

Fatherhood

the relationship out of which we reason
ourselves into the recognition of brotherhood

[Paper 16:9.14, page 196:10]

President's Introduction



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Welcome to this special issue on the topic of Fatherhood arranged and illustrated by Verner Verass of the Canberra Study Group. Vern highlights the many aspects of fatherhood presented in the papers, indicating the significance of fatherhood for the spiritual and cultural evolution of Urantia. Since we are informed that parenthood is

an indispensable experience for all mortal ascenders, all males must engage in fatherhood either here or on the mansion worlds before advancing to Jerusem. And since God is best understood as a father, we are all His children.

With good reason, after 2,097 pages of information of revelatory significance, the final sentence of *The Urantia Book* states; *When all is said and done, the Father idea is still the highest human concept of God.* [Paper 196:3.34, page 2097:3] ■

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Topical Presentation

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Concepts covering fatherhood as it is experienced by mortals are presented as a series of slides comprising quotes from *The Urantia Book* in association with a selection of images in support of the related topic, home, family, marriage, fatherly attributes etc. Human paternal relationships featured are expressive of the full gamut of individual and social experience and are covered with particular emphasis placed on the father-child/creature-creator, relationship. Fatherhood of God is Jesus' saving gospel message.

The historical development of the father concept as presented in prior epochs are featured, from the example of the home life of the Prince's staff, to the family life of Adam and Eve, to the teachings about the family in the Life of Jesus.

It is intended that we mortals who start our universe journey on an inhabited world come to experience seven fathers each of these is presented in turn from page 15 to page 18.

As William mentioned in his introduction, parenting is an essential experience each ascending mortal must have. In this way the creature can better appreciate the creator perspective.

*The **Father's love** follows us now and through the endless circle of the eternal ages. As you ponder the loving nature of God, there is only one reasonable and natural personality reaction thereto: You will increasingly **love** your maker; you will yield to God an affection analogous to that given by a child to an earthly parent; for as a **father** a real **father**, a true **father**, loves his children, so the **Universal Father loves** and forever seeks the welfare of his created sons and daughters.* [Paper 2:5.9, page 40:1]



The relationship of **father** and **child** is inherent in all nature and pervades all living existences

[Paper 142:7.6, page 1604:1]



...glorify **family life**, for your Master has wisely chosen the father-child relationship as the very cornerstone of this new gospel of the kingdom

[Paper 160.2.6, page 1776.0]



...the arts of civilization continue to increase the pleasures of marriage and the satisfactions of **family life**

[Paper 68.2.9, page 765.6]



Sex **equality** prevails on all advanced worlds; male and female are **equal** in mind endowment and spiritual status

[Paper 49/4.4, page 564:6]



...man and woman in the fond embrace of the highest ideals of time, is so **valuable** and satisfying an experience that it is worth any price, any sacrifice, requisite for its possession

[Paper 160.2.6, page 1776:0]



Family life, is stimulative of the highest potentials in human nature and simultaneously provides the ideal avenue for the expression of these quickened attributes of mortal personality

[Paper 84:7.28, page 94] 1:9]



The **home** is the natural social arena wherein the ethics of blood brotherhood may be grasped by the growing children

[Paper 84:7.28, page 94] 1:9]



...the **home** – man's supreme evolutionary acquirement
and civilization's only hope of survival

[Paper 84:8.6, page 943:1]



The **family** is the fundamental unit of fraternity in which parents and children
learn those lessons of patience, altruism, tolerance, and forbearance which
are so essential to the realization of brotherhood among all men

[Paper 84:7.28, page 941:9]



Family life is the progenitor of true morality, the ancestor of the consciousness of loyalty to duty

[Paper 84:7.30, page 942:1]



The enforced associations of **family life** stabilize personality and stimulate its growth through the compulsion of necessitous adjustment to other and diverse personalities

[Paper 84:7.30, page 942:1]

...a true family –
a good family –

reveals to the parental procreators the
attitude of the Creator to his children,
while at the same time such true
parents portray to their children the
first of a long series of ascending
disclosures of the **love** of the Paradise
parent of all universe children



[Paper 847.30, page 942.1]



Savage man **loves** his child, but
civilized man **loves** also his grandchild

[Paper 667.4, page 750.6]



True **fathers** take great pleasure in providing for the needs of their children. Many fathers are not content with supplying the mere wants of their children but enjoy making provision for their pleasures also

[Paper 142:7, page 1604:2]



Wise **fathers** carefully plan for the education and adequate training of their sons and daughters. When young they are prepared for the greater responsibilities of later life

[Paper 142:7, page 1604:3]



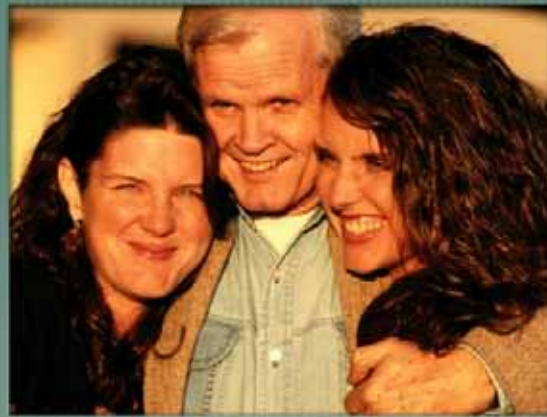
Farseeing **fathers** also make provision for the necessary discipline, guidance, correction, and sometimes restraint of their young and immature offspring

[Paper 142:7.9, page 1604:4]



The affectionate **father** holds intimate and loving intercourse with his children. Always is his ear open to their petitions; he is ever ready to share their hardships and assist them over their difficulties.

[Paper 142:7.10, page 1604:5]



The **father** is supremely interested in the progressive welfare of his progeny

[Paper 142:7.10, page 1604:5]



A compassionate **father** is freely forgiving; fathers do not hold vengeful memories against their children

[Paper 142:7.11, page 1604:6]



Fathers are not like judges, enemies, or creditors. Real families are built upon tolerance, patience, and forgiveness.

[Paper 142.7.11, page 1604.6]



Temporal **fathers** like to leave an inheritance for their sons. The family continues from one generation to another.

[Paper 142.7.12, page 1604.7]



Attendance of parents, both **fathers** and mothers, at the parental schools of child culture is compulsory

[Paper 72:3:2, page 811:2]



It is expected that the most valuable part of a child's education and character training will be secured from his parents and at home, and **fathers** devote almost as much attention to child culture as do mothers

[Paper 72:3:4, page 811:4]

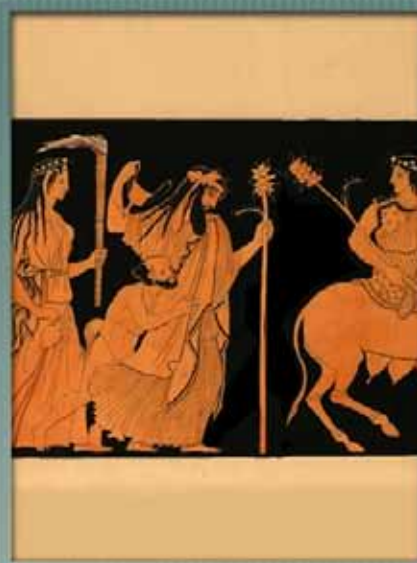
The Prince's staff lived together as **fathers** and **mothers**

True, they had no children of their own, but the fifty pattern **homes** of Dalamatia never sheltered less than five hundred adopted little ones assembled from the superior families of the Andonic and Sangik races; many of these children were **orphans**



[Paper 667.5, page 750.7]

...and the people eagerly look forward to the day when announcement will be made that those who have qualified as belonging to the superior racial strains may proceed to the Garden of Eden and be there chosen by the sons and daughters of Adam as the evolutionary **fathers** and mothers of the new and blended order of mankind



[Paper 51:5.2, page 585.6]

It is intended that mortals who start out from an inhabited world have the experience of recognizing seven **fathers**:

[Paper 51:6.6, page 587:4]



1. The biologic **father** – the father in the flesh

[Paper 51:6.7, page 587:5]



2. The **father** of the realm – the Planetary Adam

[Paper 51:6.7, page 587:6]



3. The **father** of the spheres – the System Sovereign

[Paper 51:6.9, page 587:7]



4. The Most High Father – the Constellation Father

[Paper 51:6.10, page 587:8]



5. The universe Father – the Creator Son and supreme ruler of the local creations

[Paper 51:6.11, page 587:9]



6. The **super-Fathers** – the Ancients of Days
who govern the superuniverse

[Paper 51:6.12, page 587:10]



7. The spirit or **Havona Father** – the **Universal Father**, who dwells
on Paradise and bestows his spirit to live and work in the minds of
the lowly creatures who inhabit the universe of universes

[Paper 51:6.13, page 587:11]



From the first of the mansion worlds on through all the Jerusem career of ascending mortals, the Melchizedeks are foster **fathers** and ever-present advisers

[Paper 46:5.14, page 524:5]

No ascending mortal can escape the experience of rearing children – their own or others – either on the material worlds or subsequently on the finaliter world or on Jerusem. **Fathers** must pass through this essential experience just as certainly as mothers.



[Paper 47:1.6, page 531:4]



Children need **fathers** as well as mothers, and **fathers** need this parental experience as much as do mothers

[Paper 47:1.6, page 531:4]

All mortal survivors who have not experienced parenthood on the evolutionary worlds must also obtain this necessary training while sojourning in the homes of the Jerusem Material Sons and as parental associates of these superb **fathers** and mothers.



[Paper 45:6.6, page 516:4]

Father of our personality

Infinity of personality must, perforce, embrace all finitude of personality; hence the truth – literal truth – of the teaching which declares that "In Him we live and move and have our being." That fragment of the pure Deity of the Universal Father which indwells mortal man is a part of the infinity of the First Great Source and Center, the **Father of Fathers**.

[Paper 2:1.11, page 354]



The **Father's** love is the real and eternal source of the Son's mercy

[Paper 6:3.4, page 75:9]



Supreme justice is dominated by a **Father's love**; therefore
will justice never destroy that which mercy can save

[Paper 5:4.5.3, page 617:3]

Father's Love

Mortal man cannot possibly know the infinitude of the heavenly **Father**. Finite mind cannot think through such an absolute truth or fact. But this same finite human being can actually feel – literally experience – the full and undiminished impact of such an infinite **Father's LOVE**. Such a **love** can be truly experienced, albeit while quality of experience is unlimited, quantity of such an experience is strictly limited by the human capacity for spiritual receptivity and by the associated capacity to **love** the **Father** in return.

[Paper 3:4.6, page 50:4]

The **Father's love** follows us now and throughout the endless circle of the eternal ages. As you ponder the loving nature of God, there is only one reasonable and natural personality reaction thereto: You will increasingly **love** your Maker; you will yield to God an affection analogous to that given by a child to an earthly parent; for, as a **father**, a real **father**, a true **father**, loves his children, so the **Universal Father loves** and forever seeks the welfare of his created sons and daughters.



[Paper 2:5.9, page 40:1]



But the **love** of God is an intelligent and farseeing parental affection

[Paper 2:5.10, page 40:2]

Jesus revealed and exemplified a religion of **love**: security in the **Father's love**, with joy and satisfaction consequent upon sharing this **love** in the service of the human brotherhood.



[Paper 196:3.19, page 209:5:3]

As the **Father** sent me into the world, so send I you. As I have revealed the **Father**, so shall you reveal the divine **love**, not merely with words, but in your daily living. I send you forth, not to **love** the souls of men, but rather to **love** men.



[Paper 191:5.3, page 204:3:1]

By so drawing close to your
fellow men in
understanding sympathy
and with unselfish
devotion, you will lead them
into a saving knowledge of
the **Father's love**



[Paper 191:5.3, page 2043:1]

"As the **Father** has loved me,
so have I loved you. Live in my
love even as I live in the
Father's love. If you do as I
have taught you, you shall
abide in my **love** even as I have
kept the **Father's** word and
evermore abide in his **love**."



[Paper 180:2.2, page 1945:5]

He referred more to that faith which man should have in his fellow man; that faith which a parent has in his child, and which enables him to **love** his fellows even as a **father** would **love** them.



[Paper 140.5.12, page 1574.5]



A **father's love** need not pamper, and it does not condone evil, but it is always anticynical

[Paper 140.5.12, page 1574.5]



Fatherly love has singleness of purpose, and it always looks for the best in man; that is the attitude of a true parent.

[Paper 140:5,12, page 1574:5]

Become as little children

"What I did desire that you should gather from the illustration was the **child-father** relationship. You are the child, and it is your **Father's** kingdom you seek to enter. There is present that natural affection between every normal child and its **father** which insures an understanding and loving relationship, and which forever precludes all disposition to bargain for the **Father's love** and mercy. And the gospel you are going forth to preach has to do with a salvation growing out of the faith-realization of this very and eternal child-**father** relationship."

[Paper 140:104, page 1585:2]



But you should not overlook the fact that even divine **love** has its severe disciplines. A **father's love** for his son oftentimes impels the **father** to restrain the unwise acts of his thoughtless offspring.

[Paper 143:1.4, page 1608:1]



The child does not always comprehend the wise and loving motives of the **father's** restraining discipline

[Paper 143:1.4, page 1608:1]



But I declare to you that my **Father** in Paradise does rule a universe of universes by the compelling power of his **love**

[Paper 143:1.4, page 1608:1]

The love of the **Father**

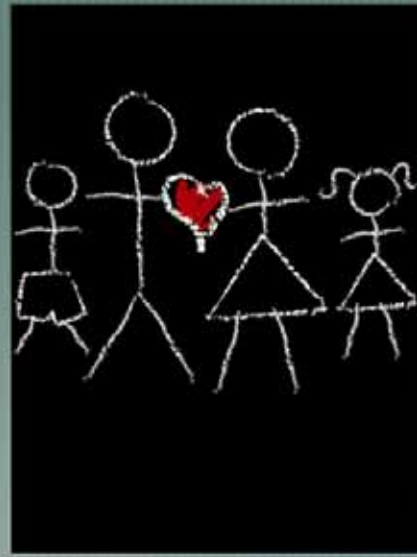
absolutely individualizes each personality as a unique child of the Universal **Father**, a child without duplicate in infinity, a will creature irreplaceable in all eternity



[Paper 12:7.9, page 138:4]

The Father's love

glorifies each child of God,
illuminating each member of the
celestial family, sharply silhouetting
the unique nature of each personal
being against the impersonal levels
that lie outside the fraternal circuit
of the **Father** of all



[Paper 12:79, page 1384]



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Marriage, with its manifold relations, is best designed to draw forth those precious impulses and those higher motives which are indispensable to the development of a strong character.

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