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THE MIND ARENA OF CHOICE

"Mind is your ship, the Adjuster is your pilot, the human will is captain." (page 1217)

Editor's Notebook

In presenting their *URANTIA Book*, the Revelators were confronted with a problem similar to the one faced by our Adjusters and guardian seraphim as they strive to help us build a soul.

How will we, as humans, respond?

What are the mechanics of human reaction and response? What is involved in this process? To what degree are our responses predictable? This is a complex matter.

"In the mortal experience the human intellect resides in the rhythmic pulsations of the adjutant mind-spirits and effects its decisions within the arena produced by encirclement within this ministry." (Page 1286)

If a human is motivated only by the seven adjutant mind circuits, they are somewhat predictable. The adjutant circuits are well understood by those who need to know. Their domain of activity is well defined, and the range of response possible for an adjutant-motivated human is bounded. But the question becomes more tangled when individuals move beyond such restrictions.

"Human beings, from a cosmic perspective, are born, live, and die in a relative instant of time; they are not enduring. But mortal personality, through its own choosing, possesses the power of transferring its seat of identity from the passing material-intellect system to the higher morontia-soul system which, in association with the Thought Adjuster, is created as a new vehicle for personality manifestation." (Page 1232)

When incarnate humans transfer their seat of identity to their soul, they can begin living as young morontia ascenders, and their scope of choice, like the source of their motivation, becomes vast.

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"Beauty, art, is largely a matter of the unification of contrasts. Variety is essential to the concept of beauty. The supreme beauty, the height of finite art, is the drama of the unification of the vastness of the cosmic extremes of Creator and creature. Man finding God and God finding man – the creature becoming perfect as is the Creator – that is the supernal achievement of the supremely beautiful, the attainment of the apex of cosmic art."

The URANTIA Book, page 646.

So They Say

Jesus-like Figures on Other Planets?

Aliens on other planets would have their own Jesus-like figures, a NSW bishop says.

Bathurst Anglican Bishop Bruce Wilson said God could have made a "Jesus-style" entrance on other planets.

Speculating on the NASA revelation that life existed on Mars, he said there was no reason the impact of Jesus should affect alien life-forms. "Given the possibility there are millions of earth-like planets in the universe, scientists speculate there is a high probability that intelligent self-conscious life exists throughout the universe," Bishop Wilson said.

He said there was absolutely nothing in traditional Christian theology which said the impact of the earthly Jesus applied to intelligent beings on other planets. "There is also nothing in it which would preclude in similar circumstances God becoming incarnate in the history and life of an extra-terrestrial being," he said.

"If this is so," says the popular science author Professor Paul Davies, "then do Christian thinkers claim that only through the earthly, historical Jesus will all those extra-terrestrial, intelligent beings be saved?" Davies says he has been raising this issue for many years but no Christian theologian has sought to answer him.

Conference '97 Sydney, Australia

The 1997 URANTIA Book Readers' Conference, hosted by the Sydney study groups, is to be held over the NSW Labour Weekend at:

The Ave Maria Retreat Centre
6 Wentworth Street,
Point Piper NSW 2027 (a Sydney suburb)
Tel: +61-2-9327-5339

DATES: Friday 3 October 1997 to
Monday 6 October 1997

Further details will be announced in the next issues of The ARENA. The conference theme as chosen by the host study groups is:

"DARE TO BE GODLIKE"
- the ultimate challenge -
A Practical for Ascenders.

News Around the World

The Translators' Conference Paris, April 1996

Seppo Kanerva, Helsinki, Finland

The URANTIA Book translator conference exceeded all my expectations. The conference was such a success, the atmosphere of the conference was so energetic, mutually supportive and loving that I am tempted to say that it enjoyed a special angelic involvement. The presence of all five trustees at the meeting showed every participant that the work they are performing is considered utterly important and that translations are not a secondary undertaking in the view of the Foundation. In brief, it just was a gigantic success.

Following is a summary of the status of the various translations:

RUSSIAN: The second draft of the Russian translation (already once copyedited) is complete. A second copyediting and final polishing stage is in progress and advancing rapidly. The Russian translation will be printed and published in 1997.

DUTCH: Translating of the Dutch version is complete; copyediting and final polishing is virtually complete. The Dutch book will be published in 1997.

KOREAN: The first draft of the Korean translation of the entire book is done. Copyediting and final polishing is in progress and is advancing very well.

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(Translators' Conference, continued)

SWEDISH: The first draft for the Swedish translation will be completed by the end of 1996. Parts I and II have been copyedited; copyediting of Part III is nearing its completion.

ESTONIAN: Translating and copyediting of Part I is more than half-way through. The Estonian team put a special effort on the translation of the Foreword so to get the terminology in place right at the outset.

GERMAN: Translation of Part IV is two thirds complete; translation of Part I will begin soon.

ITALIAN: I unexpectedly learnt that there already exists an Italian translated manuscript of the entire book. There had been some knowledge about such an effort, but contact with the translator had been interrupted. Early this year, however, the translator re-established communication with the Foundation, and is willing to revise his work, which is essentially a translation of the first French translation. A team to assist in copyediting will be formed soon.

The above are the authorised translations so far. Moreover, there are a number of other projects at various incipient stages:

A **DANISH** translator-prospect submitted his translation of the Foreword, Paper 56 and Paper 112. A quality control of these works is in progress.

A **LITHUANIAN** translator has been working on his private translation effort for a number of years. He has now submitted samples of his work; a quality control is in progress.

A **NORWEGIAN** reader has submitted his translation of the three last Papers of the book as samples of his work. The Swedish translation team will continue in giving him feedback and will assess the Norwegian work.

The prospects of having a **PORTUGUESE** translation effort launched in the near future are promising.

The first printing of the **SPANISH** translation was published in June 1993. A great number of corrections were made in it, and in July 1995 a revised soft-cover version was published and sold within a few months. A second soft-cover Spanish printing was published in December 1995. A more substantive revision of the Spanish translation has been in progress since October 1995, the work being done by native Castilian speakers in Seville. Their work is subject to quality control procedures, just like any translation.

A thoroughly revised **FRENCH** translation was published in hard cover format in August 1994. A soft-cover edition, with some minor revisions, was available in late May 1996.

The first printing of the **FINNISH** translation was published in June 1993 (hard cover). A second, soft-cover printing, with some minor revisions, was published in May 1996.

Remember, there are 1 billion worlds to traverse in Havona alone. One would think that one would spend more than a single Urantian year on each of them. At the rate we are progressing on this planet, it will probably take 50 billion years just to graduate from the Melchizedik schools of Nebadon.

Singapore Book Fair

The URANTIA Foundation Australian office attended for the first time the Singapore International Book Fair in Singapore. The book fair ran for 9 days and was visited by 500,000 people. Singapore is a melting pot of cultures and religion and in many ways it is the gateway to Asia. The Foundation reported that they sold out of books within the first two days and had more shipped for the fair. Those who seemed most interested in the book were Chinese who had a Christian background along with Indians of differing faiths. Contacts were also made with Asian book distributors.

Internet Discussion Lists

As more and more of our brothers and sisters around the world who speak different languages are now reading *The URANTIA Book*, URANTIA Foundation is pleased to let everyone know that they have now opened up three new Internet lists for our French, Spanish and Finnish speaking friends. The same spirit of participation guidelines apply to each of these lists as on UrantiaL. Visit their Web site at: <http://www.urantia.org>

If anyone has any questions regarding *The URANTIA Book*, URANTIA Foundation or its affiliates please feel free to contact their office nearest you.

Letters to the Editor

Dear fellow Readers,

Have you ever found yourself a little overwhelmed by some of the descriptions in *The URANTIA Book* and perhaps decided to put pen to paper to organise some of the celestial hierarchies in your mind? Or perhaps you wanted to follow Jesus' travels on an ancient map of the time? I know I have and I promised myself that I would sort it all out during my next reading.

After speaking to many readers, I know that most have their favourite sketch, diagram or table folded up in the back of their Urantia Book, and that they refer to this from time to time when studying.

Having read *The URANTIA Book* and having experienced the profound wisdom and insight that it has given me on my place and duties on this planet, and indeed the universe, it has become my great desire to help others come to know the words of *The URANTIA Book*. And I believe that every other reader must feel the same.

The undertaking of a project to collect, collate and distribute back to the readership all this helpful study material will go a long way in satisfying my desire to do service and duty to my fellow human beings; after all that is "the will of God"

Here's how we all can help:

I would like you to send me, at 8 Trigalana Place, Frenchs Forest, NSW 2086, a copy of your favourite material that you think might be helpful, or simply fun to use, for the study of *The URANTIA Book*. I am planning to prepare a non-interpretive study guide containing your paintings, sketches, diagrams and tables, or anything else which may be very helpful to readers of *The URANTIA Book*.

This request gives you, as readers, the opportunity also to contribute to this work. Imagine the feeling of knowing that your contribution may be helping a fellow human being in coming to better understand *The URANTIA Book*, or simply to enjoy it more. So please send your ideas and diagrams in and any suggestions that you may have. Your help will be gratefully appreciated.

Regards,
Robert Coenraads

*The fleetness of the deer,
The patience of the ox,
The soft eye of the gazelle,
and the mane of the lion*

Comments on the Canberra Conference

– Remember –

This hot October spring day, Joy, and how beautiful the country was we drove through, Macquarie Pass, Robertson – the first people we met outside BlackFriars – Christopher and Bridget, the greeting we got from Nigel, Vern and oh, Clyde ready with his first challenge. The pouring rain, just when we wanted to leave for dinner, and how Val and Jess directed us twice around the roundabout, and to the opposite end of Watson – in the darkest and wettest night.

Remember – Saturday, Betty, the introduction to the conference theme – ascenders we are – in an evolutionary Arena, potential seeds, that need to experience – to actualize a universal reality – to become a unified, diversified and supreme creation like the colourful Floriade.

Remember – the trip to "The Club" under a starry sky Jeremy, Bob, Neil – next time it's my shout... then Sunday morning, Kathy to the rescue(!) After breakfast, into a beautiful shiny day we gave thanks to our heavenly Father and remembered Jesus, our Brother and Creator and his teaching to be each other's servant, and how gently the light touched our souls, Remember – Ruth, John, Dennis, Robert, David.

Then Ken – I've learned more about atoms and neutrinos through your joyous explanation than I ever will again!

Remember – The music, Trevor, and the "happy hours" we've spent, and the getting through topics in a Forum style on Monday morning – remember the photo session in the outer court and the goodbyes – and how we can live in our corners of Urantia, and daily discern the Father's will, and do it – and because we said goodbye – we can look forward to saying hello again – better sooner than later.

With heaps of affection and thankyou's to all.

Rita Schaad

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The culmination of a project undertaken a year previously by the Canberra Study Group was realized at Blackfriar's Retreat in Canberra. With a final flurry of activity the conference kits were ready and the attendees were warmly welcomed.

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Common or garden variety readers, spotted at the 1996 URANTIA Book Readers Conference, Canberra, Australia (October 1996)

We of the Canberra Study Group endeavoured to provoke thought and discussion in presenting the theme of "Evolution", hoping those present would come away from the conference mentally challenged and spiritually uplifted, inspired to go out and do something.

Four major presentations were made... the Historical overview by Rosemary Miners, an intriguing picture of comparison between the normal progression of events of planetary unfolding and the variation/deviation that has resulted from our chequered history; Ken Glasziou then presented an incisively researched presentation on the revelatory nature of scientific content of the book demonstrating that human knowledge could not have been the source of this information; the next presenter was myself and in this session, 'Where in the World are we now', I endeavoured to answer a few questions regarding our present status on the evolutionary ladder and predict action we as a society need to concentrate on to grow spiritually, with particular reference to genetic improvement and racial amalgamation. Finally Bob Sawyer delivered the evolutionary picture from an individual perspective reminding us that as the individual grows the capacity to love others, society grows; this benign virus infects all society. One message became clear, that we ought to strive to become spiritually fragrant for others to be drawn to seek our company.

We enjoyed a final Monday morning session, which became a culmination and cross-fertilization of ideas as we discussed questions arising from the conference presentations. Various topics were aired, lively debate ensued and the group was uplifted by this opportunity to tease out some of the implications in the conference theme: "**Evolution, the beat goes on**".

This opportunity for readers at large to gather together and focus on spiritually related matters has great potential

to enthuse and strengthen our individual commitment regarding the unfolding of a revelation.

Now our sights are set on the future and what changes and challenges 1997 will bring. See you in Sydney, and

*"May your wisdom equal your zeal
and your love be infectious".*

Verner Verass

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My previous and first conference was in 1992 at Elanora, Sydney. Subsequent to that conference I was moved to facilitate the inaugural Central Coast Study Group which lasted for approximately 12 months, meeting on a monthly basis and averaging 4-7 attendees. Subsequent to the 1996 conference, I found myself as secretary to ANZURA following Kathleen and Trevor Swadling's move to Chicago, USA. Immediately following the 1996 conference again I found myself wrapped up in events which lead to the inauguration of the first Wollongong *URANTIA Book Study Group*, which meets weekly at 6:30 pm on Thursdays.

The Canberra conference itself was so uplifting, words fail me to describe the total effect. The "Canberra Mob" did a wonderful job in making this conference a remarkable success. They all have every right to feel proud in their individual contribution to its success. Personally I feel immensely privileged to be involved with ANZURA and to serve the fostering of *The URANTIA Book*, and any activity which results in the creation of new study groups. The Canberra conference was a unique springboard to the fostering of the "Kingdom". I look forward to the 1997 conference to be hosted by the Sydney Study Groups.

In conclusion I ask you all to read *The URANTIA Book*, from page 1739 paragraph 2, to page 1740 paragraph 8.

Ysbrand Oosten

Articles

Ganymede Revisited

Thomas Channic (September, 1996), USA

On September 6 1996, the NASA space probe Galileo accomplished its second flyby of the Jupiter moon Ganymede. This time Galileo came within 162 miles of Ganymede, about 350 miles closer than its last visit in June. (The last space shuttle mission orbited about 245 miles above Earth.) At that time, scientists were surprised to receive data that indicated a magnetic field around the moon, the first evidence of any moon having a magnetic field.

After the first flyby, I began to speculate that Ganymede – the solar system’s largest moon (about the size of Mercury) – might be the home of the race of non-breathing mortals, who are described in *The Urantia Book* as being “in close proximity to Urantia.” In response to this speculation at IC96, a speaker offered the challenge: “close proximity – who knows what that really means?” So I looked a little closer and found the following:

“Satania is not a uniform physical system, a single astronomic unit or organization. Its 619 inhabited worlds are located in over five hundred different physical systems. Only five have more than two inhabited worlds, and of these only one has four peopled planets, while there are forty-six having two inhabited worlds.” (page 359, 32:2:9)

A little arithmetic yields:

511	physical systems with	1	inhabited planet,
46	physical systems with	2	inhabited planets,
4	physical systems with	3	inhabited planets,
1	physical system with	4	inhabited planets,

and a total of 562 physical systems in Satania with inhabited life. These numbers determine that the probability of an inhabited planet of Satania having two or more inhabited planets in its physical system equals $51,562 = 9\%$ or about 1 chance in 11. Slightly encouraging, but let’s go on.

“Urantia is comparatively isolated on the outskirts of Satania, your solar system, with one exception, being the farthest removed from Jerusem, while Satania itself is next to the outermost system of Norlatiadek, and this constellation is now traversing the outer fringe of Nebadon.” – (page 466, 41:10:5)

Compare this with the original quote:

“You would be more than interested in the planetary conduct of this type of mortal because such a race of beings inhabits a sphere in close proximity to Urantia.” (page 564A, 49:3:5)

Now how can Urantia be comparatively isolated AND have another inhabited planet in close proximity? My interpretation is that Urantia is isolated because our solar system is isolated. An isolated solar system means no nearby inhabited solar systems. If this is true, an inhabited sphere in close proximity must be INSIDE the system.

Three other points about the “close proximity” quote are worth noting:

1. The phrase “in close proximity” is quite redundant. Something close can be referred to as being merely “in proximity”. Close proximity indicates really close.
2. The phrase “more than interested” suggests surprised, if not shocked, as many would be if another human race turned up in our own astronomical backyard.
3. The choice of the generic word **sphere** instead of planet strikes me as a clue. **Planet** is used almost without exception in the book as a generic term for inhabited world, as in “Planetary Princes”, “Planetary Mortal Epochs”, “Planetary Adams”, even on the first page of the Foreword (“Your world, Urantia, is one of many similar inhabited planets which comprise the local universe of Nebadon.”). The switch to **sphere** in this context suggests “close, but not a planet (as you know it).”

I realize this is hardly conclusive evidence, but it is keeping me glued to results from the Galileo mission as they become available on the world-wide web at

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/galileo>

Perhaps soon we will have not only the answer to the question “Is there anyone else out there?”, but to other questions such as:

Do they read The Ganymede Book?

Have they their Ganymede Foundation?

And what does a nonbreather call someone who’s full of hot air?

Paradise and the Shape of Space

Philip Calabrese, PhD USA

While readers of *The Urantia Book* may routinely reflect about “Everything”, even the least philosophical among us have some moments of awareness of the total cosmos, perhaps when in stillness we are confronted by a night sky filled with distant lights. Everybody wonders, at least once in a while. And this is good. For it is a perfect entry into a talk about the central concept of *The Urantia Book (UB)* and of Jesus according to *the UB*.

Pause to consider that our ability to wonder about the Totality is so rich in information only because the Totality has afforded to each one of us an individual view of that Totality! Who are we that Reality should regard us as important enough to afford us each a personal view of the Whole? Perhaps it is because we each are personally regarded by the First Person of Reality, the First Source and Center. We are spiritually encircled with the Totality of Reality in many unseen ways, but one way that *is* seen is how The Whole is displayed to each and every human being. The infinity One has been expressed in the minds and in the eyes of each one of us who walk the earth.

our ability to wonder about the Totality

At first people all thought that the earth was the center and that the sun, moon and stars circled each 24 hours. It takes average folks a long time before they stop habitually thinking of the sun crossing the sky and instead imagine themselves spinning with the earth. (Come to think of it, I still often think of the sun that way too!)

Now the Hubble space satellite telescope has recently found evidence of anywhere from 50 to 100 million galaxies in outer space. This is up from earlier estimates ranging from just 10 galaxies visible at first to 5 million galaxies visible through weaker telescopes, but still short of *The Urantia Book's* predicted 375 million about to be observed. Contemporary science has measured and explained better what we all, to one degree or another, are seeing in the sky. But there is still a lot of distortion in the contemporary picture. But the picture is changing rapidly.

Those of us who have been blessed with the cosmology recorded in the 196 Urantia Papers have an unparalleled understanding compared to the past.

Those of us who have been reading *the UB* for many years have witnessed contemporary science tend to converge toward the fixed statements recorded in *the UB*. Science in *the UB* considered discredited or obscure at the time of publication has repeatedly been subsequently corroborated. At the same time there have been no accumulation of obvious scientific gaffs. This is a remarkable record considering the range and depth and precision of the statements made certainly before 1955 and recorded before 1935 and earlier.

Although there are a few “errors” mentioned by *the UB* authors on the face of the cosmology of the *The Urantia Book* as published by Urantia Foundation in 1955, including perhaps human copying errors of a few words, nevertheless on the whole the cosmology of *the UB* is still literally revelatory. The revelation about Paradise, the geophysical center, is anything but outdated. It hasn't yet even been noticed. But the time is rapidly approaching when even science will be willing to consider some kind of superphysical realm to explain its increasingly quizzical experiments in quantum theory. And as more macrostructure is discovered by astronomy, the Big Bang notion of an exploding universe will give way to a more complicated but more satisfying picture of the starry realms.

when even science will be willing to consider some kind of superphysical realm

Even among readers of *the UB* there is a latent surprise waiting in the amazing cosmology being presented to the discerning and persistent eye. We have been taught about Paradise, the Central Universe of Havona that circles Paradise in a clockwise direction like a hub of a wheel, and also about the seven superuniverses, which circle in a counterclockwise direction like seven elongated ellipsoidal spokes to the wheel, and finally we imagine the four immense outer space zones of encircling galaxies forming the rim of the wheel, which is called the Master Universe. Between Havona and the seven superuniverses are two special belts of gravity bodies that, among other things, apparently divert upward or downward all light coming from our side making the gravity bodies and what's behind them invisible to us on the outside. But contemporary science, not even having found the direction toward the Center, doesn't recognize a Center.

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But this is not the end of *the UB's* amazing cosmology. It is just the beginning. For *the UB* present a cosmology of radical one-to-many relationship of the First Source and Center to every other thing with any reality at all in it. *The UB* takes these words quite literally: "In Him do we all live and move and have our being." "In Him all things consist." For Paradise includes the Zone of Infinity. And infinity includes both the potential infinity of outer space and the potential infinity of the microcosm at any locality in space.

the Zone of Infinity

For an adequate grasp of the amazing down reach of the infinite God on Paradise it is not enough to imagine the Deities off on Paradise while we are out here in the boonies of Orvonton, in a backward system on the outskirts of the inhabited worlds. For Paradise is the nucleus of each ultimate material unit, the ultimatons, 100 of which make up each electron. Paradise is the fulcrum of infinity by which the agents of the Third Source inject spontaneity into the material cosmos. Our God is both nearby and afar off.

From our point of view the secret of Paradise is in the shape of space, a shape which allows the direction to Paradise to be "located" from many places in space even while Paradise itself remains outside of space and time (motion).

There is now much contemporary scientific evidence of what quantum physicists call "non-local" reality, the ability of an event in one place in space to affect a measurement at a remote place in space without apparent time delay or mechanism for influence transfer. Visionary physicist David Bohm developed a quantum theory based on what he called "the Implicate Order", an unseen realm associated with quantum particles by which the so-called "super-luminal" (faster than light) affects might be explained. This sounds a lot like Paradise to me. And we are told in *the UB* that gravity acts instantaneously. In fact we are told that the all powerful grasp of Paradise gravity present throughout space is evidence of the presence of Paradise throughout all space, not *in* space, but *near* space just "above" it, roughly speaking.

*From our point of view the secret of
Paradise is in the shape of space*

An examination of the concept of space in *the UB* will reveal that it is regarded as an intervening Transcendental Reality, as contrasted from The Finite and The Infinite. Paradise holds the One Infinity and also holds the infinitude of infinitudes. Between, space holds finite matter, a monument of the Universal Absolute, which ever is in balance with the other Absolutes of Infinity.

Space is pervaded by the Unqualified Absolute, one of the three potential-type Absolutes of Infinity. Finite matter starts as spinning space, which constitutes measurable mass, having condensed from the Unqualified Absolute as space potency, primordial force, puissant energy, and finally as spherically-shaped ultimatons, which have Paradise as their nucleus!

In order for ultimatons to have Paradise as nucleus, Paradise must be "located" toward the center of the first measurable unit of matter. How can Paradise be both at the center of the macro cosmos and also at the center of each and every ultimatton? It can be true because the shape of space can be envisioned to allow it. Indeed, no other shape for space will suffice to account for the description given in *the UB* for where, geographically, Paradise is. For instance, Paradise is located at the focus of the relatively non-moving "mid-space" zones intervening between the motions of pervaded space. And such mid-space zones exist in all matter. Paradise can be approached by following any mid-space zones toward absolute motionlessness.

the relatively non-moving "mid-space" zones

Let us go back to our image of the macro universe. We imagined this gigantic wheel made up of central Paradise, circling Havona, two dark gravity belts, seven elongated superuniverse spokes spanning out, and those 4 outer space rims of superuniverses in the making. But notice that all of this is inside space (in our concept), whereas we are specifically instructed that Paradise is not in space at all. So this image must be missing something important. We are also told that Paradise is the largest organized structure, that there is room (Paradise "area") enough on Paradise for the accumulation of art for all eternity! They pack things well there! Clearly we must be distorting the true image of Paradise. And that distortion is due to outdated ideas about the shape of space, ideas as backward as thinking of the sun as moving across the sky.

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So return to that image that we all have of the stars flung over immense distances through space, and this time include in the image the mind of the conceiver of that image, your own mind conceiving the stars and space, for that is a more complete picture of the phenomenon under discussion, and we need as complete a picture as possible. For only mind is partially able to transcend space in human experience. So we need the concept of the mind to adequately approach the concept of space.

That every concept of reality is conceived by a mind is (or should be) an essential feature of the reality conceived, especially when contemplating Everything. When the mind of the conceiver is included in the concept of total reality new dimensions open up. No longer are there just the non-living atoms but also now the living minds, and the material senses by which these minds witness the material universe. This too is a part of the picture of reality. (This is one of the notable places that spiritual reality and material reality are connected, in the minds of us human beings.)

Light and other energy from the whole cosmos comes to each part of the cosmos just like everyone in a room can see the same light bulb from different directions. Each mind receives the light and other information and reassembles (after considerable brain processing) an integrated image of "reality". We imagine how "empty" space extends "uniformly" out to the periphery of our concept of space. After that we imagine "spaceless" mind. But wait, space is not really empty, and it doesn't have to be uniform either. It just must be transparent to some energies.

So instead imagine space as pervaded by non-spatial holes, places of timeless absoluteness around which spinning space constitutes material mass. (These ultimate spheres are then aggregated into electrons and other power forms of matter.) Besides the presence of instantaneous gravity between separated bodies there is other good physical evidence that such a realm exists. Consider the constancy of the speed of light no matter what the speed of the object "emitting" or "reflecting" the light.

One of the most striking anomalies that Albert Einstein's theory of relativity had to incorporate was the fact that unlike bullets shot from the front of a moving train, which would go faster than those shot from the embankment, light shot from the front of the train would not carry the motion of the train at all. It would travel just like light sent

from the embankment. The present theory of special relativity has been in continuous embarrassment due to the implications of its deductions about objects contracting in the direction of motion (not just apparently) and clocks moving at different speeds (not just apparently).

If instead of distorting space and the material objects with space, we postulate that light is emitted from or is reflected by the nuclear region of matter, from a motionless realm, the anomaly disappears. Matter acts like the aperture of a camera, letting light through from Paradise. Since the light does not carry the motion of the aperture there is no reason to expect it to be affected by that motion. All reference frames would measure the same speed for light. This is one good implication of postulating a realm existing just "above" space which allows light to enter space or that can sometimes reflect light back into space.

How long before we...

*"regard time as the moving image
of eternity and space as
the fleeting shadow
of Paradise realities?"*

Space is focused in Nether Paradise, the underside of Paradise where personalities do not visit. But just above there is upper Paradise, where I expect to see all of you in timelessness. For now, I'll just smile here and you can feel it wherever you are.

Editor's note

Our thanks to Dr Calabrese for his intriguing article! Your editor has struggled with Philip's notions, on the relationship of Paradise to the finite realms, before. The above article has been of great assistance in more fully conveying his concepts, which have now become even more intriguing! Recent attempts by mathematicians and physicists to tame one of their most promising conceptual beasts, string theory, has led researchers to propose that fundamental particles may best be thought of as **massless black holes**, points of discontinuity in the finite realm.

Strings, particles, ultimatons as pinpricks through to Paradise? Reader with a topological bent could have a delightful career mapping the way from ultimatons to Paradise!

Who Really Am I?

By Mark Anderson, New Delhi, India

During recent meditations I was pondering who or what we are. Sitting talking with my mind and trying to focus on Adjuster presence when I asked my Adjuster “Who really am I? What aspect of me is me and what aspect is you?” Given that Adjusters are pre-personal, are they not *pro*-personal, or *pseudo*-personal in that they exhibit choice in their indwelling of a human? And yet they seem to choose based on some type of forecast of the individual's potential future life unfoldment. But if they are choosing, what is that choice based on? One question is what are they reading. Is there a method of reading the DNA strand of an emergent unactualized human in such a manner that that atomic sequence reveals something about the individual's future spiritual potential? On page 1183 it states that Thought Adjusters are individualised but not personalised. The point is that this represents a point in the universal Father's existence where he is cognisant of his identity. Adjusters know and are of our Father. In another section of the book they explain that personality is bestowed by our Father upon us mortal creatures of infinite potential. Personality actually comes from our infinite Father. (page 70)

My question revolves around my own feeble attempt to figure out how it is that I really am a free will creature. Our Father created the atoms that became the matter that became the DNA that became us. And he created our personality (I could be confused here between bestow vs. created.) Sort of... “*if God bestows personality did he choose this one for me?*” Did – does he know I am who I am? Did he know I am who he endowed? And if I am overlaid by the presence of an Adjuster, which part of me is FINITE? How is it that I can act in any manner that is not pre-known and or predestined? What aspect of us is the non-infinite that exists such that the infinite

can experience the reality of the unknown? If the beauty of us to our Father is that we truly are free will creatures, existing within time in such a manner that our destiny is not pre-written, then what aspect of us is that “unknown variable from an infinite perspective”?

I do honestly believe we are free will creatures. And the only plausible answer I can come up with is that as the original, super-infinite manifestation, our Father took that incredible leap into a tri-division. What a move to seek enrichment beyond infinity! To grasp the idea that division into trinity offered a potential of existence in addition to total consciousness.

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So is it a situation where personality, spirit and mind are originating from the Father, the Son and the Spirit? Or is it personality-spirit-body (with mind included)? In other words, are we (meaning that part of us that is doing the searching) a nexus or junction of the trinity? Are we that sum that is greater than the individual parts?

Are we then more than a manifestation of an infinite creature's attempt to avoid boredom with its own existence? Is there a part of us that truly is unknown within the universe of universes? I guess I am curious about how God actually created an entity and yet managed to divorce himself from that entity in a manner such that he can experience the entity in a finite, unknown journey and yet we, whom he experiences, can be something other than him. I would love to hear Ideas on this concept!

Honestly curious.

At one time I read a certain amount of science fiction which bordered on science fantasy. One particular title was THE SHIP THAT SANG. The novel was peopled by space ships which were each piloted by a living human brain. This brain was wired into the computer and physical elements of the ship and controlled all aspects of it, from shutting the doors to actual space travel. The brain was in a special nutrient container, and had a “brawn” assigned to it to do those things which it could not do, and to provide human company.

Since *The URANTIA Book* says that seraphim have no bodies, perhaps the transport seraphim provide the intellectual components for the transportor.

Carol Davidson

There are only 1111 secondary midwayers and they have much to do. They would need some form of transportation to get about over the planet. Since secondary midwayers are composed of some material invisible to humans most of the time, they also could have a whole technological complex that is invisible to humans except under certain conditions. They could also have been given the secret of anti-gravity to foster their work. Thus, the UFOs may not be alien space ships at all, but the transportation mode of the permanent residents of Urantia; made of material “*only visible to humans when contact is imminent*” and powered by anti-gravity. Remember,

“He who controls anti-gravity
controls the world” - Diet Smith, ca 1942

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A report from the president of the Governing Board of ANZURA

Neil Francey, President ANZURA

I am writing to keep you informed about ANZURA activities.

In October of this year a most enjoyable and invigorating Conference was held in Canberra with over 40 people attending. It seems a splendid time is guaranteed whenever sincere readers gather. Plans are already under way for the 1997 Conference which will be held in Sydney.

ANZURA's constitution requires new office bearers to be appointed after set terms. The newly elected team is:

- President: Neil Francey
- Vice president: Vern Verass
- Secretary: Ysbrand Oosten
- Treasurer: Michael Pither

In addition, Rita Schaad was elected as the Conference committee chair, Trevor Swadling re-elected as the Membership committee chair, and Nigel Nunn elected to head the Publications committee.

On behalf of the new governing board, I would like to give a hearty thanks Vern, Kathleen, Trevor and Nigel for their valued efforts over the past 12 months.

Kathleen and Trevor are now settling into Chicago and will provide much-needed support, with an Aussie flavour, to the Foundation in its ever-expanding role as a truly international organisation.

No less is ANZURA part of a world wide group of readers making a clear statement of commitment to a fledgling planetary revelation. ANZURA was well represented in Nashville this year when a meeting with similar organisations from the US, France and Finland, was held as part of the International Conference.

The Publications committee will continue to publish THE ARENA in 1997. This committee is planning to publish other works based on *The URANTIA Book*, including a limited edition print of a beautiful drawing by Vern, showing Joseph in his workshop in the family home.

Also included in this edition of THE ARENA is a special announcement about a proposed Reference Library. This is a very exciting project which can involve all of us in a sense of community.

Reader inquiries and Study Group meetings continue, and we often wonder when and how a more public stage may arrive. The safe transition of our universal teachings can only be achieved through a steadfast group of dedicated individuals. It is hoped that ANZURA's function, to coordinate and encourage our every effort, will contribute to planetary progress in the coming years.

We look forward to being of service.

Neil Francey,
on behalf of the ANZURA
Governing Board.



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Announcing The URANTIA Reference Library (ANZURA)

from the ANZURA Governing Board

During *The URANTIA Book* Readers Conference in Canberra we were inspired by sense of history apparent in our meeting place, the tranquil Blackfriars Dominican Monastery. We awoke to the fact that these are the very early years of the fifth epochal revelation, and that events in living memory, and those going on about us now, will be of great interest to future students of *the URANTIA Book*. We decided that we should start planning a resource centre for historic and other works concerning the human side of the "*Urantia Story*". A committee has been formed by ANZURA for the development of this project. Dr Robert Coenraads, an experienced research scholar and geologist has been elected to manage and coordinate this project.

What we envisage is that eventually readers would be able to visit the centre to study or discuss topics with others, either personally or through an internet connection with the other such centres around the world.

We hope that this reference library will eventually hold:

1. Historic information and books on the unfolding of the fifth URANTIA revelation.
2. Secondary works produced by people who have come into contact with *The URANTIA Book* and been inspired in some way. These works may also include tapes, films and artworks.
3. Historical works written on people mentioned in *The URANTIA Book*, for example the *Prince of Salem*.
4. All major reference or "inspired" works concerning the world's religions mentioned in *The URANTIA Book*, for example: Cynicism, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Suduanism, Shinto, Taoism, Confucianism and the modern (post Christ) religions started by the apostles and their offshoots.
5. All major works predating *The URANTIA Book* from which material has been extracted to write *The URANTIA Book*. These would include ecclesiastical works such as the Holy Bible and secular works such as scientific publications on subjects presented in *The URANTIA Book*. Also material or books which make reference to *The URANTIA Book*.

We would like to enlist your help, as *The URANTIA Book* Readership, for suggestions of any other relevant works we should hold in the reference library. Also we would like your help in acquiring actual copies of the above-mentioned material. In addition, if you have any

material you would like to donate to the library, please forward details initially to U.R.L. (ANZURA), Attn: Robert Coenraads, PO Box 609, Narrabeen, NSW 2101.

A small section will be included in each newsletter titled "About Your library" where you will be able see how our data collection project is going and what books the library is seeking. So start hunting around on your dusty book shelves in old boxes in the garage, and in second hand book stores for material that you think relevant. One day it will all become historically very valuable to students of *The URANTIA Book*. Your help with this project will be greatly appreciated.

All material can be sent to

URANTIA Reference Library (ANZURA)
P.O. Box 609
Narrabeen NSW 2101
Australia.

Primary midwayers resemble angels more than mortals; the secondary orders are much more like human beings. Each renders invaluable assistance to the other in the execution of their manifold planetary assignments. The primary ministers can achieve liaison co-operation with both morontia- and spirit-energy controllers and mind circuiters. The secondary group can establish working connections only with the physical controllers and the material-circuit manipulators. But since each order of midwayer can establish perfect synchrony of contact with the other, either group is thereby able to achieve practical utilization of the entire energy gamut extending from the gross physical power of the material worlds up through the transition phases of universe energies to the higher spirit-reality forces of the celestial realms.

The gap between the material and spiritual worlds is perfectly bridged by the serial association of mortal man, secondary midwayer, primary midwayer, morontia cherubim, mid-phase cherubim, and seraphim. In the personal experience of an individual mortal these diverse levels are undoubtedly more or less unified and made personally meaningful by the unobserved and mysterious operations of the divine Thought Adjuster.

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Fusion with a Thought Adjuster is the desired, and eventually the expected outcome of a human life on Urantia. For an individual, a preliminary step on the way to fusion will be this transfer of their seat of identity from the adjutant womb to morontia embryo. This step is like that of an astronaut moving into the capsule of a rocket ready on the launch pad. Prior to this relocation of herself she was ground crew, and ground crew do not fly.

Two types of Humans

So in presenting Urantia's mortals with their message, the Revelators had to take into consideration the reactions of both adjutant-driven humans and the more complex responses of young morontians, the *soul-dwellers* of Urantia.

Prior to making their transition (surviving their dark night, completing their grand exodus) from the adjutant womb to their soul, humans are like a layer of froth and bubble dynamically sustained on top of the seven adjutant fountains. Such fragile, transient mortals must necessarily see things in terms of their acquired evolutionary concepts (or employ the technique of the *faith leap*). For such adjutant-riders, thinking is primarily a juggling of acquired concepts. Thus, depending on their background, their education and experience, they will be constrained to see *The URANTIA Book* in terms such as "a precious gift from God", "extra-terrestrial mind-seed", or even as "a last effort of Lucifer to confuse the faithful".

On the other hand a soul-dweller who by definition is roused and sustained by the mind circuits of the local universe, is able to move beyond the logic of "concept association" and sense the larger rhythms in Nebadon; to know *The URANTIA Book* as simply a device serviceable for adjusting a troubled world; for replenishing the conceptual reservoir of the planet.

Life under the tutelage of the adjutants can be regarded as gentle practice for the larger game of life riding the local universe mind circuits. A soul dweller has begun this enlarged local-universe career. Is *The URANTIA Book* targeted at those dwelling in their souls? Can we then see one of the present *Urantia tasks* (as on any world of fusion candidates) as assisting wild young adjutant-riders make that exodus into their soul?

The mechanics of change

The Revelators imply that use of the adjutant mind circuits is a pervasive technique for launching human life on the worlds of Nebadon. Clearly the administration must regard it as a workable scheme.

Thus we can assume that a degree of mastery of the adjutant stage is the planned precursor, a necessary achievement for a human, before transfer into their soul.

So how do we achieve this degree of mastery? How do we change our nature from evolutionary human to ascending morontian? How to become a soul dweller?

First, consider which things are within our power to change. If we were musicians playing seven-keyed flutes, we would have two options for adjusting the music we made. We could stop playing, or work hard on our fingering so that one day we'd play like the Master. Similarly, as pre-morontian humans, the scope of our efforts is nothing more or less than configuring our pattern of response to the motivation of the adjutants, and enduring the results...

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The music our flautist makes will be the result of her willful manipulation of the keys. The adjutants supply a ceaseless breath. Our musician needs to gain both skill at manipulating, and responsiveness to, that breath. She may have a little trouble with the fingering. She may even have some of her young fingers stuck resolutely and unconsciously on particular keys. And sweet music is more difficult to achieve if we cannot (or *will not*) play some of the important notes.

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If the early stages of human life are all about adjusting willful reaction to adjutant stimulation, one would suspect that when the Life Carriers extend their schemes on a decimal world such as Urantia, one of their intentions will be to better actualise, and even to magnify, the potentials latent in this way of initiating Finaliters.

What have the Life Carriers done on Urantia to increase the effect of the adjutant scheme?

The Sangiks.

A way of differentiating early humans would be to adjust their pattern of resonance with (attunement to) the adjutants. Is this what occurred in the Sangik phenomenon? Were each of the coloured Sangik subgroups specifically tuned to the frequency of a particular adjutant circuit? Was each eventuating race more inclined to respond to the ministrations of a particular adjutant spirit? Did this psychological divide between the races allow the Life Carriers to try and tease out the potentials for cultural unfolding latent in each adjutant's incessant stimulation and unseen motivation?

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That the Sangik races all came from the same parents implies a profound genetic similarity, so the genetic variation which produced the six colored types must have been very small. And predictable? Perhaps a slight variation in a single sequence of genes unlocks, or defines, the human interface to the adjutant circuits.

So in addition to individuals struggling with their own pattern of stimulus and response, the Life Carriers had planned vast Urantian sub-cultures evolving independently with a particular bent, a particular cultural flavour, a particular color.

Imagine the Adamic pair then appearing on stage as concert masters – to conduct the symphony of six great families of instruments, and themselves to be a seventh player in the score, simultaneously adjusting the qualities of each family. Each family discovering and teasing out the peculiar melodies of their sponsoring Adjutant.

But the Life Carriers have been denied seeing the outcome of their “cultural terraforming”. Still, the job of individuals making the change from adjutant-riders to soul dwellers is the same as on all human inhabited worlds in Nebadon – respond to the loud whisper of our Father and launch into Life.

For us, both soul building and responding to revelation is an adventure in the arena of mind. Our mind is the arena in which we perform. It is through our mind that we help lay the threads from which our soul is made. It is through our sincere and persistent choosing, through our mind, that we establish the potential for the transfer of the seat of our identity. A necessary precursor to fusion.

Nicodemus replied: “But I do not understand – how can that be?” Said Jesus: “Can it be that you are a teacher in Israel and yet ignorant of all this?...” (page 1602)

Late Breaking News: New Element Discovered!

Lee Colbert

The heaviest element known to science was recently discovered by PHD* physicists at HDS (Humour Deficit Syndrome) headquarters. The element, tentatively called HDS-Administratium, has no protons or electrons and thus has an atomic number of 0. However, it does have one neutron, 15 assistant neutrons, 70 vice neutrons and 161 assistant vice neutrons. This gives it an atomic mass of 247. These 247 particles are held together in a nucleus by a force that involves the continuous exchange of meson-like particles called “morons”.

Since it has no electrons, HDS-Administratium is inert. However, it can be detected chemically as it impedes every

*And placed upon and each beside
like grains of sand set by the tide
these minds of mortals walled of skin
like seeds in time that grace the wind*

*who ramble on with words rare thought
with teachings that are seldom sought
with dreams of life but hardly known
with wings of truth so rarely flown*

*this world, an orb, in space and spun
a bullet from a cosmic gun
a bridge to matter, often strolled
a prayer to God unfairly sold*

*i am but me who is not you
a life is lived outside your view
another voice that echoes past
another form whose mould was cast*

*you are but you who is not me
with visions far and wide you see
a truth which has its hold within
a thought you think to “they” and “them”*

*oh babylon and babble still
be as you are, be as you will
ramble rumble face the night
the love of God creates your light*

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reaction it comes into contact with. According to PHD investigators, a minute amount of HDS-Administratium added to one reaction caused it to take over four days to complete. Without the HDS-Administratium, the reaction ordinarily occurred in less than one second.

It has been observed that HDS-Administratium has a normal half life of approximately three weeks, at which time it does not actually decay but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which assistant neutrons, vice neutrons, and assistant vice neutrons exchange places. Studies seem to show the atomic number actually increases after each reorganization. (*Phunny, How Droll)