

Making subinfinite penetrators

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Given this year's events in Baghdad, the barbarity and butchering in Burundi, the pollution, disease and confusion that continue to spread across our bright blue-green gem of a world, every human living on this world—and aware of its precarious state—would agree that this is no way to run a planet.

But we readers of *The Urantia Book* have come to believe in a well-designed and well-managed universe. We assume with confidence that the Paradise Deities make no mistakes. We have faith in the ability of our own Michael of Nebadon to run his local universe successfully. And the presence of Trinity Observers on Salvington and the Constellation capitals is our guarantee that our problems do not stem from there.

So it is out here on the worlds of space (where the lowest of descending Sons come face to face with the ascending children of time), in the ranks of the Lanonandek rulers of the inhabited worlds, that we find the origin and source of our woes. Those crucial decisions that doomed Urantia to its difficult path were all triggered by Lanonandek Sons. From paper 35:8.15:

“Since Lanonandeks are a somewhat lower order of sonship than the Melchizedeks and the Vorondadeks, they are of even greater service in the subordinate units of the universe, for they are capable of drawing nearer the lower creatures of the intelligent races. They also stand in greater danger of going astray, of departing from the acceptable technique of universe government. But these Lanonandeks, especially the primary order, are the most able and versatile of all local universe administrators. In executive ability they are excelled only by Gabriel and his unrevealed associates.” [Paper 35:8.15, page 392.15]

Warning bells start sounding in paper 35 section 9 (paragraphs 7 and 8),

“The large number of these Sons who have lapsed from integrity does not indicate any fault in creatorship. They could have been made divinely perfect, but they were so created that they might better understand, and draw near to, the evolutionary creatures dwelling on the worlds of time and space.” [Paper 35:9.7, page 393.7]

And here is the crux of our problem:

“It is the contention of our high rulers that, while such free-choosing Sons make excessive trouble in the earlier ages of the universe, when things are fully sifted and finally settled, the gains of higher loyalty and fuller volitional service on the part of these thoroughly tested Sons will far more than compensate for the confusion and tribulations of earlier times.” [Paper 35:9.8, page 393.8]

Michael himself has chosen to set things up this way. He designed his Lanonandeks to fit larger, future plans for his universe of Nebadon. So, if we were to ask Michael what these plans and purposes might be, what is it that he is attempting out here in space and time, he might say something like this:

“The universe of Nebadon is my technique for turning you fragile, precious ascenders into adjuster-fused first stage spirits. As such, you will be like caterpillars ready to become Finaliter butterflies in the cocoon of Havona”.

If we were then to ask Michael’s Paradise Father why he wants “Finaliters”, he might say something like:

“My eternal infinite absolute is a very big place, and my Trinity Of Trinities has plans. However, these plans depend upon a crucial ingredient—a team of ones like me, but sub-infinite, able to penetrate and to engage the non-time sequence required to actualize those absolute realms. Your experience with time and sequence, your determination to survive and succeed, your personality fused to my absolute adjuster roots, make you ideal for the task.”

And the Master Architects might add:

“Indeed, and it is only on this largest stage that you humans really make any sense.”

When we consider the number of divine beings involved in making our local universe work; when we consider the vast army of local universe sons that Michael has created and trained to oversee our ascension and safe launch from Nebadon; when we consider the expense lavished upon our education, we have to conclude that something big is going on. As that Archangel explained in paper 48:8.3,

“The mortal-survival plan has a practical and serviceable objective; you are not the recipients of all this divine labor and painstaking training only that you may survive just to enjoy endless bliss and eternal ease. There is a goal of transcendent service concealed beyond the horizon of the present universe age. If the Gods designed merely to take you on one long and eternal joy excursion, they certainly would not so largely turn the whole universe into one vast and intricate practical training school, requisition a substantial part of the celestial creation as teachers and instructors, and then spend ages upon ages piloting you, one by one, through this gigantic universe school of experiential training. The furtherance of the scheme of mortal progression seems to be one of the chief businesses of the present organized universe, and the majority of innumerable orders of created intelligences are either directly or indirectly engaged in advancing some phase of this progressive perfection plan.” [Paper 48:8.3, page 558.1]

We have been told that the tragedies and delays suffered by the humanity of Urantia are local and transient, triggered by errors of a few local universe sons. The Urantia Papers help us to see these errors in context, and how they fit into a bigger picture. They describe clearly what went wrong, and imply a number of things that may actually be going very right. But to understand why Urantia’s ages of pain and struggle are surprisingly worthwhile, we need to understand what Michael is really doing in his local universe of Nebadon. And if possible, how he is doing it.

Go forth, and multiply

Let’s say a system is “fruitful” if you get more out of it than you put in. Then the Urantia Papers describe a universe that is fruitful: the Universal Father sends out a team of **Creator Michaels** into the local space of the grand universe, and each Michael sends out one **Material Son and Daughter** to each planet. In return, streams of *millions* of Adjuster-indwelt ascenders pour fourth from each

planet, and **millions upon millions** of Adjuster-fused spirits pour fourth from each local universe. In return for sending out the Michaels, the Father receives **trillions** of finaliters.

Why might the Father want trillions of finaliters? These Papers tell of this current grand universe age, and describe its culmination: the appearance of God the Supreme. They go even further, talking of the master universe age and its eventuation of God the Ultimate, a culmination of transcendent operations. But then they imply that all this achievement and fruitfulness merely sets the stage for operations on some absolutely unbounded stage,

“At the inconceivably distant future eternity moment of the final completion of the entire master universe, no doubt we will all look back upon its entire history as only the beginning, simply the creation of certain finite and transcendental foundations for even greater and more enthralling metamorphoses in uncharted infinity. At such a future eternity moment the master universe will still seem youthful; indeed, it will be always young in the face of the limitless possibilities of never-ending eternity.” [Paper 106:7.8, page 1170.1]

Here we find a hint about why the Father might want finaliters. With eternity and energy available, and Havona in place, picture the Father standing on the shores of Paradise. Imagine him gazing upon fields north of the outer space levels, south of the finite realms, east and west of pervaded space. Imagine him turning to the Eternal Son and saying,

“If we had a sub-infinite aspect, we could really dig around in that lot. I've got this Finaliter idea...”

These Papers then explain that the type of personality with which we are endowed is capable of “sub-infinite penetration of the absolute”,

“The type of personality bestowed upon Urantia mortals has a potentiality of seven dimensions of self-expression or person-realization. These dimensional phenomena are realizable as three on the finite level, three on the absonite level, and one on the absolute level. On subabsolute levels this seventh or totality dimension is experientible as the fact of personality. This supreme dimension is an associable absolute and, while not infinite, is dimensionally potential for subinfinite penetration of the absolute.” [Paper 112:1.9, page 1226.13]

So we might guess that our true place of operations is that stage from where our Adjusters come, the Absolute. While supreme finite evolution may challenge our mortal natures, some kind of “adjustment of the absolute” may prove to be the true challenge—and satisfaction—awaiting those trillions of Adjusters currently being personalized via the “human” technique.

If the entire master universe age is to be just a curtain-raiser for the main show, think what kind of actor it might take to act upon that Absolute stage. Then reflect on what the Finaliters are. Then ponder the evolution that saw mortals rise from the mud of their home worlds to stand at the edge of infinity on peripheral Paradise.

How to launch a mortal

All this raising up and launching of mortals by the Michaels is “grand universe” stuff. The Michaels reach down to the mud of the planets via their Lanonandeks, to raise up millions of mortal ascenders. The Lanonandeks work hard to make of us a morontia thing. The Michaels work hard to

make of us a spirit thing. Then Havona works hard upon us to make us Finaliters. During all of this lavish education, we have not merely been growing up. We have been forging characters and capacities sufficient to engage the true purposes of the universe. We have been acquiring an ear with which to hear the themes of eternity. And we have earned the freedom to become true actors on the stage whereon the Father himself acts,

“Eternal fusion of the Adjuster with the evolutionary soul of man is the factual experience of eternal union with God as a universe associate of Deity.” [Paper 107:0.4, page 1176.4]

As a “universe associate of Deity”.

“The Adjuster is an absolute essence of an infinite being imprisoned within the mind of a finite creature which, depending on the choosing of such a mortal, can eventually consummate this temporary union of God and man and veritably actualize a new order of being for unending universe service.” [Paper 107:0.6, page 1176.6]

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“Nor has the ascending progression of the Paradise finaliters as yet disclosed the full possibilities inherent in this supernal partnership of man and God. In the last analysis, the Father fragments must be the gift of the absolute God to those creatures whose destiny encompasses the possibility of the attainment of God as absolute.” [Paper 107:1.6, page 1177.7]

Even to us short-sighted humans, such a destiny seems reason enough for us to be so tolerated, so educated, and so loved.

The Father's request, and Michael's motivation

There is deep symmetry between the Father's request and Michael's motivation. Part of this is their shared desire to make a divine thing of Man, to turn us smelly, wriggly things into subinfinite penetrators of the Father's absolute realms. Which raises the question: how to make a divine thing of Man? By what process can the urges of adjutant motivation be translated into ascendant aspirations and finaliter foundations?

The following images (see pages 5 and 6) sketch out some ideas about the early stages of this transformation—stages that Jesus surpassed in a mere 25 years. From the daily life in ancient occupied Palestine, Jesus was able to tease out experiences sufficient to call forth responses sufficient to lay down sufficient morontia fiber to fully manifest a soul sufficient to contain and sustain his progressing self. And thanks to all this experience, he found himself equipped to call up a gracious response to almost any circumstance.

The ability to rouse a gracious response to utterly unexpected and absolutely trying circumstances—just what the doctor ordered for those penetrating the unknown depths of eternity!



figure 1: From "adjutant responder" to "Subinfinite Penetrator".

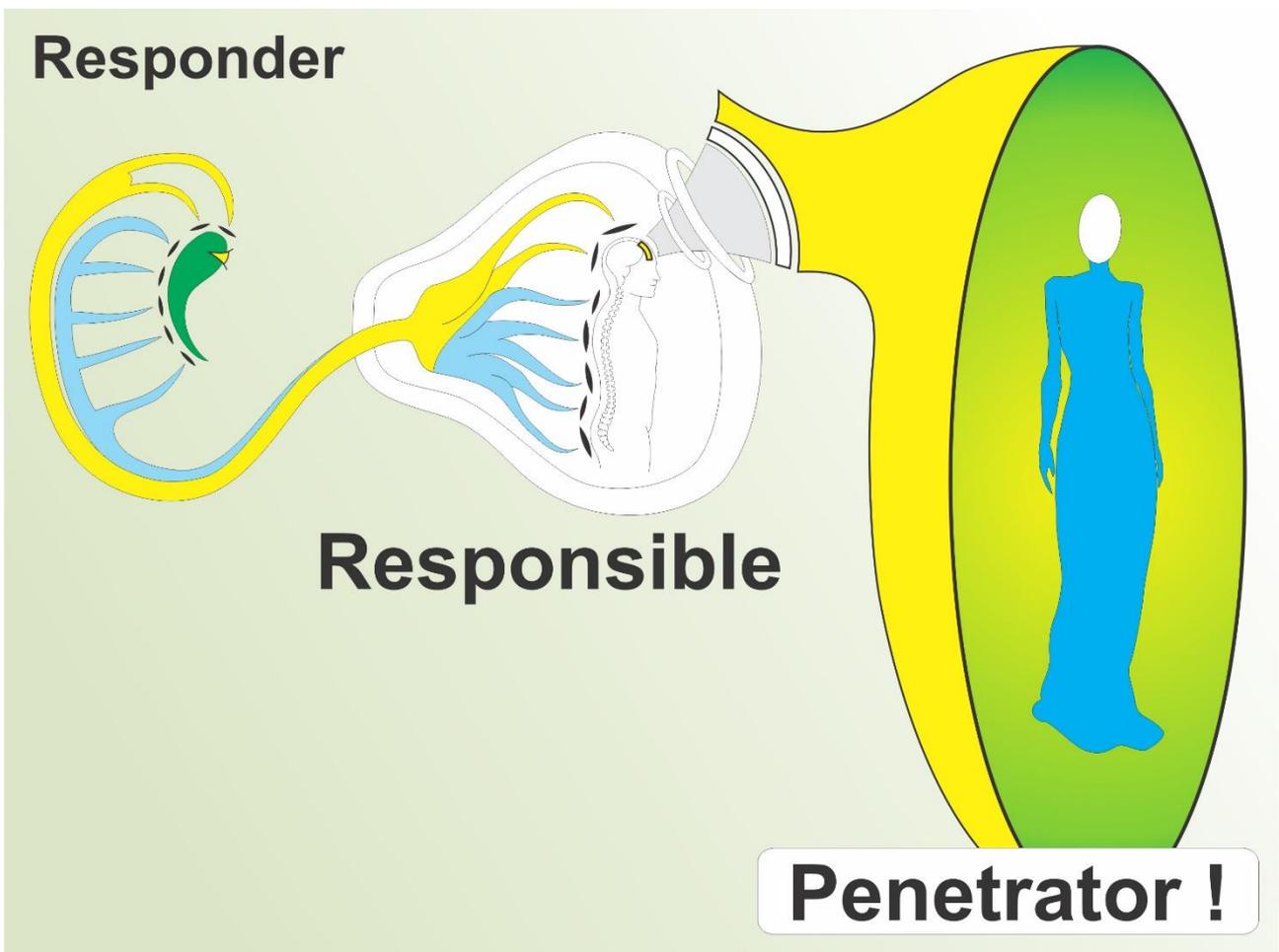


figure 2: Experience with adjutant response leads to responsibility, and then to so much more.

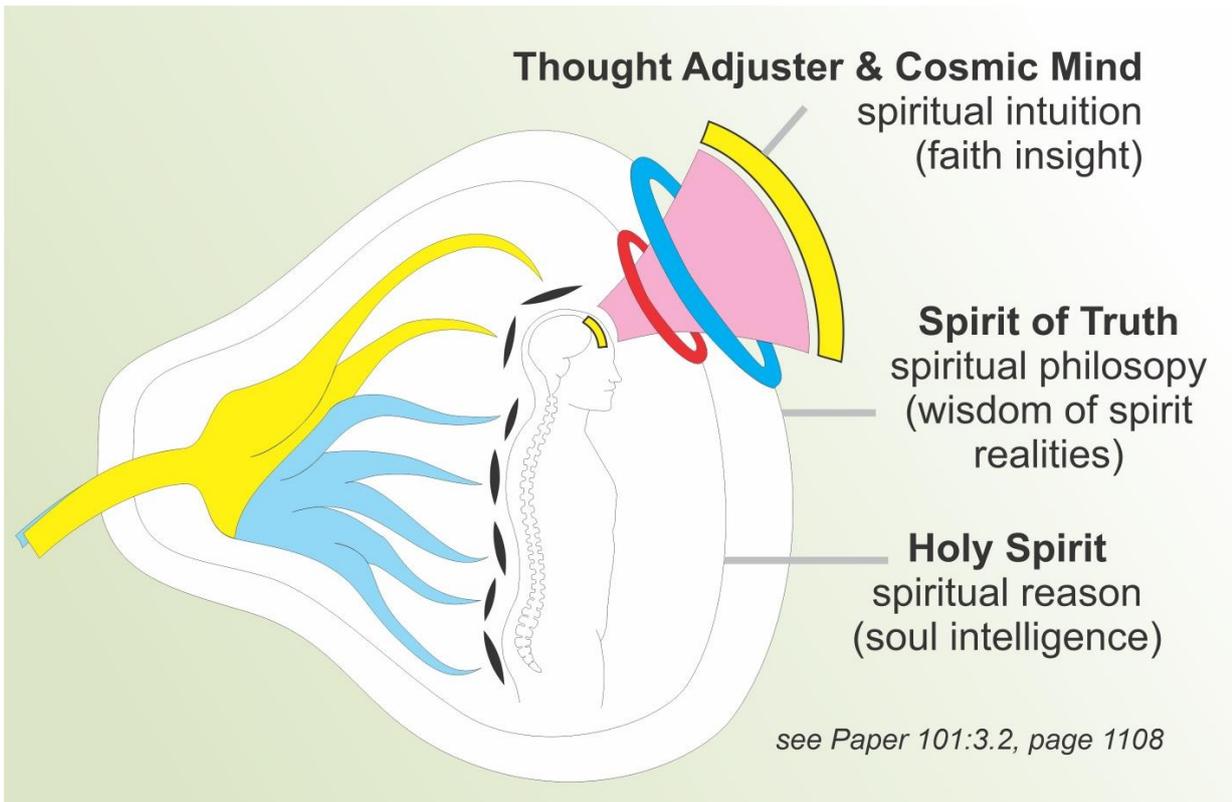


figure 3: motivated by adjutant urge; lured by a conspiracy of insight.

“Truth is made accessible to the wisdom-endowed individual by the bestowal on such a mind of the spirits of the Father and the Sons, the Thought Adjuster and the Spirit of Truth.” [Paper 101:6.4, page 1111.8]

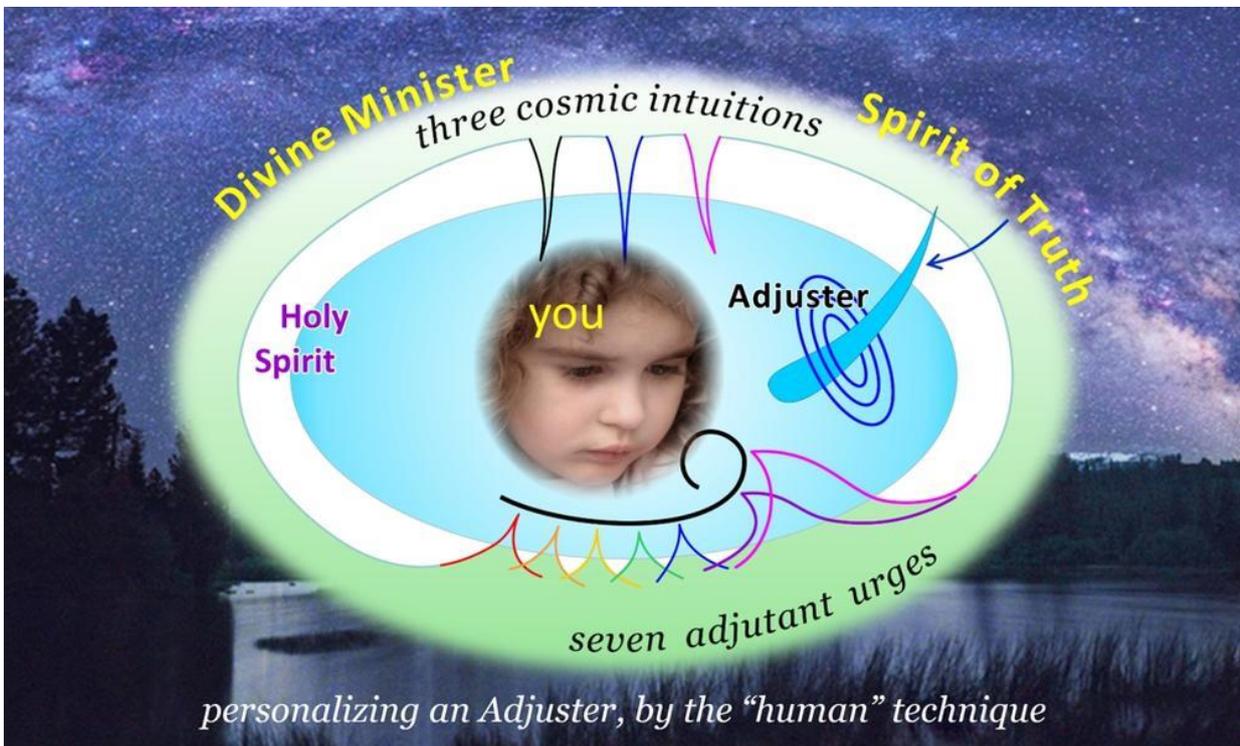


figure 4: choosing, embraced by a conspiracy of love.