state of racial slavery and the enslaved world of man is now slowly emerging from this bondage of ceremonialism and selfishness into a brotherhood of liberated



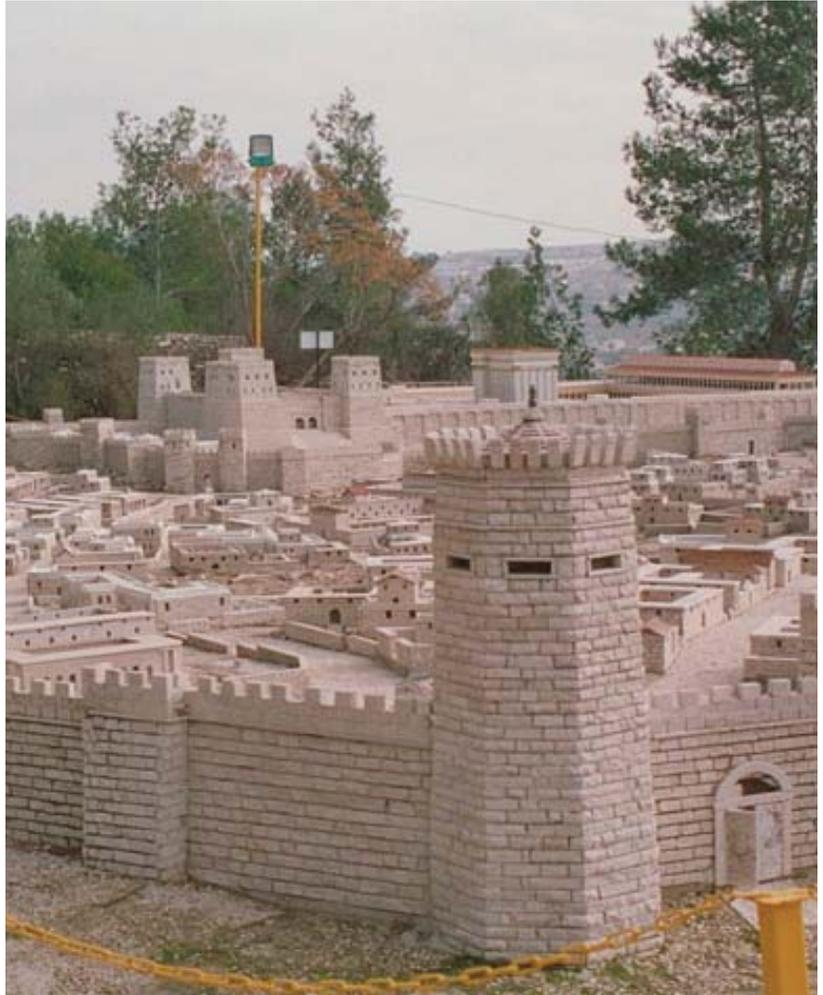
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faith sons of God, Agondonters. It is good to know that in spite of the scientific minds and materialistic predilection in this age, we can anticipate the coming epoch to be one of ever expanding qualitative thinking and increasing intellectual freedom. The fear of intellectual expression in our religious experience is the next order of enslavement from which we are now slowly emerging. In a future cycle of spiritual inspiration, a generation of sons and daughters of God will earnestly look forward to a new and greater order of true religious liberty.

THE REALITY OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE is to know that God is our Father, and man our brother, in this our universal home of truth, beauty and goodness. Whole-heartedly believing this truth is the foundation of eternal life. This is the light-giving message of His gospel.

As wisdom guides us inward to paradise and as our highest joy of being a mortal, let's never forget to truly worship our Heavenly Father of Love. Within the dimensions of our own personal religious reality, let us pray every day, with all our heart's desire, to let the light of living truth so shine before all men that they will be led to glorify our Father in Paradise.

IN HIS DIVINE LOVE
 FOREVER AND EVER
 AMEN



The tower of Pséphinus which height is 115 feet.



View of the country and farther the mount Tabor from Sefhoris. In the middle of the valley, we should see the town of Nazareth.

PERSONALITY

Identity, Self, and Selfhood

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THE THIRD OF 3 PARTS OF THIS REFERENCE GUIDE ON THE TOPIC OF PERSONALITY AS PRESENTED IN THE URANTIA PAPERS.

Prerequisites of Personality or Potential versus Functional

IT WOULD SEEM THAT a minimum of brain capacity is required for the cosmic mind (in fact, the local Mother Spirit) to have a chance to operate. To use a crude comparison, you can't expect to download a one gigabyte program if your computer only has a 500 megabyte disk. Technically, I would say that the brain must be big enough and in working order to have "capacity for human personality." Now, we know that if the brain is anatomically nearly complete at birth, the formation of neurotic connexions is then far from being finished. There are more modifications of the cortex in the first six months after birth than in any other period. That is probably why the revelators tell us: *But the experiential personality of mortal man is not observable as an active and functional reality until after the material life vehicle of the mortal creature has been touched by the liberating divinity of the Universal Father, being thus launched upon the seas of experience as a self-conscious and a (relatively) self-determinative and self-creative personality.* [71:1]

Question: Is that touch of "liberating divinity of the Universal Father" the time of the bestowal of the personality?

It seems easier for us to understand the end side than the beginning side of either identity or personality: *At death the functional identity associated with the human personality is disrupted through the cessation of vital motion. Human personality, while transcending its constituent parts, is dependent on them for functional identity.* [1234:3]

Question: Could we suggest that personality is prepotential before birth and becomes potential after birth knowing that *Thought Adjuster fusion imparts eternal actualities to personality which were previously only potential?* [1237:3]

Personality versus Identity

- What makes up identity is: memory, insight, and consciousness (cf. 1235:1). Man may, through mind, become aware of both identity and personality.

- Mind has been given to mortals wherewith they may become self-conscious of identity and personality. (1276:4)

- Personality is associated only with living energy systems; identity can be associated with nonliving energy patterns. (8:4)

- But the presence phenomenon of a personality or the pattern of an identity, as such, is not a manifestation of energy, either physical, mindal, or spiritual. (483:9)

- [In case of iniquity] the living energy factors of identity are resolved by the transformations of time and the metamorphoses of space into the cosmic potentials whence they once emerged. As for the personality of the iniquitous one, it is deprived of a continuing life vehicle. (cf. 37:2)

- The material self has personality and identity, temporal identity. (71:2)

- Such qualities of the self are expressed by the material mind as it functions in the energy system of the intellect. (1232:5)

This identity is subordinated to personality:

- When it is said that man has identity, it is recognised that he is in possession of a mind circuit which has been placed in subordination to the acts and choosing of the will of the human personality. But this is a material and purely temporary manifestation, just as the human embryo is a transient parasitic stage of human life. (1232:5)

- Personality may survive mortal death with identity in the surviving soul. (1226:3)

- Mortal identity is a transient time-life condition in the universe (1232:4). It is sometimes identified with mind as in 141:1 — **mind**

(**identity**) or, after death, with the soul as in 451:2 — **within the soul** (identity), but the soul is also identified as the morontia self (cf. 1216:6 — and the soul — the morontia self — will faithfully portray the harvest of the temporal decisions which the mortal self is making.)

- Ultimately, surviving mortals achieve identity in a seven-dimensional universe. (1439:5)

Question: What does that seven-dimensional universe allude to? The seven Absolutes? The seven superuniverses? The seven dimensions of personality of page 1226:13 (three on the finite level, three on the absonite level and one on the absolute level)? The seven stages of a perfected spirit? Or...?

The role of the Adjuster is vital, we are told that, *[t]he arrival of an Adjuster constitutes identity in the eyes of the universe.* [569:6] *Your individual Adjusters work to spiritize you in the hope of eternalizing your temporal identity.* [1182:4]

This means fusion: *...celestial fusion, that never-ending blending of identity, that oneness of being which is so perfect and final that even the most experienced personalities can never segregate or recognize as separate identities the fusion partners — mortal man and divine Adjuster.* [1204:4]

However, before fusion, usually both man and the Adjuster must go through the time of death during which *the Thought Adjuster temporarily loses personality, but not identity; the human subject temporarily loses identity, but not personality.* [cf. 1230:5]

Personality Identity

In several places, and in apparent contradiction with 1225:7 (Personality, while devoid of

identity...) *The Urantia Book* uses the phrase “personality identity”, what does it mean? It means that “per se” personality has no identity but it can be conjoined to different levels of identity such as the temporal identity of mortal man, the morontial identity of progressing man or even the spiritual or eternal identity of the Thought Adjuster. It is also to be found at the infinite level.

Personality identity survives in and by the survival of the soul. [195:9]

The soul is thus the embryo of the future morontia vehicle of **personality identity**. [1219:1]

To a certain extent, the appearance of the material body-form is responsive to the character of the **personality identity**; the physical body does, to a limited degree, reflect something of the inherent nature of the personality. [1236:1]

The material self has ... identity, **temporal identity**. [71:2]

The new individual constitutes the resurrection of the old personality, the survival of the evolving **morontia identity** of the soul. [341:5]

The prepersonal spirit Adjuster also has identity, **eternal identity**. [71:2]

Our Creator Son is the personification of the 611,121st original concept of **infinite identity**. [366:2]

That **personality identity** can be destroyed by self-concept (pride?):

Real trouble, lasting disappointment, serious defeat, or inescapable death can come only after self-concepts presume fully to displace the governing power of the central spirit nucleus, thereby disrupting the cosmic scheme of personality identity. [142:1]

The human personality can truly destroy individuality of creaturehood, and though all that was worth while in the life of such a cosmic suicide will persist, these qualities will not persist as an individual creature. [1283:6]

Who Is Responsible for What?

The seraphim are responsible for the soul, the mind must provide a body, the Adjuster is the custodian of the identity.

The **assigned seraphim** is the keeper of the surviving identity — the immortal soul — as far as it has evolved [341:5]

The **mind** endowment of an individual

animal, mortal, morontian, spirit ascender, or finality attainer is always competent to produce a suitable and serviceable body for the living creature identity. [483:9]

In fact, what the guardian seems to keep is what they call “the static formulas of identity,” and somewhere else, the records or identity specifications, and that must be why the seraphim are “indispensable” to the reassembly of personality (cf. 1230:4):

These phases and forms of soul, these once kinetic but now static formulas of identity, are essential to repersonalization on the morontia worlds. [1230:3]

Upon your death, your **records, identity specifications, and the morontia entity of the human soul** — conjointly evolved by the ministry of mortal mind and the divine Adjuster — are faithfully conserved by the destiny guardian together with all other values related to your future existence, everything that constitutes you, the real you. [1246:5]

The revelators make a distinction between these records, these identity specifications and the identity of continuing existence which is left with the Adjuster. ...the identity of continuing existence represented by the departing Adjuster and the actuality of personality. [1246:5]

As for the “actuality of personality” it seems no one knows where it may be and who is responsible for it then. (See 1234:4)

The **Adjuster** is the eternal custodian of your ascending identity. [1234:7] They [seraphim and Thought Adjusters.] have established your personality identities. [cf. 1248:4]

Constitutive Factors of the Self

Parts of the self may function in numerous ways — thinking, feeling, wishing — but only the co-ordinated attributes of the whole personality are focused in intelligent action. [1228:2]

The possibility of the unification of the evolving self is inherent in the qualities of its **constitutive factors**: the basic energies, the master tissues, the fundamental chemical overcontrol, the supreme ideas, the supreme motives, the supreme goals, and the divine spirit of Paradise bestowal — the secret of the self-consciousness of man’s spiritual nature. [1229:1]

The self is more than the sum of one’s sensations. [1479:7] and that is why: Ideas are not simply a record of sensations; ideas are sensations plus the reflective interpretations of the personal self. [1479:7] There begins to be something of an approach to unity in an evolving selfhood, and that unity is derived from the indwelling presence of a part of absolute unity which spiritually activates such a self-conscious animal-origin mind. [1479:7]

Neither is the human self merely the sum of the successive states of consciousness. Without the effective functioning of a consciousness sorter and associater there would not exist sufficient unity to warrant the designation of a selfhood. [1480:1]

Question: One might have thought that Jesus’ speech (restated in modern phraseology) was alluding to personality here, but he uses the phrase the indwelling spirit of the Father which is normally used only to designate the Thought Adjuster, so, can he also mean personality?

Self and Selfhood

It is sometime difficult to distinguish the use of self from selfhood, although it may be worth remembering that the ‘-hood’ suffix means condition or state. Let us have a look at a few references to see if we can make something out of it.

Self is variously qualified, it may be human or divine (147:2) or even Universal (1030:3) it can be finite (311:3) and material (71:1) (311:3), morontial (1193:4), spiritualising (63:1) (66:4) or spirit (127:1). It must become united (67:1) thus immortal (71:3) and eternal (139:3).

It can be disciplined: morality becomes the discipline of self. (1012:6) It can be active and questioning. (1123:2) The self has rights as well as one’s neighbours. (1134:2). Exceptionally *The Urantia Book* will refer to the higher self, as either meaning the morontial self (1193:5) or the divine spirit. (1134:3) (1193:5) at least once called the better self. (2078:8)

There is no such thing as a lower self but that role seems to be devoted to the ‘ego’ concept, thus, the ego desire of the self. (1134:3) (also cf. Humor is the divine antidote for exaltation of ego.) However, the ego is not always perceived negatively as we can see in 995:7 *Prayer has always indicated positive action by the praying ego.* Although the mortal self is also a personal self; it

has personality, (1205:2) although the self [can be devoted] to the service of meaningful and supreme values, (1012:6) the religion of Jesus is salvation from self. (67:3)

After death and following the mansion world resurrection, the human personality is completely identified with the morontia self. [cf. 1219:1]

The morontia self must have the same basic qualities or attributes as the material personality (will, volition, choice and love ...), plus new ones. Section 5 on pages 1235—1237 tells us that we will be endowed with **morontia patterns of personality manifestability**, but **these are investments** which, in the last analysis, are **beyond our comprehension** (cf. 1235:6—1236:0). We know that with mortal death we are no longer under the influence of the adjacent mind-spirits, but in direct contact with the cosmic mind and guided by the character patterns inherited from the human life and by the action of morontia mota — morontia wisdom. (cf. 1236:3—4)

11th Conclusion: If on the material level the self seems to be something wider than personality, the morontia self seems to make one with personality, probably because the morontia form is more and more reflective of the soul.

Selfhood seems to be that particular state of individuality, the self, which can nonetheless be part of a greater organism. Selfhood is a cosmic reality whether material, morontial, or spiritual ... To say that a being is personal is to recognise the relative individuation of such a being within the cosmic organism. (1232:2)

Question: Is that an allusion to the grand universe? (cf. The grand universe is not only a material creation of physical grandeur, spirit sublimity, and intellectual magnitude, it is also a magnificent and responsive living organism. (1276:2)

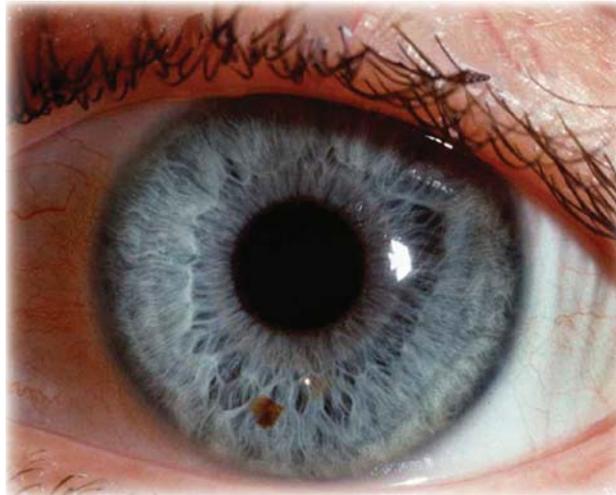
In at least two places the revelators give us a clue as to the special meaning they attach to the word selfhood; at 1227:3 — *Life is really a process which takes place between the organism (selfhood) and its environment.* and also at 1227:8 — *In the human organism the summation of its parts constitutes selfhood — individuality — but such a process has nothing whatever to do with personality.*

If the summation has nothing to do with

personality, not so with selfhood itself. We learn that: *The fundamental attributes of human selfhood, as well as the absolute Adjuster nucleus of the human personality, are the bestowals of the Universal Father, acting in his exclusively personal domain of cosmic ministry.* [70:5]

Question: If these fundamental attributes do not include personality, what is it that the Universal Father bestows upon man?

In other places we could think that the word selfhood is equivalent to personality: *Personality reality. The degree of selfhood reality is directly determined by circle conquest.* [1210:5]



The soul of survival value faithfully reflects both the qualitative and the quantitative actions and motivations of the material intellect, the former seat of the identity of selfhood. [1237:1]

This particular meaning is completely established in the following:

Selfhood persists in spite of a continuous change in all the factor components of self; in the physical life the change is gradual; at death and upon repersonalization the change is sudden. The true reality of all selfhood (personality) is able to function responsively to universe conditions by virtue of the unceasing changing of its constituent parts. [1235:2]

However, with these exceptions the word selfhood seems to be used in a regular manner. Everyone will recognise the Ciceronian *Nosce te ipsum* borrowed from the Greek *Gnôthi seauton*, “Know thyself,” in: *Growth is also predicated on the discovery of selfhood accompanied by self-criticism.* [1095:0]

But selfhood of survival value, selfhood that

can transcend the experience of death, is only evolved by establishing a potential transfer of the seat of the identity of the evolving personality from the transient life vehicle — the material body — to the more enduring and immortal nature of the morontia soul and on beyond to those levels whereon the soul becomes infused with, and eventually attains the status of, spirit reality. [1229:7]

Selfhood sometimes seems to refer to the organism or to the individuality as in: *The persistence of memory is proof of the retention of the identity of original selfhood* [1236:6] or [t]he phenomenon of personality is dependent on the persistence of the identity of selfhood reaction to universe environment. [1235:2]

Self-consciousness

The higher concepts of universe personality imply: identity, self-consciousness, self-will, and possibility for self-revelation. [31:6] *Morality has its origin in the reason of self-consciousness; it is superanimal but wholly evolutionary.* [68:4]

Personality of the finite-creature variety is characterized by... Subjective self-consciousness. [106:5] *Self-consciousness consists in intellectual awareness of personality actuality; it includes the ability to recognize the reality of other personalities. It indicates capacity for individualized experience in and with cosmic realities, equivalating to the attainment of identity status in the personality relationships of the universe. Self-consciousness connotes recognition of the actuality of mind ministrations and the realization of relative independence of creative and determinative free will.* [194:6]

Human self-consciousness implies the recognition of the reality of selves other than the conscious self and further implies that such awareness is mutual; that the self is known as it knows. [195:10]

Man's own personality awareness, self-consciousness, is also directly dependent on this very fact of innate other-awareness. [196:3]

Self-consciousness is in essence a communal consciousness: God and man, Father and son, Creator and creature. In human self-consciousness four universe-reality realizations are latent

and inherent: 1. The quest for knowledge, the logic of science. 2. The quest for moral values, the sense of duty. 3. The quest for spiritual values, the religious experience. 4. The quest for personality values, the ability to recognize the reality of God as a personality and the concurrent realization of our fraternal relationship with fellow personalities. [196:5—10]

The fact of experience is found in **self-consciousness** plus other-existences — other-thingness, other-mindness, and other-spiritness. [1123:2]

The possession of personality identifies man as a spiritual being since the unity of selfhood and the **self-consciousness** of personality are endowments of the supermaterial world. [1228:4] Causation in the physical world, **self-consciousness** in the intellectual world, and progressing selfhood in the spirit world — these realities, projected on a universal scale, combined in eternal relatedness, and experienced with perfection of quality and divinity of value — constitute the reality of the Supreme. [1434:1]

Self-consciousness, in and of itself, is not the soul. Moral self-consciousness is true human

self-realization and constitutes the foundation of the human soul. [1478:4]

All forms of soul conflict consist in the lack of harmony between the moral, or spiritual, self-consciousness and the purely intellectual self-consciousness. [1478:5]

Self-consciousness is a reality. [1479:6] No mere animal could possess a time self-consciousness. [1479:8]

Man's greatest adventure in the flesh consists in the well-balanced and sane effort to advance the borders of self-consciousness out through the dim realms of embryonic soul-consciousness in a wholehearted effort to reach the borderland of spirit-consciousness — contact with the divine presence. [2097:2]

1. Seen from the Father's side, the question is irrelevant since he is without time.
2. Seen from the evolving Supreme, of which we are a part, we should consider
 - a. the passive or dormant gift, which we could also call potential personality (or even, sometimes, prepotential personality)
 - b. the active or functional personality

Among these clues we find:

General Conclusion.

This essay adds practically no personal contribution to what can be found about personality in The Urantia Book. Its main advantage lies in a different perspective which brings together concepts which are found in separate places in the book. Some readers may regret the way some sentences have been cut, but they always can complete them and thus find new interpretations. This essay also shows that, any study of the book is sure to raise more questions than it solves. We have voluntarily limited ourselves to the creature aspect of personality, leaving aside many items which are nevertheless basic such as power-personality synthesis, emerging personality of the Supreme Being or of the Mother Spirit of a local universe or even the complementary nature of personality and trinity, in fact everything related to divine personality. There is still plenty to be done ... ■

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Spiritual Testimony

from a soul transformed by faith

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IT IS FORTUNATE THAT DEATH is always there to incite us to ponder on the true purpose of life. Without the reality of death, we might tend to sleep on the soft pillows of materialism and unconsciousness. The person uniting us today was filled with a solid and profound faith. Now that her faith has introduced her in a world of new and fantastic realities, she is able to reveal the spiritual testimony which follows.

Let us listen well and we will not see death under the same angle again.

Now that I have crossed the doors of death, now that I have undertaken the longest and most extraordinary journey, let me confide you my spiritual testimony. To all those who have helped me in well doing this short trip of life on Earth, I tell them it is an act of recognition and love. As for all of you who are listening to me, it is my last opportunity to open you again a little more to spiritual realities which are much more real than your material realities.

My dear friends believe in my experience. I now know what death is and I can reveal this truth to you; death is only a process invented by God, our Father, to allow us to pass from the material to the spiritual level. So believe that a first birth has made you material and imperfect but God has planned for everyone an endless evolution always tending towards more perfection. Thus death is but the beginning of a permanent career of exciting adventures and a perpetual life of advancement. Death then, is only a second birth to make us taste the delightfulness of that better elsewhere.

Why live at the simple level of material existence and thus not perceive the spiritual and divine goals of our earthly efforts? Through your anxieties, your trials, your sadness, your disappointments, through all your human struggles, God is in the process of forging you a vigorous character, noble and exprimented between the anvil of his divine plan and the hammer of your necessary short miseries related to the weakness of your material and imperfect nature.

Believe that you are spirits in evolution. Someday funerals will be opportunities of profound satisfaction, inexpressible hope and supreme joy. This joy and enthusiasm will replace the scenes of tears and moans of primitive epochs and even still as of today. Until then, it would certainly be profitable that humans, even less developed, learn to somewhat consider natural death with less and less sadness.

Presently, I am forced to witness that many of you spend too much time and effort for material things, insignificancies of life; and you neglect almost entirely the more essential realities which have eternal importance. I am also forced to witness that most of you have only beliefs that make you recite credos from the tip of your lips. Do you really have faith; do you really believe that God is your Father, thus being sons of God? Do you really believe that all others are also sons and daughters of God? Having the same Father, you are all brothers and sisters. If you really believe it, it should show in your behavior. There is even a greater mystery: God himself indwells you as the driver of his vehicle. So, your life is transformed. You can no longer live at the only material level.

And, when the clouds gather above your head, your faith should remind you of the presence of this God inside. You should then look beyond the human fog of doubt and, in the light of this divine sun, you would see with clear vision the sublime brightness which lights up the heights of your future homes.

However no one, not even God, can reveal God to those who do not seek him. God respects your freewill to that extent; for your mind is the ship which God is the pilot. But your will is the captain. And the divine pilot submits himself to the decisions of the human captain. But you, human captains, should understand that what is important is that you should not think of yourself as being important, too important. Human captains crushed with faith are immuned against depressions which often follow purely material disruptions. And you

should understand that what is important, is that your will is in agreement with the will of God. And God's will is that you be saved, that you become more and more perfect, that you accept the realities of the spiritual world.

So, without a doubt you would like to know if you are saved?

But you are, if you can answer yes to this question:

DO YOU HUNGER FOR TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, THUS GOD?

You are too busy to ponder on these realities?

You are too busy to look beyond the terrestrial bark?

You are too busy to prepare your eternal cruise?

You are too busy to gain a little awareness of the sublime fact that God indwells your own mind?

Even so, a human has but any wisdom unless he yearns in seeking for truth and not just simply earns his living. Look for God and you will end up looking like him. It is impossible to believe in the fatherhood of God and refuse the brotherhood of man. Moreover that's what resumes the essential of true religion. Rituals are only hardware without influence on your behavior.

But do not seek God above the clouds. He is in you. Take hold of this awareness. Be aware that you are really a son, a daughter of such a Father and live consequently. This new faith will expand your mind, ennoble your soul, fortify your personality, increase your happiness, deepen your spiritual perception, will upheave at last your power to love and be loved.

If you are armed with this living faith, you will come to perceive God's plan upon each of you and on his vast universes, to perceive the goals of your terrestrial efforts. And, since it is mainly your moral and religious nature which

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Spiritual Sharing

A Testimony from Québec

MY NAME IS JOHANNE, I'm 46, and I live in Québec. Born January 23, 1959 in St-Jérôme, a little town North of Montreal, I was the seventh child of a poor family although we never missed anything. With what they knew, my parents were really involved in the roles and responsibilities they had to take. I was raised with the precepts and beliefs of the Catholic Church. But, like many 15 year olds, I fiercely rejected those values that had been transmitted to me. It was the 70's, and I completely dived in the peace and love movement of the time. I was free and believe everything that seemed to express freedom. As an example, I was a young girl in an Indian robe chanting "Shalom" while losing herself, as I listened to friends playing guitar around a camp fire.

I was in a state of trance when I discovered "The Urantia Book" at the age of 16 while visiting a friend of a friend. (Everyone was a friend in those days). As we discussed various ideas, I saw a grey book that was sitting on the living room table. On its cover was written: "La Cosmogonie d' Urantia." I glanced through its pages and asked this new friend what that strange book was. I don't remember exactly what he answered but, as a good book rat, I finally found it in the dusty attic of a library next to the books no one reads. It was split into 3 volumes. Since it was their only copy, I couldn't check it out. So I had to spend days and days in that attic in my endeavor to read it through.

Having no one to share these revelations with, I tried to go along with people who, at least, believed in Jesus. From Charismatic and Pentecostal, to Evangelists and Jehovah's witnesses, I tried but never quite agreed. I also tried almost every Eastern religion, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and more.

At 22, with the help of a bookstore keeper, I bought a first edition of "Le Livre d' Urantia"

and I shared it with the father of my first two children and a friend of mine. They still read it today. From 23 to 30, I bore four children and this figures among the best events of my life. While busy raising my family as a single mom, and making a comeback in school to become a nurse, many years had passed before I had the time to read the Urantia Book again. My urge to go back to it came often while attending lectures concerning psychology and spirituality, but, no nearby library had it and I didn't have money to buy a new one. (The one from the attic had burned in a fire, and the one I had purchased was lost.)



At 42, I met a man who had a "Urantia Book" on his shelf, but he had never read it; it was a gift. He was happy to lend it to me but not as happy as I was. I was reunited with my old friend! Since then, I bought another copy, and I am going through my sixth complete reading.

Last year I joined the Québec Urantia Association. Before that, I had come to believe that I was alone! I had no idea other devoted

readers were meeting to share their views. This discovery came with the help of my oldest son who found an article in the newspaper that mentioned a study group in my region. My beloved son, as I called him, knew of my desire to share my enthusiasm with other students of the book. I was ecstatic!!! A weekly reunion! Hundreds of brothers and sisters that I could spend time with! Theme days! Seminars! SO MANY BLESSINGS!

Today, I am an IUA Journal editorial assistant. I have been approached to serve as vice president of the Québec Urantia Association; this is a proposition I can't refuse since I have been elected, because the way I see it, as my brother Peter says, **LOVING GOD IS HELPING.**

Today, I live the teachings of "The Urantia Book" and by choosing to do God's will, I am participating in the manifestation of the SUPREME (This is my way of saying that I feel I am a part of a grand project that is actualized),. I pray and worship constantly while allowing myself to be transformed by the Fruits of the Spirit that are given to me.

Thirty years of effort to understand and seek the truth is a small step on the road that leads to God. I still have ETERNITY to prove my gratitude and recognition to our Supreme Creator. I would love to join all of you who read this testimony on the path inwards toward our Heavenly Father.

I am at your service.

Your sister,
Johanne Séguin.



Elections in Québec

We have the pleasure to inform you that on May 29th, the Association Urantia du Québec held its annual meeting during which a new governing board was elected. We would like to congratulate Alain Cyr who was elected as the new President of the AUQ and Johanne Séguin who was elected as the new Vice President and wish both of them much success in their new endeavour.

We also greet Line St-Pierre who has generously accepted a one year extension of her mandate as Secretary and Edouard Bellerive who complete the TEAM for the next year.

What would Jesus answer?

A lot of money is spent on this kind of test. In the Kingdom of Heaven, those are free.

Read on, this is very interesting! If your mind is not working properly, borrow Jesus' mind. What would Jesus answer?

After if you want, you can take this test for yourself and send it to your friends.

Don't be overly sensitive! The following is pretty accurate and it only takes 2 minutes.

Don't peek but begin the test as you scroll down. Answers are for who you are now..... not who you were in the past. This is a real test given by the Human Relations Dept. at many of the major corporations today. It helps them get better insight concerning their employees and prospective employees.

It's only 10 simple questions, so... grab a pencil and paper to keep track of your letter answers to each question. Ready?? Begin!

1. When do you feel your best?

- a) in the morning
- b) during the afternoon & early evening
- c) late at night

2. You usually walk...

- a) fairly fast, with long steps
- b) fairly fast, with little steps
- c) less fast head up, looking the world in the face
- d) less fast, head down

e) very slowly

3. When talking to people you

- a) stand with your arms folded
- b) have your hands clasped
- c) have one or both your hands on your hips
- d) touch or push the person to whom you are talking
- e) play with your ear, touch your chin, or smooth your hair

4. When relaxing, you sit with

- a) your knees bent with your legs neatly side by side
- b) your legs crossed
- c) your legs stretched out or straight
- d) one leg curled under you

5. When something really amuses you, you react with

- a) big appreciated laugh
- b) a laugh, but not a loud one
- c) a quiet chuckle
- d) a sheepish smile

6. When you go to a party or social gathering you

- a) make a loud entrance so everyone notices you
- b) make a quiet entrance, looking around for someone you know

c) make the quietest entrance, trying to stay unnoticed

7. You're working very hard, concentrating hard, and you're interrupted

- a) welcome the break
- b) feel extremely irritated
- c) vary between these two extremes

8. Which of the following colors do you like most?

- a) Red or orange
- b) black
- c) yellow or light blue
- d) green
- e) dark blue or purple
- f) white
- g) brown or gray

9. When you are in bed at night, in those last few moments before going to sleep you are....

- a) stretched out on your back
- b) stretched out face down on your stomach
- c) on your side, slightly curled
- d) with your head on one arm
- e) with your head under the covers

10. You often dream that you are...

- a) falling
- b) fighting or struggling
- c) searching for something or somebody
- d) flying or floating
- e) you usually have dreamless sleep
- f) your dreams are always pleasant

Now add up the total number of points.

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RESULTS:

OVER 60 POINTS:

Others see you as someone they should "handle with care."

You're seen as vain, self-centered, and who is extremely dominant. Others

may admire you, wishing they could be more like you, but don't always trust

you, hesitating to become too deeply involved with you.

51 TO 60 POINTS:

Others see you as an exciting, highly volatile, rather impulsive personality; a natural leader, who's quick to make decisions, though not always the right ones. They see you as bold and adventuresome, someone who will try anything once; someone who takes chances and enjoys an adventure. They enjoy being in your company because of the excitement you radiate.

41 TO 50 POINTS:

Others see you as fresh, lively, charming, amusing, practical, and always interesting; someone who's constantly in the center of attention, but sufficiently well-balanced not to let it go to their head. They also see you as kind, considerate, and understanding; someone who'll always cheer them up and help them out.

31 TO 40 POINTS:

Others see you as sensible, cautious, careful, and practical.

They see you as clever, gifted, or talented, but modest. Not a person who makes friends too quickly or easily, but someone who's extremely loyal to friends you do make and who expect

the same loyalty in return. Those who really get to know you realize it takes a lot to shake your trust in your friends, but equally that it takes you a long time to get over if that trust is ever broken.

21 TO 30 POINTS:

Your friends see you as painstaking and fussy. They see you as very cautious, extremely careful, a slow and steady plodder. It would really surprise them if you ever did something impulsively or on the spur of the moment, expecting you to examine everything carefully from every angle and then, usually decide against it. They think this reaction is caused partly by your careful nature.

UNDER 21 POINTS:

People think you are shy, nervous, and indecisive, someone who needs looking after, who always wants someone else to make the decisions & who doesn't want to get involved with anyone or anything! They see you as a worrier who always sees problems that don't exist. Some people think you're boring. Only those who know you well know that you aren't. ■

Do you know your *Urantia Book* well?

GUY LAPORTE

The wonderful *Urantia Book* offers a variety of subjects which affect us as humans. The following exercise consists of a questionnaire with multiple answers on a theme which favours reflection. As a first subject, we have chosen the “electron”. The correct answer is in *The Urantia Book* and this is an occasion to search in it some more. You will also find the right answers in this Journal.

THE ELECTRON

1. How much time is required for an electron stimulated by X Rays to force its way from the center of an average sun to its surface?

- a) One year
- b) Half a million years
- c) One hundred years
- d) One day
- e) One hour

2. A typical electron is constituted of how many ultimatons?

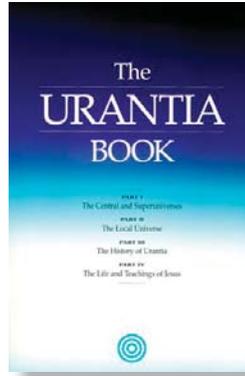
- a) 1
- b) 10
- c) 100
- d) 1000
- e) 10000

3. How many electrons are more or less capable of freely escaping the nucleus of an atom in a heavy element?

- a) 2
- b) 5
- c) 10
- d) 20
- e) 30

4. If we were to expand the mass of matter to the point where an electron would weigh one tenth of an ounce (2,83 grams) and if its dimensions were increased in the same proportion, the volume of this electron would become as big as....?

- a) A tennis ball
- b) A pin head
- c) The moon
- d) The Earth
- e) The sun



5. Which atom can most easily escape its solar prison?

- a) Helium
- b) Carbon
- c) Uranium
- d) Calcium
- e) Oxygen

6. An electronic charge creates an electrical field; movement gives birth to an electric current; the current produces a magnetic field. When an electron is abruptly stopped, the resulting electromagnetic commotion produces:

- a) An ultimatom
- b) An X Ray
- c) A magnetic field
- d) An electric current
- e) An electric field

7. Which particle of matter, 180 times heavier than the electron, is useful to ensure cohesion of the charged protons and non-charged neutrons in the core of the atom?

- a) The mesotron
- b) The ultimatom
- c) The Spirit
- d) Calcium
- e) The gravitron

8. If the volume of a proton – 1800 times heavier than an electron- was to be enlarged to the size of a pin head, in comparison, a pin head would have an equal diameter of:

- a) That of the Earth’s orbit around the sun.
- b) That of the Moon’s orbit around the Earth.

- c) That of the orbit of the planet Pluton around the sun.
- d) That of the Earth.
- e) That of the Sun.

9. The calcium electron, once projected on the 20th orbit by the solar forces, the temperature and X Rays remains there a millionth of a second but, before the electrogravitational of the atomic core draws it back to its’ 19th orbit, how many orbits does it perform around the atomic center?

- a) 1
- b) 100
- c) 100,000
- d) 1,000,000
- e) 1,000,000,00

10. Practically speaking, space is not empty. In the space which, to our knowledge, is the closest to emptiness in Nebadon, how many ultimatoms can we find per 16 cubic centimetres?

- a) one
- b) two
- c) ten
- d) one hundred
- e) two hundred

Question	Page reference in <i>The Urantia Book</i>
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