

Welcome to the 8TH International Conference

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DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS OF *THE Urantia Book*, I wish to extend a warm welcome to the VIII UAI Urantia Book International Conference.

Bienvenidos a todos, Welcome everybody, Bienvenue, Boas Vindas, Dobro pozalovat.

It is not by accident that this Eighth Conference is taking place in the South American continent, in this nation of Colombia and in this beautiful city of Medellin. We feel privileged to be the organizers of this Conference and to have the responsibility to receive people as special as all of you are; the readers of *The Urantia Book*.

...opportunity to meet and share with the delegations of the 20 countries participating...

We have made every effort possible to ensure that all of us enjoy this wonderful event, in order so that these days which we will be sharing with the Urantia family, may become an important place in our lives.

As background, we can recall that since 1996 there have been seven world Conferences organized by the Urantia Association International, which took place in the following countries.

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Tamila Ragimova welcoming attendees, photo

This morning we had the opportunity to meet and share with the delegations of the 20 countries participating in the Conference and we were pleased with the wide participation of Urantia Book readers.

The Organizing Committee of the Eighth International Conference worked hard for over one ▶

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Greetings fellow *UAI Journal* readers,

THIS ISSUE OF THE UAI Journal for 2012 will showcase a few of the presentations from the UAI International Conference in Columbia held in April 2012. There were so many excellent presentations it was difficult to choose between them all. The next issue will also feature more of these enlightening and international lectures and presentations. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did!

Our first article is the Opening Address from Tamila Ragimova, President of the Columbia UNACOL Association and the Host country representative. Her encompassing remarks for the opening of the conference define UAI's International mission and embraces every culture and ethnicity in her directive; *We, the students of the Fifth Revelation, are the promoters of a high moral life, of selfless service, of a sincere love. At the same time, we are students of and teachers of The Urantia Book. We teach the science of spirituality, we try to guide people to take the road to the Universal Father, teach to live their lives with dignity, that is; to always go toward the truth, seeking beauty, while serving with goodness, with the purpose that each person may achieve human survival.* Anyone who reads *The Urantia Book* is a teacher—as we emulate our beliefs as we live our daily lives—the reflection is visible and impactful to those around us—we teach through our example, plain and simple.

Our second article is from Sergey Chupin of Vladivostok, Russia entitled **Cosmology of Uversa**. It is full of excellent charts and graphics which visually add to the learning experience as he takes us on a tour of Uversa and provides us with some interesting conclusions; *there are many differences between modern*

science and astronomy concerning Uversa and about the space around Urantia. The reasons for this discrepancy can be found in The Urantia Book. On the one hand, scientific mistakes occur due to technical difficulties: ... The confusion that exists among astronomers of Urantia, is partly due to an optical illusion and distortion caused by the following relative rotational movements complex: (see page 9 for the full explanation). I believe this article will excite the physicist in everyone.

Our next article is from presenter Lourdes Pizarro Antram of Peru, **Michael: An Example of Love, Truth and a Way of Life** perfectly reflects the life of Jesus and the nature of his personality and soul...*Going back to the main theme, "Under the Light of Love," let us remember Jesus' unconditional love. In The Urantia Book we have the most amazing examples of how he developed his life on Earth. He was human like us until it was time to remember who He was (is). Every day he strived to become better in every aspect of his life!*

Our fourth article **Moved to Worship** is from Moustapha Ndiaye, of Senegal, in it he ties the urge to worship to a natural impulse. *I realized that this spiritual impulse due to our intellectual capacity to know God linked with the spiritual urge to find God because of the presence of the adjutant mind spirit of worship, are truly the foundation of the worship. This impulse comes naturally and I noticed also that it takes different forms in different individuals.* Worship is the sixth Adjutant Mind Spirit—and the first one that separates us from the animal mind. Worship is the exhilarating love filled precursor to Wisdom. Wisdom, the articulator of all the others the inherent tendency of moral progression obtained in the love of one's brothers. Coordinating past

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experience and present opportunity in its application of the previous six it is the intellectual acme of mental performance and the goal of infinite existence.

Our final article **You are the Sowers** is from the President of UAI, and Conference presenter Gaétan Charland of Canada. Gaétan also recognizes that we are all the teachers, that it is up to each of us to accept the challenge of the Revelators to expand our cosmic consciousness and enhance our spiritual perception. He has removed the roadblock for us all to become teachers in his statement; *We are the sowers. If not us, then who? We're not just any kind of sowers; if we ▶*

Welcome to the conference cont. from page 1

year for this event in order to be able to execute it at the height that students of *The Urantia Book* deserve. We personally contacted most of the people who expressed their desire to come to the Conference. Many more people were willing to participate in the Conference but were unable to come for different reasons.

We decided to record the memories of the VIII International Congress and burn them onto a CD which you will find in your kit. It will be very important to review the presentations

The purpose of this Conference is not only to listen to the lectures, have workshop-discussions, but to also meet, and to share four days of work and relaxation, to be together at every moment of this encounter, in the lunches, dinners, tours, musical presentations, dances, songs, etc., or better said; to strengthen the bonds of true friendship. We are people with the same form of thinking, the same way of seeing the world and with a great desire to create changes, to awaken spirituality and to enhance human life on this planet.

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Editorial cont.

read the parable of the sower, we might focus mainly on where the seeds fall and not on the sower himself. In our present day and age, we cannot go about and preach like Jesus and the Apostles did, we have to adjust our ways of teachings to the present situation of the world. Most of our initiatives to teach and disseminate should be one-on-one or with the help of presentations given in study groups, or in conferences like this one, or by way of the Internet such as the UBIS School. Not only can we teach to the regular people we meet every day, but we must not forget to teach ourselves. The greatest way to deepen your spiritual understanding is to explain it to someone else. I feel the need to reiterate what Gaétan said not only are we the light of the world and the salt of the earth, but we are also the Sowers of the seeds of truth that will help elevate this world spiritually.

Happy and Enlightened Reading!

Suzanne Kelly ■

PS... I am always looking for Assistant Editors and for someone who would consider being my replacement as Editor of the UAI Journal. If you have an interest in becoming the next Editor, please contact me skelly@wtmi.net

When people with the same thinking are brought together, a very large and strong force appears that can move mountains, fight and defeat evil. By working together we can achieve intellectual and spiritual progress for mankind, and with that, establish on planet Urantia the glory of Michael of Nebadon. We are promoters of the Cosmic Mind, we are the hope of the celestial beings, who work tirelessly for the progress and evolution of this planet.

I'm sure that now in this room, there are present many celestial beings who are admiring and listening to us, because during the long process of preparation for this Conference, I felt the constant help of these wonderful beings, as everything went the best way possible for us, and organizational problems were resolved quickly.

During the preparation of the Conference we visited many companies in order to solicit sponsorships, samplings, transportation, simultaneous translators, etc. For each company we had to explain the purpose of this Conference, speaking of the Fifth Revelation, of spirituality, explaining what *The Urantia Book* all about. This process was also a way to dissemination the news about the Book. Several people that we spoke to are now readers of *The Urantia Book*.

People of different nationalities are present in this Conference, from different countries and customs. We speak different languages that hinder our quick understanding, however I hope that the days that we will be spending here together will be wonderful and will unite us in a strong bond of friendship and of true brotherhood.

It's not easy being a teacher of truth, and to teach the true faith, faith without fanaticism, without hypocrisy, a living faith, faith in action, the faith that is able to confront and defeat evil. But we have to follow this path, the path of our creator Michael of Nebadon who lived a difficult life on this planet 2,000 years ago, confronting the priests, teaching the new gospel to the ignorant and unbelieving people, despite the fact that his own family was not able to understand the greatness of his personality and the truths of his teachings.

I invite you to be strong and constant as was Michael of Nebadon while living his terrestrial life, to not get discouraged by the lack of understanding of others, to confront evil and move forward to add a grain of sand toward such a noble cause, in order to improve human life on this planet and awaken true spirituality in the minds and souls of human beings.

Once again, welcome all to the VIII Conference of Urantia in Medellin, Colombia.

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Cosmology of Uversa

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Introduction

WE CAN BE PROUD WHEN WE LOOK AT recent advances in science and technology of our civilization on the Earth. Technological progress that makes us feel confident about understanding the laws of nature. We are students of *The Urantia Book* can appreciate the patience and the love with which the authors of *The Urantia Book* teach us new knowledge, which exceed our imagination and science. This article analyzes the parts of *The Urantia Book* where it makes the description of the universe and helps us to form a correct idea of its structure and division: Paradise Island, the Central Universe (Havona) and the seven Superuniverses. It also includes the assumption about the location of the four outer space levels and dimensions of the universe. We offer a hypothesis to explain the phenomenon of background radiation in space.

...where the Island of Paradise is located, and what is the position of Superuniverse, our local universe and our planet Urantia.

The schematic structure of the Universe

The structure of the universe based on the explanation of *The Urantia Book* contains a systematic and detailed description of the universe. Based on this description, we can get an idea how it is structured the Great Universe, where the Island of Paradise is located, and what is the position of the Superuniverse, our local universe and our planet Urantia. According to the *The Urantia Book*, in the center of the whole universe is the stationary Island of Paradise Eternal, surrounded by the Central Universe (Havona).

Proceeding outward from Paradise through the horizontal extension of pervaded space, the master universe is existent in six concentric ellipses, the space levels encircling the central Isle:

1. The Central Universe—Havona.
2. The Seven Superuniverses.
3. The First Outer Space Level.
4. The Second Outer Space Level.
5. The Third Outer Space Level.
6. The Fourth and Outermost Space Level. [Paper 12:1.3, page 129:1]



Cosmos illustration

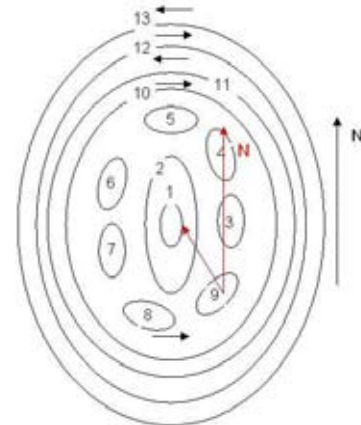


Figure 1. Schematic structure of the space occupied.

Description of Figure 1

1. The Eternal Island of Paradise.
2. The Central—Havona
- 3-9. The seven Superuniverses
- 10-13. The four outer space levels.

The arrows in the graph show the direction to the north, direction of rotation of the Superuniverses also outer space with respect to the stationary Isle of Paradise. The outer space levels, for simplicity are shown as elliptical lines. Thanks to the special structure of the eternal Isle of Paradise and to be stationary, we can set the directions in the universe: **These differences in dimensions, taken in connection with its stationary status and the greater out-pressure of force-energy at the north end of the Isle, make it possible to establish absolute direction in the master universe.** [Paper 11:1.3, page 119:4]

In this age and as direction is regarded on Urantia, superuniverse number one swings almost due north, approximately opposite, in an easterly direction, to the Paradise residence of the Great Sources and Centers and the central universe of Havona. This position, with the corresponding one to the west, represents the nearest physical approach of the spheres of time to the eternal Isle. [Paper 15:1.4, page 165:3]

If you imagine a finite, but inconceivably large, V-shaped plane situated at right angles to both the upper and lower surfaces of Paradise, with its point nearly tangent to peripheral Paradise, and then visualize this plane in elliptical revolution about Paradise, its revolution would roughly outline the volume of pervaded space. [Paper 11:7.5, page 124:6]

The Urantia Book teaches us that, besides the space occupied where we are, in the universe there is an unoccupied space on which we only know that it exists. **A vertical section of the space is quite similar to the cross of Malta, the horizontal section corresponds to the occupied space (Universe) and the vertical arms represent the unoccupied space (tank)**

Reading from *The Urantia Book*: **Space does not exist on any of the surfaces of Paradise. If one looked directly up from the upper surface of Paradise, one would see nothing but unpervaded space going out or coming in, just now coming in.** [Paper 11:7.1, page 124:2]

The schematic structure of the universe (vertical section) is shown in Figure 2.

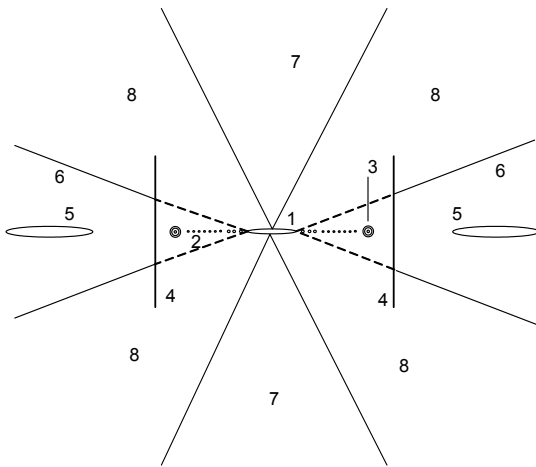


Figure 2. DRAWING.

Description of Figure 2

1. The Eternal Isle of Paradise and Stationary.
2. Three rings of Paradise and the seven rings Havona.
3. Three rings of the inner belt of dark gravity bodies.
4. Ring of the outer belt of dark gravity bodies.
5. Superuniverses.
6. Region occupied space (outer space levels not shown).
7. Region of space unoccupied.
8. The area of the intermediary space.

Analysis of Figure 2

Analyzing graph two we can ask: is it possible to see the other side of the Great Universe (i.e. superuniverse, they are for us on the **other** side of space relative to Havona and the Isle of Paradise), unless that the space occupied ending is in the peripheral edge of paradise? To answer this question you should not forget that the Isle of Paradise is beyond time and space and can not **lock** the observation. On the other hand, *The Urantia Book* states that **just below nether Paradise is a fusion of occupied and unoccupied**. In other words, space originates below the lower Paradise, and has no **gap** if the space should have started on peripheral Paradise.

The reason why we can see the other side of the universe is because the dark bodies are transparent to light, **These dark gravity bodies neither reflect nor absorb light; they are nonreactive to physical-energy light...** [Paper 14:1.14, page 153:5] The word **transparency** in this context is only used for understanding. It would be an error in this case, to compare the properties of dark gravity bodies with the properties of known materials, that somehow are transparent to light.

To understand let's imagine an example of what is happening, consider a ray of light strikes an object (the properties of this object are equivalent to the properties of dark gravity bodies). This object does not absorb or reflect the light beam and does not react to light as physical energy. Question: What about this ray? Answer: The pass through this object, because any violation of the beam propagation (refraction, absorption, reflection, or any combination thereof) will be the reaction of the object to light as a physical energy that is excluded from the text of *The Urantia Book*.

Finally the **transparency** of the center of the universe is based in triple organization of physical energy of the Central Universe, compared with the dual organization of the universes of time and space (Superuniverses levels and levels of Outer Space) **If a Urantia mortal could be transported to Havona, he would there be deaf, blind, and utterly lacking in all other sense reactions; he could only function as a limited self-conscious being deprived of all environmental stimuli and all reactions thereto.** [Paper 12:2.4, page 154:6]

The organized creation, and inhabited part including the Central Universe and seven Superuniverses is called the Grand Universe. Each Superuniverse has one-seventh of the organized creation post—Havona. The description in *The Urantia Book* indicates that our Superuniverse Orvonton has a flat structure and is in the same plane as the Island of Paradise and the Central Universe Havona.

To determine the size of our Superuniverse I have considered the following pattern: galaxies, clusters and groups meet on a system that can be called supercluster. Superclusters have a flat structure and the space between them is almost empty, there is not galaxies or clusters. Considering this and other conditions, it was concluded that the Superuniverse—is an enormous concentration of seas together geographically?. The concentration of galaxies or stellar density decreases gradually toward the edges, that is what we call superclusters.?

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Later *The Urantia Book* contains a detailed description of the positions of the seven Superuniverses, relative to the Isle of Paradise: *In this age and considered according to the directions on Urantia, the Superuniverse number one moves northward, approximately opposite, residence paradise of the great sources and centers of the Central Universe of Havona. This position, which corresponds to the opposite west, represents the nearest physical approach of the spheres of time to the eternal Isle. The Superuniverse number two is in the north, preparing to turn west, while the number three now occupies the space segment of the main road, and it entered the curve of the road leading south. The number four is in a position comparatively straight south into opposition against the big centers. The number five has virtually abandoned its position on the center of centers, following a direct course to the south before turning east. The number six occupies most of the southern curve, the segment has almost Superuniverse your past.* [Paper 3 15:1.4, Page 165:3]

In this age and as direction is regarded on Urantia, superuniverse number one swings almost-ence of the Great Sources and Centers and the central universe of Havona. This position, with the corresponding one to the west, represents the nearest physical approach of the spheres of time to the eternal Isle. Superuniverse number two is in the north, preparing for the westward swing, while number three now holds the northernmost segment of the great space path, having already turned into the bend leading to the southerly plunge. Number four is on the comparatively straightaway southerly flight, the advance regions now approaching opposition to the Great Centers. Number five has about left its position opposite the Center of Centers while continuing on the direct southerly course just preceding the eastward swing; number six occupies most of the southern curve, the segment from which your superuniverse has nearly passed.

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Your local universe of Nebadon belongs to Orvonton, the seventh superuniverse, which swings on between superuniverses one and six, having not long since (as we reckon time) turned the southeastern bend of the superuniverse space level. Today, the solar system to which Urantia belongs is a few billion years past the swing around the southern curvature so that you are just now advancing beyond the southeastern bend and are moving swiftly through the long and comparatively straightaway northern path. For untold ages Orvonton will pursue this almost direct northerly course.

[Paper 3 15:1.4, Page 165:3]

Then, based on previous data and modern maps of superclusters of galaxies, I made an attempt to relate what we know about the superclusters of galaxies, with the descriptions in *The Urantia Book*. As a **starting point**, was considered the location of our local supercluster of galaxies and the direction of north. As described in *The Urantia Book* (Figure 1) towards the north of our position should be observed three superclusters (including our local supercluster). Two superclusters in front of them must be separated by the so-called absolutely **empty space** (the place where it is the Central Universe). Consequently in the north and south must be one supercluster each. The result is shown in Figure 3 and for clarity this attached schematic image of the eternal Isle of Paradise and the Central Universe.

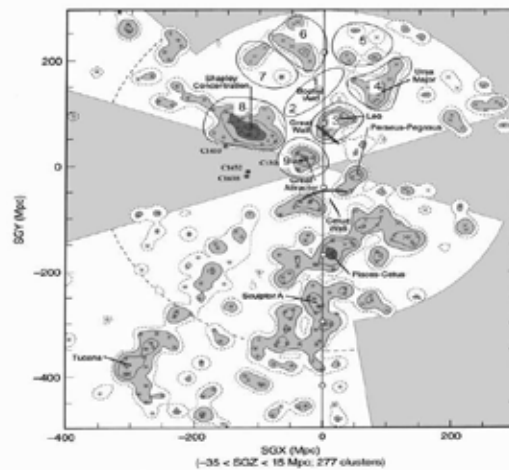


Figure 3

Description of Figure 3

Figure 3 describes the relative position of the Isle of Paradise, the Central Universe and the seven Superuniverses.

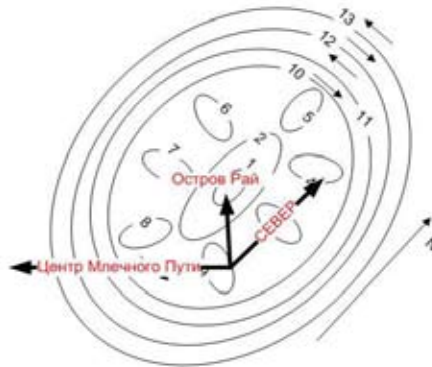
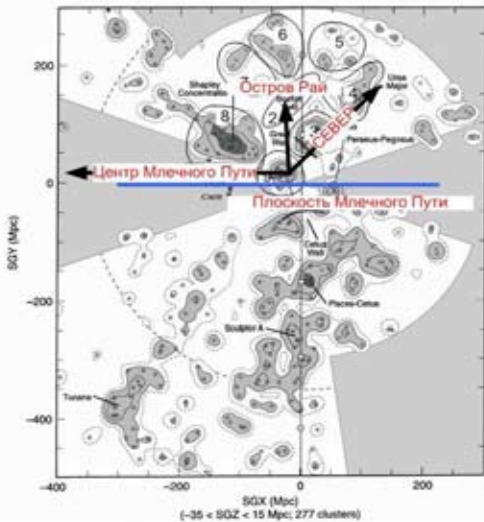
1. The Eternal and Stationary Isle of Paradise
2. Havona—the Central Universe
3. The first Superuniverse
4. The second Superuniverse
5. The third Superuniverse
6. The fourth Superuniverse
7. The fifth Superuniverse
8. The sixth Superuniverse
9. The seventh Superuniverse—Orvonton

The Urantia Book contains a description of the Central Universe, which has a large size and is organized by special principles of physics, which makes it invisible to the material worlds of time and space. This condition is confirmed by the presence of a vast area of “empty space” (Bootes void?) at a distance of about 100 Mpc from the center of our Local Supercluster, and the existence of the cosmic microwave background. (A phenomenon that will be discussed below). Figure 3 shows the location of superclusters, in full (in number, relative position and orientation to the north), which agrees with the description of *The Urantia Book*, related to the seven Superuniverses.

We will try to draw some conclusions and evaluate the accuracy of our assumptions. To this end, we compare Figure 1 (made in accordance with *The Urantia Book*) with Figure 3 in which shows the relative positions of the Isle of Paradise, the Central Universe and the seven Superuniverses, based on modern maps of superclusters.

Figure 4 shows that both parties are fully compatible and there is no contradiction, therefore, we conclude that our assumption is correct.

The Uversa star students observe that the grand universe is surrounded by the ancestors of a series of starry and planetary clusters which completely encircle the present inhabited creation as concentric rings of outer universes upon universes. [Paper 12:2.4, Page 131:1]



-is cosmic radiation, which has a characteristic spectrum black body at a temperature of about 3K, which was discovered in the 60s of the twentieth century. The distribution of the intensity of background radiation of microwaves on the celestial sphere is shown in Figure 6

Figure 6

The intensity of the microwave background radiation in the sky map, the numbers in the figure characterizes the deviation of the average value of the background in mk [7] Below are the properties of microwave background radiation:

Figure 4

If we assume that the large clusters of galaxies, constellations of Perseus-Pegasus-Kite, Kite, and the sculptor are respectively the first, second and third zone of outer space, one can assume that with these data we can estimate the size of Master Universe. In case the bottom of Figure 3 shows a part of space, which belongs to the fourth outer space level, then the size of the Master Universe should describe the ellipse with its center on the Island of Paradise. The border of the fourth level is at the bottom of Figure 3. The major and minor axes of the ellipse should coincide with the respective axes of the Central Universe and Paradise Island. The approximate size of the Master Universe is represented in Figure 5.

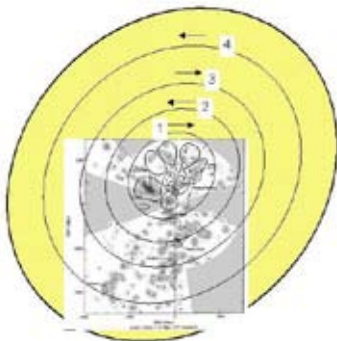


Figure 5

Description of Figure 5

Figure 5. Shows approximate size of Master Universe.

1. The first outer space level
2. The second outer space level
3. The third outer space level
4. The fourth outer space level
(The arrows indicate the direction of rotation relative to the stationary Island of Paradise).

The phenomenon of microwave background radiation RFM. Another proof of the correctness of the structure of the grand Universe (Central Island of Paradise, the Central Universe and the seven Superuniverses) is the phenomenon of microwave background radiation (RFM)

1. The spectrum of RFM with great precision corresponds to the black body radiation with a temperature $T = 2.73K$ [5].
2. *No stars, no radio galaxies and the hot intergalactic gas, or re-emission of visible light by interstellar dust may have radiation characteristics of microwave background radiation: The total energy of RFM is very high, and their spectrum is not similar to the spectrum and the stars, nor of the radio spectrum* [6].
3. *RFM is isotropic only in the coordinate system associated with galaxies, expanding (the system is expanding with the universe.) In any other coordinate system, the intensity of radiation depends on the direction* [6].
4. *The almost total absence of fluctuations in the intensity of radiation in the sky map (angular fluctuations)* [6]
5. There is a dipole component in the distribution of the RFM: in the direction of the constellation Leo the temperature of this radiation is greater than 3.5 mk, but in the opposite direction (Aquarius)—is less than the same amount. [9] Therefore, we can say that the microwave background radiation—is a unique phenomenon without equal in the universe.

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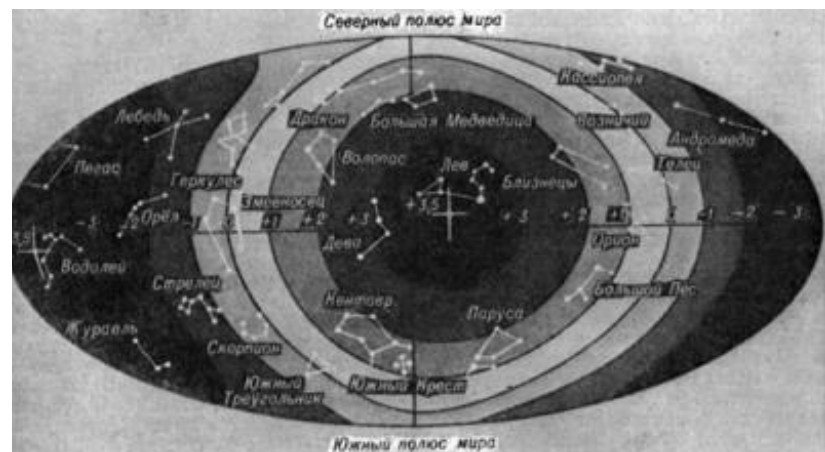


Figure 6

Take into account the intensity distribution on the celestial sphere with the dipole anisotropy on a large scale and then compare the data presented in *The Urantia Book*, it is conceivable that RFM—is the radiation that comes from Paradise—Havona system. If so, we must determine which elements of this system can produce such radiation.

According to the description of *The Urantia Book*: *If you imagine a finite, but inconceivably large, V-shaped plane situated at right angles to both the upper and lower surfaces of Paradise, with its point nearly tangent to peripheral Paradise, and then visualize this plane in elliptical revolution about Paradise, its revolution would roughly outline the volume of pervaded space.*

The inner belt revolves counterclockwise; the outer revolves clockwise.

[Paper 11:7.5, page 124:6]

Also *The Urantia Book* says *On the outskirts of this vast central universe, far out beyond the seventh belt of Havona worlds, there swirl an unbelievable number of enormous dark gravity bodies. These multitudinous dark masses are quite unlike other space bodies in many particulars; even in form they are very different. These dark gravity bodies neither reflect nor absorb light; they are nonreactive to physical-energy light, and they so completely encircle and enshroud Havona as to hide it from the view of even near-by inhabited universes of time and space.*

The great belt of dark gravity bodies is divided into two equal elliptical circuits by a unique space intrusion. The inner belt revolves counterclockwise; the outer revolves clockwise. These alternate directions of motion, coupled with the extraordinary mass of the dark bodies, so effectively equalize the lines of Havona gravity as to render the central universe a physically balanced and perfectly stabilized creation.

The inner procession of dark gravity bodies is tubular in arrangement, consisting of three circular groupings. A cross section of this circuit would exhibit three concentric circles of about equal density. The outer circuit of dark gravity bodies is arranged perpendicularly, being ten thousand times higher than the inner circuit. The up-and-down diameter of the outer circuit is fifty thousand times that of the transverse diameter.

The intervening space which exists between these two circuits of gravity bodies is unique in that nothing like it is to be found elsewhere in all the wide universe. This zone is characterized by enormous wave movements of an up-and-down nature and is permeated by tremendous energy activities of an unknown order.

In our opinion, nothing like the dark gravity bodies of the central universe will characterize the future evolution of the outer space levels; we regard these alternate processions of stupendous gravity-balancing bodies as unique in the master universe. [Paper 14:1.14, page 153:5]

Based on descriptions of *The Urantia Book*, fig.7 shows a schematic cross-sectional image of Paradise—Havona system, belt of dark gravity bodies and Superuniverses. The source and direction of RFM, is described approximately in this graph.

Figure 7

Fig. 7. Schematic cross-sectional image and top view of the Paradise-Havona system (the area related to the unoccupied space not shown). Description of Figure 7. a-b

1. The Eternal Isle of Paradise and Stationary
2. Three rings of Paradise and the seven rings Havona
3. Three inner rings of dark gravity bodies
4. Ring of the outer belt of dark gravity bodies
5. Source and direction of RFM
6. The region of space occupied
7. Superuniverses
8. The Central Universe—Havona

The source of the microwave background radiation is dark gravity bodies. This conclusion was made by the exclusion principle. In Paradise—Havona system we can distinguish three groups of objects capable of producing such radiation: Paradise Island, its satellites (including the billion spheres of the Central Universe) and the belt of dark gravity bodies. For obvious reasons, in my opinion, the Isle of Paradise itself, as its satellites, can not be associated as a radiation source with the characteristics of a dark body. At the same time, the narrative of *The Urantia Book*, the best thing that the belt of dark gravity bodies of inner and outer rings, are the source of RFM. In the spectrum of the irradiation must be observed two distinct peaks, one of them (referred to the outer ring) must be much greater than the second (corresponding to radiation from inner ring). According to the description of *The Urantia Book*, the ring of inner belt consists of three groups of concentric rings. Accordingly, during a more accurate measurement can be seen two additional peaks smaller in the spectrum of RFM. The small peaks in the angular distribution of temperature and fluctuations are caused by individual dark bodies. Figure 8 shows the spectrum of the intensity versus angle fluctuations of the microwave background radiation, according to the WMAP (*Wilkinson, Microwave, Anisotropy Probe*), and the results of other experiments.

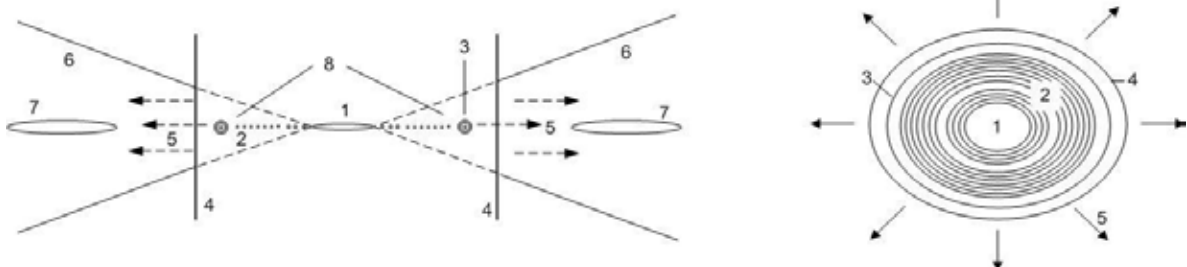


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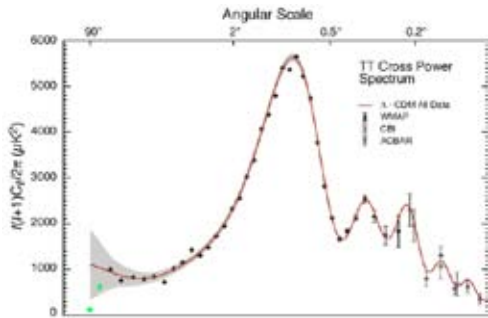


Figure 8

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The spectrum of the intensity of the angular distribution of the fluctuations of the microwave background radiation by WMAP data and other experiments. The vertical coordinate shows the horizontally coordinated fluctuations and the number of harmonics (from, $l = 2$) at angular scales. The black dots—observation data, the red line - the theoretical model of a flat universe, the gray bar - permissible error of the theoretical predictions. [8] We must make an observation about the non-coincidence of the theory of *Big Bang* and the results of measurements of the RFM (Fig. 8). Current problems of this theory are unexplained. *One of these problems, is the very low amplitude of the lowest? two multipoles (spherical harmonics) RFM: quadrupole and octupole. Was observed that the amplitude of the quadrupole is only 1/7 of the predicted by the theory and the amplitude of the octupole is 72% lower than the theoretical (Fig.8). These deviations are too large and difficult to explain the observed fluctuations of the cosmic microwave background. This problem was known before, but only the WMAP data are very accurate again this baffling problem, no one has offered any physical mechanism that would result in a decrease in the amplitudes of the two harmonics as low [8].*

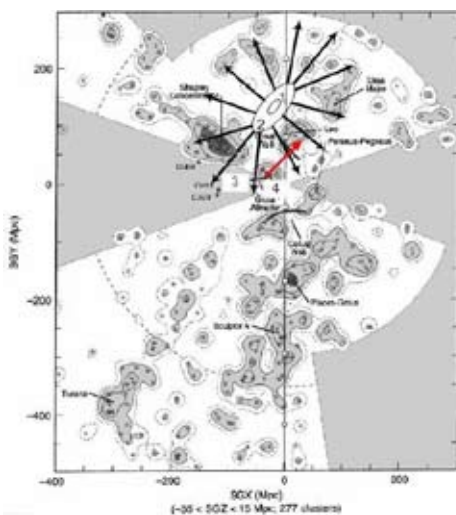


Figure 9

Figure 9

Figure 9 shows schematically the relative position of Paradise—Havona system, the direction of the microwave background radiation and the direction of our Superuniverse’s movement (according to the description of *The Urantia Book* and confirmed by the dipole anisotropy of microwave background radiation in

the direction of the constellation Leo). From Figure 9 can draw the following conclusion: The assumption of the existence of a *Great Attractor*. which attracts the entire group of galaxies, is wrong. A large-scale dipole anisotropy of the microwave background radiation is caused due to their position in respect of the radiation source, as seen in Figure 9. The condition of dipole can be seen at any point between the outer belt of dark gravity bodies and the outer limit of the master universe. Observation explains our position, another effect of the existence of the *Great Attractor*. This effect comes from the reverse rotation of the first and second outer space level. The result of rotations opposite effect is the reason for the apparent convergence of our local supercluster and supercluster fish Whale superclusters of galaxies in the Perseus—Pegasus—Keats.

Conclusion

The results show that there are many differences between modern science and astronomy concerning Uversa and about the space around Urantia. The reasons for this discrepancy can be found in the *The Urantia Book*. On the one hand, scientific mistakes occur due to technical difficulties: *...the confusion of Urantian star observers arises out of the illusions and relative distortions produced by the following multiple revolutionary movements:*

1. *The revolution of Urantia around its sun.*
2. *The circuit of your solar system about the nucleus of the former Andronover nebula.*
3. *The rotation of the Andronover stellar family and the associated clusters about the composite rotation-gravity center of the star cloud of Nebadon.*
4. *The swing of the local star cloud of Nebadon and its associated creations around the Sagittarius center of their minor sector.*
5. *The rotation of the one hundred minor sectors, including Sagittarius, about their major sector.*
6. *The whirl of the ten major sectors, the so-called star drifts, about the Uversa headquarters of Orvonton.*
7. *The movement of Orvonton and six associated superuniverses around Paradise and Havona, the counterclockwise processional of the superuniverse space level.* [Paper 15:3.7, Page 168:3]

On the other hand, most likely the major cause of our errors, specified in the fact that: *If mind cannot fathom conclusions, if it cannot penetrate to true origins, then will such mind unfaithfully postulate conclusions and invent origins that it may have a means of logical thought within the frame of these mind-created postulates.* [Paper 115:1.1, Page 1260:2]

After a thorough review of the work, we can say:

1. The Eternal Isle of Paradise is in the direction of the constellation Bootes (the center of “Bootes Void” in Fig. 4) at an approximate distance of 150 Mpc from the center of our Local Supercluster*).
2. The phenomenon of cosmic microwave background—not about the consequences of the “Big Bang”, but this radiation comes from the belts of dark gravity bodies of Paradise—Havona system. *) The approximate distance marks the center of “Bootes Void” on Figure.4 (as the eternal Isle of Paradise which is beyond space and time). Furthermore, the Central Universe (region “Bootes void” in Fig. . 4), is organized by special principles of physical reality, that include unspeakable distances. ■

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Michael: An Example of Love, Truth and a Way of Life

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EVERYONE IN THIS CONFERENCE KNOWS who Michael is as well as the example and legacy of the life that he led.

The theme of this Conference is “Under the Light of Love” and it is precisely Michael of Nebadon—self-bestowed on this planet as Jesus of Nazareth—who is known as “the light of the world.” We can reach that light through him and with conscious effort we can preserve it. Moreover, the idea is not only to keep the light but to become true bright torches so we may radiate his light wherever we go.

**...our personal and
unselfish service—
without our expecting
anything in return...**

We become a Torch of Light by being aware and alert. Consequently, we can do plenty of service; shed light where needed, silently, actively, and personally. We can follow his example of service—the different kinds he taught—by studying his life and asking for his guidance and inspiration. Therefore, if we choose this as our life purpose, we may be able to do much more for our fellow brothers.

We can consciously bring light where there is darkness. For example, while watching the news we can ask the angels on duty to shed the light with us. Usually, angels cannot interfere with our free will, but when invoked they will joyfully perform this service. Certainly, here we are all readers of *The Urantia Book*, but we must ask ourselves: how much time, during each day, are we really aware and applying these wonderful teachings of light?

While performing silent and conscious service we receive a true gift from heaven: a divine balm. Silent and conscious service is the example our beloved Jesus left us, and it is described in several passages of *The Urantia Book*.



Majestic Michael illustration

However, to administer our silent service, it is very important to be humble, consistent, and faithful. Like everything in life, while we practice we gain experience. Such an experience will turn into enlightened faith. The cosmos needs our silent and conscious service as torches of light in order to illuminate the Earth, the same way the energy company needs cables to illuminate the city. The universe needs our **personal** and unselfish service—without **our** expecting anything in return or desiring to stand out or seeking personal recognition.

Silent service is greatly needed for its significant impact, but only a few will fulfill it. It is not attractive due to the lack of immediate results. However, by practicing it, you may find the strength, inspiration and ideas for other types of service. Impersonal service is really beautiful and does not prevent us from serving **personally—one being to another**—and spreading the teachings Michael left us.

There is another very important question we must ask ourselves: how much more could we strive each day to live constantly in the light? I invite everyone to ask themselves and answer as honestly as possible. What could I do today to remain under the radiation of light and become this light, brought into conscious action? How many conferences like this have I attended? How much of what I’ve **proposed to do** have I actually put into action? How much have I done?

It is true that when we go back home, daily chores and duties overtake us and we forget our real goals. We leave for tomorrow what we could do today and don’t make time to act on our resolutions. Nevertheless, if we make a plan and actually do our part, it will result in attaining more energy and awareness to focus and do

everything from the center of ourselves, thus, managing to organize ourselves and invest part of our time to plant the seeds of light and fulfill our purpose.

These seeds, in turn, will give fruit so that others can eat, the same way we now feed from what other people planted in the past. By spreading Jesus' teachings, we will be fulfilled with light and divine joy, becoming active members of the Great Universal Family of Order, Light and Love.

Going back to the main theme, "Under the Light of Love," let us remember Jesus' unconditional love. In *The Urantia Book* we have the most amazing examples of how he developed his life on Earth. He was human like us until it was time to remember who He was (is). Every day he strived to become better in every aspect of his life! How great is the privilege of having been born into the world of his bestowal! And how great is the fact that *The Urantia Book* is part of our lives, so we may study his life and **be loyal to all that he is loyal to!**

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In these lines, we can continue asking ourselves: Can I say what or who I am? Do I really know my purpose in life? If so, how many hours a day am I aware and alert to the possibility of serving? Do I have communication with my essence on a higher level of consciousness? Do I allow my being to manifest itself? How much time of each day? Have I become aware that within my being—my essence—I can find my own Action Plan? For what purpose did *The Urantia Book* come into my hands?

It is up to each of us to answer these questions. I invite you all to seek the answers in the passages that contain the life of Jesus. Be honest, do not deceive or lie to yourselves, and even more, do not believe you are "the greatest." If you consciously evaluate your answers, you may have a vision of how much more you can strive to give love, just as Jesus—the Lord of Love and more—did! In order to achieve this, we have available the life of Jesus, including the lost years, with profound reflections that might help us rise to the level of love itself.

What are we waiting for? Why not start today? We will not know the outcome nor have the life experience if we do not do it! What stops us from doing it? Fear? Insecurity? The opportunity is here today; tomorrow might never come, and yesterday is already gone.

If we do a retrospective analysis every day and see how much time we use to sow Light, Love, Truth,

Beauty, Wisdom, Order, and other values, we will get a clear perspective on how aware or asleep we actually are. This will encourage us to make a bigger effort and do better every day.

Michael is the example of love. The time has come to do the impossible in order to manifest this love in every action, thought, and feeling. Let us become true Torches of Light, and in that loving let us illuminate everything around us: our own little world, our home, our work place, the paths we take, and the places we visit.

Are we able to express this love, even in small amounts? Can we stay conscious and connected to his great love? It is then time to wake up, time to get out the state of procrastination and inconsistency. Time to consciously analyze how much of his example we are able to fulfill!

Times are tough, it is true, but that has to be the motivation to keep us awake, alert, and vigilant. Do we have to make a great effort most of the time? Of course! Michael himself, the Creator of our universe, had to do so while living on this planet. Are we intending to have fun and not make an effort? Michael demonstrated that the plan of evolution as an ascendant creature is possible. And that is precisely what evolution is: to overcome what life presents to us every day and to do it with humility. Everything good I have attained is through merit of the Thought Adjuster, the Father within. Everything negative I have sowed is my responsibility to redeem.

What about that which is neither good nor bad? Do neutral actions, without positive or negative charges, exist? In my opinion, they do. What about those states in which I feel lethargic, on auto pilot? Those times when I am taken by the current and seem to vegetate? I am simply not defining what I want in life or making an effort to achieve it. You can live like that for years being part of a society that justifies everything. Oh yes! To get out of that state, it is vital to learn to love as Michael did; learn to love as the own Creator of our universe demonstrated. Such love must begin with love and respect for ourselves and the life goals that we have intended.

There are even more questions regarding this subject. It is essential that we answer honestly and confront ourselves. Do I live in truth? Am I truthful? How much truth runs my life? Am I consequential with the truth I yearn for? Do I check **daily** the reason and purpose of my intentions? Am I able to communicate with the Spirit of Truth within? What other questions come after answering all these questions?

The truth is that we are full of the "lack of truth," from our genetic heritage, or from the society in which we grew up. We allow external influence to manipulate us. If we really want to live the truth—and I'm sure everyone yearns for it in a greater or lesser degree—it is vital that we check our actions, reflecting on ourselves every day. Only then will we be able to follow his example in his

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simple but dedicated and purposeful life. By his example we have everything. In *The Urantia Book*, in the last 75 documents and 774 pages, there is **everything** for our evolution in this planet. If we dare to be loyal to the Father and live as Jesus did, with dedication and unconditional service to our fellow man and constant self-discernment, we will be on the way towards soul survival. Therefore, I propose we start today!

We shall have a purpose in life. We shall:

- Strive to manifest the love Jesus taught us.
- Live in truth, using it as our guide, without justifying ourselves or adjusting the truth to suitable circumstances or to what society tells us.
- Be upright, for righteousness is one of the greatest virtues that Jesus preached.

These times require our conscious effort, our attention to radiate love and light, essential to the current circumstances of the planet. For some reason we obtained these teachings. Somehow, each of us here has begged for an opportunity and therefore our requests have been honored. Thus, it's imperative to be present in order to convey the love and truth he taught us.

What else can I do, in my little world, to bring this truth to others who need it?

Michael is the way of life. What does this mean? Do these words resonate? What comes to mind? There are many paths, but the way of life is the path that fills me with true life. But questions arise: What kind of life do I aspire to have? Have I ever planned to walk the path that Jesus left us?

We are very fortunate to have received these teachings and even more to have the opportunity to follow Jesus' way of life. These are magnificent times, and there is much to do with all that we have received. Many people are hungry for the truth and want to learn of these teachings.

The responsibility that we bear is huge, as we will have spent four days under the banner of the light of love. The opportunity to put this responsibility into practice is also big because we will have the inspiration, tools, yearning, and willingness to serve. This will allow us to carry out the wonderful path of giving true life to other brothers **and sisters** who are searching for the truth.

Each of us has a story of how *The Urantia Book* came into our lives. If we look back we see that, in one way or another, someone introduced us to it either by talking about it or giving it to us in an enigmatic way. Sometimes that someone is our own inner self. Today, we know how useful the teachings of *The Urantia Book* have been. Our experience lets us know how much more we can do to make these teachings available to our fellows. These are times of expansion, times of giving, and making transcendent decisions, just as Michael did. We must spare no effort and give ourselves completely to others.

Let us not only live these days under the light of love, but let these days help us to energize from the light and love that Jesus left us! Shall we leave this conference



Downreach of divine love illustration

with all the strength, will, and desire to serve and expand these wonderful teachings!

Finally, there are some other questions we cannot ignore. How many brothers **and sisters** have not had the opportunity to learn these truths? What else can I do, in my little world, to bring this truth to others who need it? What ideas come to mind with all that I have received in this conference? What shall I do so that this force of light and love will not be diluted but, on the contrary, bear fruit?

It is vital that I dare to bear fruit and surrender. If the decision has been truly made, everything will flow. Things will happen with the help of the Thought Adjuster, my Guardian Angels, the Midway Creatures, and the Spirit of Truth, all in coordination with my free will.

I conclude by quoting some passages from *The Urantia Book*:

Let every man make sure that the intellectual and moral foundation of character are such as will adequately support the superstructure of the enlarging and ennobling spiritual nature, which is thus to transform the mortal mind, and then (...) to achieve the evolvment of the soul of immortal destiny. [Paper 156:5, page 1738:1]

Your spirit nature—the jointly created soul—is a living growth, but the mind and morals of the individual are the soil from which these higher manifestations of human development and divine destiny must spring. [Paper 156:5, page 1738:1]

And it behooves the Master's followers in all ages to learn to minister as "they pass by"—to do unselfish good as they go about their daily duties. [Paper 171:7, page 1875:5] ■

Moved to Worship

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AS A HUMAN BEING, WE HAVE INITIALLY no sensitivity to spiritual realities. We are sensitive only to material things and in this field, science has come to tell us our limits. What we perceive of this material reality is what our eyes let us see of the visible band, what our ears let us hear of the audible band, what our forgetful memory let us remember while our living cells increasingly lose their vitality year after year. How is it possible under these conditions to understand any relationship with a spiritual reality that is the highest spiritual reality, God Himself?

Moreover, as a human being we have an autonomous consciousness of the reality (of ourselves and other beings and of the creation) and of our innate limitations. And, as a result of this situation the unavoidable and universal question arises, regardless of our color of skin, of the time and place, or culture, regarding only the purpose and the goal of this life itself. It is obvious from the human point of view that there is no human response or solution to that problem. The fact that in the past the men have worshiped successively minerals, trees, physical elements, animals, men, real or supposed spiritual beings sufficiently reflects the ignorance and the obstinacy of men to resolve this issue.

These disorderly forms of worship in the past, illustrate the great difference between the highest spiritual reality (God through the Thought Adjuster) and the least intelligent creatures with a divine destiny (the human being). This observation should lead us to greater humility and temper all forms of human pride, which may interfere with the worship. In fact through the adoration of men, it is the contact between the extremes of universal reality which takes place. Therefore the men in the past and even nowadays develop a universal attitude of reverence and passive submission face to all



Worship, photo.

objects of worship they experienced, and they assumed they were the masters or the secret of eternal life.

Nowadays the things have changed because science has improved the physical security of the humankind but has left intact the feeling of insecurity related to questions about the ultimate fate of the race of men after death. Science could not do otherwise because it operates primarily on the basis of our five first adjutant mind spirits (intuition, understanding, courage, knowledge and counsel) while this human questioning concerns the two last adjutant mind spirits of worship and wisdom. The presence of the adjutant mind spirit of worship completes the activity of the five first mind spirits, and creates new perspectives not understandable by the only logical approach of the scientific methods, and that explains the stubbornness of mankind in the persistence of irrational forms of primitive worships without true revelation. And that brings me to share my personal experience regarding worship.

For years, and like many men and women, I led a solitary quest for final answers to existential questions. My scientific training has proven to be an asset in this research, through the nature of the questioning, but also a terrible handicap by the unconscious expectation of rational responses accordingly with the material approach and the logic of science. The fundamental problem that I was trying to resolve using various reflections and meditations of famous writers, truth seekers and religious books was: What is the purpose of life? This question, strangely and quickly turned into the following: **Why something rather than nothing?** The difficulty of obtaining satisfactory answers at that time became clear to me after a greater penetration of

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the teachings of *The Urantia Book* a few years later. It came after a best comprehension, not only intellectual, but also based upon my own experience of what really worship is, or how must I conduct the worship as relationship with God.

...worship is addressed to the Universal Father, the personality of the First Source and Center.

At that moment I also understood that God answered my worship but I was not yet able to clearly understand it, nevertheless I had a vague intuition of it and that helped me to go on again and again.

Science questions physical reality, using the logic of material facts of the intellect and the first five adjutant mind spirits. Through the worship the men establish a contact with the Spirit through the adjutant mind spirit of worship while wisdom, through the adjutant mind spirit of wisdom helps us to realize the synthesis of the dual wisdom of the world and of the spirit, in our soul first, and then in our human self, using the opportunities of our daily life and our mind openness.

This evolution of the human mind from matter association to spirit union results in the transmutation of the potentially spirit phases of the mortal mind into the morontia realities of the immortal soul. [Paper 1:3.7, Page 26:1]

So we can grow by unifying the human and divine logic. Only the synthesis of the activity of the five mind spirits can really satisfy us, after our quest of God has began and that synthesis includes morontial aspects not understandable with human approach but the worship helps a lot for that.

We must always remember that the cosmic wisdom, requiring supra material synthesis, of different realities is conferred only by the Spirit and it is provided to the men mainly by the indwelling Spirit, the Thought Adjuster.

The presence of this divine Adjuster in the human mind is revealed by three experiential phenomena:

1. ***Intellectual capacity to know God—God-consciousness.***
2. ***The spiritual urge to find God—the search for God.***
3. ***The personality's intense desire to be like God—the sincere desire to do God's will.*** [Paper 1:2.4, Page 24:1]

I realized that this spiritual impulse due to our intellectual capacity to know God linked with the spiritual urge to find God because of the presence of the adjutant mind spirit of worship, are truly the foundation of the worship. This impulse comes naturally and I noticed also that it takes different forms in different individuals (even in some people who consider themselves atheists), and that simply reflects the activity of the mind spirit of worship and the diversity of human personalities. The only God's requirement to relation with us is our intellectual capacity to know Him that is guaranteed by the gift of the five first adjutant mind

spirits (and not by a sterile scholarship), and such capacity is affordable by any normal man who honestly experiences the ministry of the first five adjutants in his daily life. Experiencing the activities of these mind spirits is the key to resolve the problems of our daily life and leads us directly to ask for fundamental questions and to have inner desires whose solutions only exist in spiritual realms.

On the other hand the worship is addressed to the Universal Father, the personality of the First Source and Center. We must avoid both the trap of worship that would compare only to an intellectual reflection due to our daily mental habits, and that of a mystic adoration that would lead quickly to sleep or to a disorderly emergence of associated ideas of the subconscious in our minds. I experienced that all the truths of *The Urantia Book* teachings concerning the nature, function or attributes of the Father, the Son or the Spirit, or their associations can lead to precise and successful worships. Even if we worship only the Father; let us remember that the Universal Father is present in the Eternal Son and with Him in the Infinite Spirit. It is important to keep in mind the unity of the reality during the worship, including the Creators and the creatures and not oppose intuitions on unity of the reality that emerge during worship.

Moreover, as the school is required to install a mental discipline when we are young and which we then use later and joyfully in our daily life, the worship, to become easier and more efficient must be conducted frequently to allow the inner spirit of making required adjustments. Over the time, I came to realize spiritual incentives to favor specific themes for meditation according to my personal or social life of the moment. My other brothers in spirit with whom I share these teachings made the same observation. It is also important to let our mind be guided by the spirit, in order not to miss the perception of such spiritual incentives of the Thought Adjuster because of the world affairs. It is useful in this regard to worship during our extended free time available while waiting to acquire the control of worshipping in all circumstances of our daily life. If our minds are preoccupied with worries, we must try to analyze them in advance and find outlines of solutions to soothe our minds and prevent them from interfering negatively with the worship. We also must try to get the habit to entrust all these worries and bothers to God before the worship in the form of prayer for further solutions. In no way we must accept to worship with such busy minds.

Although the Adoration does not include a specific request as in a prayer we can be certain that God always responds to worship. ***The Universal Father is the secret of the reality of personality, the bestowal of personality, and the destiny of personality,*** [Foreword V:5, Page 8:5] and during the worship, our personality, conferred by God Himself, communes with the very personality of the Universal



Worship, illustration.

Father, and the effects of this communion (which are mainly potential due to the difference between us and God) are adjusted to our higher thought within our soul by the inner spirit, waiting for adjustment opportunities of clarification by our Thought Adjuster helped by our guardian angel, to our human mind and with the part of the cosmic mind enlightened by God's response to our worship and sustained and then conveyed by the Holy Spirit, which more and more coordinates the activity of our adjutant mind spirits.

The worship clarifies the concept and the role of the Universal Father in our daily lives according to the mission of our Thought Adjuster. However, we discover the fullness and the joy of living with God only in cultivating our ability to love and to serve as the Father Himself loves and serves each of us. And it is why the worship often slips into prayer or ideas and plans about the service. In other words, the real issue of worship, beyond the fact of clarifying the concept of the Father in our consciousness is to prepare us to live the will of the Father into the world, and this leads us to consider prayer to the Son and ministry with the Spirit as a part of the expression of God beyond the worship. For us God cannot be understood otherwise than being a **Living God**. So we will be led to accept the guidance of the Spirit as a transformation of our mind by the Holy Spirit and of our personality by the spirit of truth in order to become really a son of God and a son of man. .

Indeed, if we worship properly and frequently, we feel inevitably the need to share our spiritual beliefs, and to serve freely. Then, we must give God—our Thought Adjuster—time enough to organize the emerging realities and let Him associate them in our soul and in our mind without hurrying, as did Jesus during his life in the flesh. Under these considerations the worship, reinforced by a constant analysis of situations around us, enhances our

ability to become a faithful partner of God in the world. We just need to remember that the life is a unification of energy, mind and spirit by personalities on individual, social and more global levels and the partnership with God is the mean which leads us to become actors of this unification for ourselves, our family, our society and all humankind and more global levels.

The personal relationship with the Personality of the Universal Father through the worship is the primary relationship from which are derived all other relationships between creatures. This is why all spiritualized personalities consider worship as the most sacred activity. The existential relationships of the deities in Paradise are revealed to us through the activities of God the Supreme Being of time and space and the worship prepares us to be mind opened for a partnership with God the Supreme Being. So we must always keep in mind that this worship, must be extended in the areas of daily life through another impulse: the desire to be Godlike by doing His will, accordingly with his command: **Be you perfect, even as I am perfect.** [Paper 56:0.1, Page 637:1] Then the results of all this will create many and various new opportunities for us in our social environment, close or far, and through frequent worships, the inner spirit creates in our soul and adjust to our thought the spiritual feeling for such achievements.

Through worship, God (the Universal Father and our Thought Adjuster) prepares our mind through our soul to an innate peace and insurance in front of all kind of difficulties in the world because we are sure that God's will always prevails and that we are in the world to do our part of the divine job for that, and thus making us more than we were. In the same way that the baby (the son of man) justifies the fetus, the son of God justifies the son of man through the spiritual birthing process triggered and sustained by the worship.

By this way, the innate limitations of time and space and of the flesh, which prevailed before our quests through the worship, will justify the wisdom of the Father for his human son. Worship will no more be a passive attitude of submission to an unknowable King of Paradise but a preparation for active partnership with God the Universal Father through our Thought Adjuster and with God the Supreme through the ministries of the Son and the Spirit lightened by the life on earth and the present status of Michael, Son of God and son of man. ■

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You are the Sowers!

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As you sow, so shall you reap, illustration.

IN THE FOREWORD OF *THE URANTIA BOOK*, the Revelators inform us of their main objective: to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception. In the *Publication Mandate*, we are instructed to create thousands of study groups and train leaders and teachers.

Today, most if not all of us here are part of this worldwide association, Urantia Association International (UAI), who has for its mission *To foster study of The Urantia Book and to disseminate its teachings and UAI shall create opportunities for the development of teachers and leaders through the natural evolution of learning through doing.* [UAI Charter 2006]

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Little did we realize when we found *The Urantia Book* the importance it had for our world and accordingly the role we could play in its mission. Since the Urantia movement began to organize itself in 1955, with the creation of the Urantia Brotherhood, a few serious attempts have been initiated to train teachers; out of these initiatives not many survived the test of time. There have been other local initiatives or Internet sites dedicated to teaching, but so far we have not witnessed enough tangible results to satisfy our expectations.

In our present day world and cultures, the concept of teaching and teachers is very much a specialized domain, reserved exclusively to those who have made it their life work and are accredited as such by the establishment in place. When it comes to religion or spirituality, our minds naturally turn to organized religions and priests or pastors acting as guides, counselors, or teachers. We have naturally evolved our view of educational responsibilities and concepts based on our own experience with education, whether secular or spiritual.

Today and in the following days we will be teaching that you are a teacher and that you have been teaching for a long time. This might be an unsettling thought for some, but be reassured: we all have within us the ability to teach. In fact, if we can learn we can teach. God has given all that is needed to be good teachers as well good students; already we have learned many things that we have passed on to our families, friends, and co-workers. Does it not say in *The Urantia Book* that we have not learned something until we have taught it well to someone else?

There are many ways to teach, but I am not here to talk about these, others after me will be doing that; in fact, they will be teaching you about different ways to teach and disseminate. What I want to talk about is the significance of the word teacher and teaching, mostly in relation with *The Urantia Book*. There are many readers who believe that teaching should be left to other generations of readers, others that we are not yet ready to teach and more time should be spent on reading and studying. Some are strictly opposed to any kind of training of teachers probably believing it would create some kind of priesthood. A few believe that teaching should be left in the hands of experienced teachers or to such peoples who hold academic degrees.

In the *Publication Mandate*, the Revelators instruct us that an early publication of *The Urantia Book* has been provided so that it may be in hand for the training of leaders and teachers. They go on to say that the book is being given to those who are ready for it long before the day of its worldwide mission and thousands of study groups must be brought into existence. Some might not believe in those directives, finding them too restrictive or dogmatic, but for many of us they make a lot of sense because they give real and profound meaning to our mission, while providing the wisdom necessary to build something much greater than we can ever imagine.

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. [Publication Mandate 1955]

If those who are ready for this Revelation are not us, than who are they and where are they? What would be the use of our organization if not to build the foundation necessary to support and disseminate this Revelation? If we were to achieve our mission by other means than training leaders and teachers and creating study groups, than what would be those other means? UAI is not a social club, we are a lot more than that, we are an organization on a spiritual and intellectual mission to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception through the orderly and organized dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia*

Book. We have to define new meanings for the word teacher and teaching; we have to find new and better ways to disseminate the teachings; we have to reclaim our responsibilities to share those teachings in a personal manner one-on-one instead of relying on mass media and the Internet.

If we could all agree that we need to define and create better ways to teach and to share what we have learned instead of disagreeing among ourselves about the meanings of training teachers and what to do with *The Urantia Book* and its teachings, we would probably be more resourceful and ingenious about finding ways to train ourselves and others as teachers and disseminators. In my understanding, a good teacher is a good disseminator and a good disseminator is a good teacher. What is so hard or scary about teaching? We do it every day of our lives whether we realize it or not. I am not referring to teachers teaching in front of a class but the simpler form of teacher, the one who by example influences their family, friends, co-workers, and attract hungry or lost souls.

And all those who know the way of truth and enjoy the assurance of knowing God should esteem it a privilege, not a duty, to offer guidance to their fellows in their efforts to find the satisfactions of living. [Paper 130:2, page 1430:2]

We are the sowers. If not us, then who? We're not just any kind of sowers; if we read the parable of the sower, we might focus mainly on where the seeds fall and not on the sower himself. In our present day and age, we cannot go about and preach like Jesus and the Apostles did, we have to adjust our ways of teachings to the present situation of the world. Most of our initiatives to teach and disseminate should be one-on-one or with the help of presentations given in study groups, or in conferences like this one, or by way of the Internet such as the UBIS School. Not only can we teach to the regular people we meet every day, but we must not forget to teach ourselves.

The pride of unspiritualized learning is a treacherous thing in human experience. The true teacher maintains his intellectual integrity by ever remaining a learner. [Paper 130:2, page 1430:2]

I would like to read you a modified version of the Parable of the Sowers that I found in my search and that I find appropriate for us who must learn to become better teachers. It is called What Kind of Soil Are You? By Linda Sue Pochodzay Edwards. It is the story of a mother and her three children.

"I want to help!"

"Me, too! Me, too!"

"Can I? Please?"

The children gathered around excitedly as Mom took the seed packets out of the shopping bag.

"I want the carrots."

"Then give me the pumpkins."

"But I don't want to plant onions."

"Yuck!"

With a laugh, Mom divided the seeds among the children. "This year, each of you will have your own garden. You will get to choose where you want to plant your seeds,

and you will be responsible for weeding and watering your own plot. So before you get started, you need to go outside and search carefully for the perfect spot."

With that, the children went outside. They looked around the front yard and the backyard. They considered things like where the sun would come up in the morning and how far the water hose would reach. Each child chose the perfect place for planting a garden.

Jerry took great care to dig the soil properly. He removed all the weeds and rocks he found and read the back of the package to make sure the seeds were planted deep enough. He faithfully tended his garden all summer long. On the hottest days, when the others didn't want to work in their gardens, he could be found working diligently outside.

Sally started off right. She also made sure her garden was planted in good soil and removed the weeds and rocks. However, as time went on, she lost interest in her plants. Other things became more important to her. Instead of working in the garden on those hot summer days, she preferred to spend her time talking on the telephone to her friends. It didn't take long for weeds to grow up and take over her garden. Soon it became difficult to tell exactly which were weeds and which were the plants.

Billy didn't think he needed to go to all the trouble. He didn't realize how important it was to have good soil. He didn't want to dig deep because the rocks were in the way, and it was hard to dig them out. So he just left them there and tried planting his seeds around the rocks.

Then there was Jill. She took her seeds and just scattered them around on the top of the ground. She quickly lost interest and didn't bother to even try to take care of her garden the rest of the summer.

Now take a few minutes to think about what kind of harvest each of the children was able to get from his garden when summer was over and it was time to pick the ripe vegetables.

If you guessed that Jerry had a good harvest, you are absolutely right. He had plenty of vegetables. In fact, he was able to set up a table in front of his house and sell some to the neighbors.

Sally had some good vegetables, but most of them were small because the weeds grew up and took the nutrition out of the ground. She wasn't able to sell any of her vegetables because people were buying Jerry's.

Billy didn't have much to pick. His plants had a little soil around them, and at first they looked like they were going to grow, but when the really hot days came, the poor plants just couldn't live. They wilted and died.

Unfortunately, Jill didn't have any plants by the end of the summer. Remember how she scattered her seeds on the top of the ground? Well, the birds came along and had themselves quite a good lunch. They didn't leave any seeds to grow into plants.

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Let us THINK! What kind of Sower are we? What kind of Sower do we want to be? What would we need to do to become a good Sower?

So maybe we should we start by looking at the life of Jesus as we are instructed to do. The papers in *The Urantia Book* on the life of Jesus are full of extraordinary examples on how we could become very effective teachers. Why not explore and practice with the help of study groups what we could learn in them? Even Jesus in his own time trained the Apostles as teachers, so what are we waiting for? If we were instructed to create thousands of study groups, would it not be the ideal place in our present day society and culture to effectively train teachers? There are some among us with specialized skills in teaching that could very well elaborate programs that could be used in study groups to self-train; in today's world, self-training with the help of a good program can be very effective. I know because I have, in an area devoted to healthcare, been involved in a self-training program administered in a group that was very effective.

If we reflect on how Jesus taught, he always used natural methods of teachings that could easily be replicated and accessible to any one motivated by faith and a strong desire to share. He never resorted to mystical or obscure methods to teach; he always using the positive method.

In his home and throughout his public-teaching career Jesus invariably employed the positive form of exhortation. Always and everywhere did he say, "You shall do this — you ought to do that." Never did he employ the negative mode of teaching derived from the ancient taboos. He refrained from placing emphasis on evil by forbidding it, while he exalted the good by commanding its performance. [Paper 127:4, page 1401:2]

Not only do we need to become good intellectual teachers but spiritual teachers as well; this will require us to be coherent with what we will teach. In simple words, we have to be and live what we teach if we want to become efficient teachers and disseminators. To improve oneself is part of the work that is probably the hardest and most difficult to do, for we rarely see ourselves with objectivity. We tend to think of ourselves as very spiritual because of the intellectual and spiritual knowledge we possess, but spirituality is a lot more than just knowledge, it is a dynamic way of life that produces many fruits.

Here is what Jesus taught to his Apostles and disciples during his tour at Tyre and Sidon:

Spiritual living mightily increases true self-respect. But self-respect is not self-admiration. Self-respect is always co-ordinate with the love and service of one's fellows. It is not possible to respect yourself more than you love your neighbor; the one is the measure of the capacity for the other. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:1]

As the days pass, every true believer becomes more skillful in alluring his fellows into the love of eternal truth. Are you more resourceful in revealing goodness to humanity today than you were yesterday? Are you a better righteousness recommender this year than you were last year? Are you becoming

increasingly artistic in your technique of leading hungry souls into the spiritual kingdom? [Paper 156:5, page 1740:2]

Are your ideals sufficiently high to insure your eternal salvation while your ideas are so practical as to render you a useful citizen to function on earth in association with your mortal fellows? In the spirit, your citizenship is in heaven; in the flesh, you are still citizens of the earth kingdoms. Render to the Caesars the things which are material and to God those which are spiritual. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:3]

The measure of the spiritual capacity of the evolving soul is your faith in truth and your love for man, but the measure of your human strength of character is your ability to resist the holding of grudges and your capacity to withstand brooding in the face of deep sorrow. Defeat is the true mirror in which you may honestly view your real self. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:4]

As you grow older in years and more experienced in the affairs of the kingdom, are you becoming more tactful in dealing with troublesome mortals and more tolerant in living with stubborn associates? Tact is the fulcrum of social leverage, and tolerance is the earmark of a great soul. If you possess these rare and charming gifts, as the days pass you will become more alert and expert in your worthy efforts to avoid all unnecessary social misunderstandings. Such wise souls are able to avoid much of the trouble, which is certain to be the portion of all who suffer from lack of emotional adjustment, those who refuse to grow up, and those who refuse to grow old gracefully. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:5]

Avoid dishonesty and unfairness in all your efforts to preach truth and proclaim the gospel. Seek no unearned recognition and crave no undeserved sympathy. Love, freely receive from both divine and human sources regardless of your deserts, and love freely in return. But in all other things related to honor and adulation seek only that which honestly belongs to you. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:6]

The God-conscious mortal is certain of salvation; he is unafraid of life; he is honest and consistent. He knows how bravely to endure unavoidable suffering; he is uncomplaining when faced by inescapable hardship. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:7]

The true believer does not grow weary in well-doing just because he is thwarted. Difficulty whets the ardor of the truth lover, while obstacles only challenge the exertions of the undaunted kingdom builder. [Paper 156:5, page 1740:8]

We can see by those teachings from the Master that to become good teachers is a lot more than just being intellectually knowledgeable. We have much work to do, not only as an organization but also as individuals. Could it be that the Revelators knew what could be achieved by creating thousands of study groups? Could they help us achieve the personal growth that we need to become good teachers and disseminators of this Revelation?

You will become like the light of life to those who sit about you in darkness, showing all who so desire the way to reach the harbor of salvation in safety. [Paper 130:2, page 1430:2]

Today with the advent of computers and the Internet, we want to move fast, we want to change the world in one day or at least part of it during our lifetime. We often forget that we are the children of evolution and that it took us years to become who and what we are; many more years were needed to learn all we know. We might have forgotten the long hours reading many philosophical, religious and science books, the meditation that followed, and the prayers we made to find our way through the jungle of facts and innuendos.

While being the natural offspring of evolution, culture and education, we have and still are influenced by the concepts of self-liberty left to us by our defaulted Planetary Prince. Those concepts have been ingrained in the early cultures of our planet for more than two hundred thousand years and it will take countless years and maybe Millennias to eradicate them from our society and education. One of my friends calls this Lucifer's way of thinking.

I will not expand on this but just want to emphasize the immensity of the task that is at hand. We are the builders of a new garden. If we remember the many years it took Van to prepare the first one (83 years), we should be patient about our work of building the next garden for the coming of a new age and probably a new teacher. Cosmic consciousness also means the acquirement of the time perspective when evolution is concerned.

"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?" [Publication Mandate, 1955]

Looking at everything that has and is happening on our planet, we might conclude that revolution is the way of evolution, but is it the good way? If we want to share *The Urantia Book* and its teachings, do we want to revolutionize society or help the individuals to participate in the natural evolution of our world? Do we want to do things the way they were done in the days of Caligastia and Adam and Eve, or do we want to be a bit wiser by taking the counsel of the Revelators? As individuals we are free to choose our own ways; as an organization we must be wise and patient about how we do things.

"You must learn to possess your souls in patience. You are in association with a revelation of truth, which is a part of the natural evolution of religion on this world. Over rapid growth would be suicidal." [Publication Mandate, 1955]

After having found an important truth, we might have realized that it was always more than what we could have imagined or expected. We might later reflect that the truth we found was always there within us but scaffolding was needed to reach it. As a famous sculptor once said, "To sculpt the body of a beautiful woman I need to remove everything from the block of stone that is not that woman." We probably understood that the truth we found contained within itself

moral and spiritual responsibilities such as changing our lives to accommodate new meanings and values.

If we reflect on how we found what we were searching for, we will gain some insight about how we can become better disseminators or teachers. We might find we had a strong desire to know more, that we were thirsty for truth and meaning. We might also realize that it took years to discover what we were searching for. Was not the process of searching as important as the result of our search? Did not the process of searching in some way help our Thought Adjusters adjust our minds for the truth we were looking for? Could we have recognized the truth on the lower level of our scaffolding if someone had showed it to us?

So it will be with most peoples we will meet for the rest of our lives, as we try to share what we know. Let us not deprive them of the immense satisfaction and pleasure of discovering the truth for themselves, let us be respectful of who they are, let us remember that to whom Jesus taught the most he said the least.

Dissemination is an art, an art that require patience and respect for the other, an art that understands the nature of the mind of men and the nature of the Indwelling Spirit inhabiting it. We have found *The Urantia Book* and in it there is probably everything we need to learn to become good disseminators, and by doing our studies in groups we will certainly find better ways of doing this. When three or more of you meet in my name I will be among you, said Jesus, which is another very good reason to study in groups.

Not often in the life of a planet is it given to its inhabitants to participate in the enfoldment of a revelation. We have been given this privilege because of our sincere desire to search and find the truth, but many of us do not realize this fully, and so we are letting other means of communication and contact take over the responsibility that came with the discovery of this revelation. Personal contact with others will always remain the most effective form of dissemination, for it involves partnership with God in the presence of the Thought Adjuster, the Spirit of Truth, and the Holy Spirit.

As *The Urantia Book* says:

You cannot reveal God to those who do not seek for him; you cannot lead unwilling souls into the joys of salvation. Man must become hungry for truth as a result of the experiences of living, or he must desire to know God as the result of contact with the lives of those who are acquainted with the divine Father before another human being can act as the means of leading such a fellow mortal to the Father in heaven. [Paper 132:7, paper 1466:2]

Remember, not only are we the light of the world and the salt of the earth, but we are also the Sowers of the seeds of truth that will help elevate this world spiritually. Make the most of your time on this planet; join us in the efforts of training teachers and becoming better disseminators. ***When man goes into partnership with God, great things may, and do, happen.*** [Paper 132:7, page 1467:5] ■

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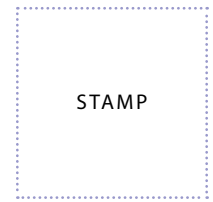
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