

EVOLUTION

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT DIDN'T & WHAT COULD HAVE



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As the theme of this conference is evolution and the ongoing struggles of life as the "beat goes on," I propose to talk about what I see as the basic plans for evolution on "normal worlds". In what way Urantia is different and whether those differences were part of the plan or caused as a result of error.

The "Devolution of Deity"

To me evolution is a two way thing - We have God, choosing to allow himself to descend or downstep himself to us and mortals ascending to Him.

To illustrate the "devolution of God" I have drawn the following analogy:-

We have God (God the Father), symbolised here by a river having no beginning and no end, deciding to build a power station (God the Son) to generate energy (God the Spirit).

Whilst I realise this symbology is very over simplified, I personally need to have the concepts presented in the Urantia Book simplified to a point where I can get some sort of a picture in my mind to understand what still must be only the tiniest glimpse of our infinite God.

So to carry the analogy further we see God down stepping Himself and allowing Himself to be 'diluted'. His energy goes through innumerable "transformers" or different aspects of himself - for example - The Seven Master Spirits, The Ancients of Days and the Paradise Creator Sons etc. right on down the Beings such as the Life Carriers and the Planetary Princes who, we are told represent the nearest personalised approach aside from incarnation that the Eternal Son of Paradise can make to the lowly creatures of time and space. p572

I visualise this down stepping of God as electricity going from the Power Station through various Sub Stations and different voltages until it becomes 240 volts and is of a low enough current to enter my house or "me" and be represented by a power point.

Now if you could stretch your imagination sufficiently to think of the power points as your "Thought Adjusters" the tiniest fragment of God who desires all his creatures to be in personal communication with him ^{p63} and who resides with in the intellect of every normal minded and morally conscious Urantian mortal ^{p 62}.

Although this is a very crude picture of what I am calling the "downward evolution of God", to me it encapsulates in the simplest of terms the process of Gods efforts to approach us.

One very important point, however, that this analogy doesn't capture is the Infinite grandeur and inexpressible generosity connected with the majesty of his love which causes Him to yearn for the association of every created being ^{p62}

Finally I would suggest that since God is infinite and unlimited in every way, He well may choose to downstep Himself further, but for the purposes of this exercise, I have taken His downward evolution as far as I need to go.

Although, there appears to be many different ways that God chooses to reach down to his creatures on different worlds, I feel He still allows himself to go through some type of down stepping to achieve this on all worlds.

Clearly this part of our evolution is "on track" and we have not deviated from the original plan with regard to a fragment God being able to indwell every (normal minded and morally conscious person.

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HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER "NORMAL" WORLDS

Planned differences:-

- . Decimal Planet
- . Appearance of first will creatures before coloured races
- . Coloured races all appeared simultaneously.
- . Late Arrival of Planetary Prince

Unplanned differences:-

- . Lucifer Rebellion
- . Isolation
- . Adamic Default

Emergency Measures:-

- . Personalisation of Machiventa Melchizedek
- . Bestowal of Michael
- . Urantia Book
- . Planetary Government

Differences in the way Urantia evolved compared with other normal Worlds

Urantia is a Decimal World

This first point is fairly straightforward. Every tenth planet to be created is a decimal planet, and we are told the Life Carriers have an opportunity to experiment with the way life will evolve on these experimental worlds. But we are also told that the establishment of life is never experimental in the sense that something untried or unknown is attempted. p735.

One of the intentions of the Life Carriers was to produce an early manifestation of will in the evolutionary life of Urantia. This doesn't ordinarily emerge until the colored races have long been in existence p736 and brings me to the next point.

Appearance of the first will creatures before the arrival of the coloured races

Nearly a million years ago the Spirit of Worship made its first contact with ten year old twins known as Andon and Fonta. About one year later when they decided to flee their home and journey northward, the Spirit of Wisdom began to function in them. The Life Carriers were ecstatic as this was the first decision of a human mind to take place on Urantia and signified that "will", the power to worship and ascend, had appeared on the planet

We are the only world in the local system where a race of will creatures has evolved in advance of the colored races. p735. On an average evolutionary planet the six evolutionary races of colour appear one by one, the red man is the first to evolve and for ages he roams the world before succeeding colored races make their appearance. p722 It would seem that usually there is a strong foundation of one colour before the next one arrives and when this one is well blended another appears until they end up with a large number of "homogenised", pre will beings.

Six Coloured Races Appeared Simultaneously

Urantia is most certainly very different in this regard because, about 500000 years ago, one couple, who were among the most intelligent and desirable of all the living descendants of Andon and Fonta, suddenly began to produce unusually intelligent children, nineteen altogether. Among these children were five red, two orange, four yellow, two green, four blue and two indigo. They are known as the Sangik family and are the ancestors of all the six coloured races on Urantia. p722

This begs the question - Why? Why did all our coloured races appear at one time? Obviously something was to be gained but what was it?

Late Arrival of Planetary Prince

Another outstanding variation of procedure was the late arrival of our Planetary Prince. As a rule, the Prince appears about the time of will development. P7357 Ours arrived almost 500,000 years later, simultaneously with the appearance of the six Sangik races.

It would appear that from the time will had emerged until Prince Calagastia arrived, we had half a million years of development with no physical leadership. It must have been like having a nursery full of unsupervised toddlers all fighting amongst themselves.

Instead we had twelve Mechizedeks who came at the time thought adjusters indwelt Andon and Fonta, but they were here as observers to advise the Life Carriers and were invisible to the mortals. p735

I wonder what they were hoping to achieve by leaving us to our own devices for half a million years. Maybe they were curious to see how will would develop without physical guidance, but this seems to be taking a awful risk.

There were half a billion human beings on the planet when Caligastia arrived. He brought with him an extensive staff of celestial beings assigned to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the human race, as well as one hundred rematerialised beings of dual nature, having bodies of flesh and blood but also attuned to the life circuits of the system. p742

The Prince's headquarters was exquisitely beautiful and designed to awe the primitive men and women of that day. p750/3 A centre of world culture was established with schools to teach the surrounding tribes. Gradually an uplifting and civilising influence began to radiate outward.

Things progressed in a fairly normal manner. for almost three hundred thousand years, and we progressed very satisfactorily. p752. But we can have little or no concept of the marvellous progress of those faraway times as practically all of the wonderful human gains of those days were wiped out. by the horrible confusion and abject spiritual darkness which followed the Caligastia catastrophe of deception and sedition. p752

It seems that up to this point, any differences between Urantia and other worlds were planned and we were fairly much on course until:-

The Lucifer Rebellion

We could talk for hours about the Lucifer Rebellion but suffice to say that, it was the single most damaging occurrence to take place on Urantia. Although this upheaval did not seriously interfere with the progress of **organic** evolution, it did markedly modify the course of **social** evolution and of **spiritual** development. The entire super physical history of the planet has been profoundly influenced by this devastating calamity. p754

Despite the fact that Caligastia betrayed us so dreadfully, he was not removed from the planet and was, at least to some extent, able to thwart plans for the rehabilitation of the human race, aided by the fact that he was invisible to mortals. p833

Another consequence of the Lucifer rebellion is:

Isolation

This added further to our difficulties, Urantia was isolated. Every group of celestial life of the planet found itself suddenly and without warning, utterly cut off from all outside counsel and advice. p755. Can you imagine how difficult this was for all of those who were here to guide our development. Obviously, the whole support system with which they were previously able to communicate, was unavailable.

This is a huge divergence from the original plan but we are not alone in this one. There were many other planets, who also joined with Lucifer in the rebellion and are also isolated. However the repercussions of isolation are enormous and have significantly contributed to the predicament we now find ourselves in.

Arrival of Adam and Eve

About 40000 years ago, from a purely biologic standpoint, our physical development was nearing it apex. At this time the Life Carriers and the Melchizedek receivers, who were overseeing our planet since Caligastia was disgraced, petitioned for Urantia to receive a Material Son and Daughter known as Adam and Eve whose chief function is to act as biologic uplifters.

On a normal world by the time Adam and Eve arrived, a centre of world culture would be established and the population would be intelligent and well educated. Their arrival would herald the approach of a great age of invention, material progress, and intellectual enlightenment. This is a great scientific age on most worlds, but unfortunately it was not the case here on Urantia. Though our races were physically fit, the tribes languished in the depths of savagery and moral stagnation. p821

Ten thousand years after the rebellion practically all the gains of the Princes administration were gone and the races were little better off than if this misguided Son had never come to Urantia.

The details of Urantia affairs were fully presented to Adam and Eve prior to their arrival. They were exhaustively instructed as to the plans to be pursued in accepting the responsibilities of rulership on such a strife torn world. p828

As soon as they arrived, Adam and Eve became painfully aware of their isolation. The familiar broadcasts were silent and absent were all the circuits of extra planetary communication. Their Jerusem fellows had gone to worlds running along smoothly with a well established Planetary Prince and an experienced staff ready to receive them and competent to co-operate with them during their early experience on such worlds. But on Urantia rebellion had changed everything. Here the Planetary Prince was very much present, and though shorn of most of his power to work evil, he was still able to make the task of Adam and Eve difficult and to some extent hazardous . p830

Default of Adam and Eve

We are told that no Adam of the planetary service was ever set down on a more difficult world; the obstacles seemed insuperable and the problems beyond creature solution. p839. They were isolated, and the tremendous sense of loneliness which bore down upon them was all the more heightened by the early departure of the Melchizedek receivers. Once they departed Adam and Eve could only communicate with beings from off the planet, indirectly by means of the Angelic orders. p839

Slowly their courage weakened, their spirits drooped, and sometimes their faith almost faltered. Probably no Material Sons of Nebadon were ever faced with such a difficult and seemingly hopeless task which confronted Adam and Eve in the sorry plight of Urantia. p840

The function of Adam and Eve is to build up a strong reserve of the violet race before attempting the world wide upstepping of the human race and this would take hundreds of years to consummate. p841. It was never intended for them to mate directly with Urantians. This was to be the task of their offspring.

It must be remembered that Caligastia was still titular Planetary Prince of Urantia as he was not finally deposed until the times of Christ Michael. He paid frequent visits to the garden and held many conferences with Adam and Eve. At this time a Nodite leader named Serapatatia had also made several visits to the garden. He became one of the most able and efficient of all of Adam's lieutenants and was entirely honest and thoroughly sincere in all of his activities. Serapatatia was never conscious that he was being used as a tool by the wily Caligastia. p841

One day during a talk with Eve, it occurred to Serapatatia that it would be helpful if, while waiting for the violet race to multiply, something could be done immediately to advance the needy waiting tribes. It was never Eve's intention to do anything which would jeopardise their planetary trust. p840. However they had been here for one hundred years and she could see very little improvement and so she decided to add her own little scheme of world saving to the larger and more far reaching divine plan. p842

The plan was to accelerate world improvement by operating simultaneously in two directions. The prosecution of the divine plan at the same time as the execution of the Serapatatia enterprise. p842

I feel very sorry for Adam and Eve. Although we are told they were well briefed about what to expect, they obviously couldn't really know what it would be like without the physical experience. It would be like emigrating to a far away country with no contact with your family and friends and where there was no TV or radio and the telephone and newspapers were unavailable. Added to this, time would be totally different on Jerusem and they mightn't have had any idea just how long a year can be. The thought of it taking thousands of years to accomplish change in this terribly primitive environment must have been unbearable and I can't really say I blame Eve for trying to hasten things along.

Regardless to how we feel about Adam and Eve the fact remains that they were only here for about one hundred years before the default. When they realised what had happened they tried to leave as much of their violet strain for mankind during their remaining years in the second garden. Adam died at age 530 years, Eve having died 19 years earlier.

In the usual plan, Adam and Eve are immortal and continue to infuse more and more of the Adamic blood into mankind. As a result of the Adamic default we have been denied this invaluable upliftment and will now have to struggle on as best we can. It is because of this deficiency that we are so susceptible to bacteria and pain. It was also intended that our senses be much more acute and we should have been more fun loving and had a better sense of humour and a better appreciation of music and art.

This leads me to postulate whether those of us who have more acute senses and abilities have inherited some of these characteristics from Adam and Eve and perhaps those who are naturally healthy also have a greater complement of the Adamic endowment.

Machiventa Melchizedek

About 34000 years after the Adamic default another very unusual occurrence happened on our world.

Revealed truth was threatened with extinction and though making progress intellectually, the human races were slowly losing ground spiritually. About 3000 BC the concept of God had grown very hazy in the minds of men. p1014

The twelve Melchizedeks had returned to Urantia upon the default of Adam and Eve, and remained as planetary advisers on down to the day when Jesus, as Son of Man became the titular Planetary Prince of Urantia. They knew of Michael's impending bestowal on their planet but did not know how soon it would occur. p 1014

Machiventa Melchizedek, one of the twelve planetary receivers volunteered to do that which had been done only six times in all the history of Nebadon: to personalise on earth as a temporary man of the realm, to bestow himself as an emergency Son of World ministry. p1014

Melchizedek taught his followers all they had capacity to receive and assimilate. Even many modern religious ideas about heaven and earth, of man, God and angels are not far removed from these teachings of Melchizedek. But this great teacher subordinated everything to the doctrine of one God, a universe Deity, a heavenly Creator, a divine Father. Emphasis was placed upon this teaching for the purpose of appealing to man's adoration and of preparing the way for the subsequent appearance of Michael as the Son of this same Universal Father. p1016

Melchizedek taught elementary revealed truth at Salem for ninety four years and during this time Abraham attended the Salem school three different times. He finally became a convert to the Salem teachings, becoming one of Melchizedek's most brilliant pupils and chief supporters. p1018

We are told that after the termination of his bestowal, Melchizedek continued to collaborate throughout the nineteen succeeding centuries with the many prophets and seers, thus endeavouring to keep alive the truths of Salem until the fullness of time for Michael's appearance on earth. p1024

I find this fascinating and it makes me wonder how he "collaborated" with these prophets and seers. What techniques were used and are these same techniques used today?

The Bestowal of Michael

Misfortune has not been the sole lot of Urantia; we are also the most fortunate in the local universe and should count it all gain, if the blunders of our ancestors and the mistakes of our early world rulers, plunged our planet into such a hopeless state of confusion, that this very background of evil, sin and darkness appealed so much to Michael of Nebadon that he selected our world to reveal the loving personality of the Father in heaven. It is not that Urantia needed a Creator Son to set affairs in order, but rather that the evil and sin on Urantia afforded the Creator Son a more striking background against which to reveal the matchless love, mercy and patience of the Paradise Father. p53

What a great pity that our religious leaders have misconstrued the teachings of Jesus and we fail to live our lives following the example of his wonderful and inspiring life.

Urantia Book

Yet another unique occurrence is the presentation of the Urantia book. It certainly was an emergency measure to try and show us where we have gone wrong and how we could start correcting our mistakes but it also gives us the most interesting and unbelievably detailed account of our history down through the ages.

Hopefully more and more people will have the opportunity to learn from this wonderful book and go on to live what it teaches in their everyday life.

Planetary Government

Because of the Caligastia betrayal, the planetary Government on Urantia is unlike that of any other world in the Satania System, even in all Nebadon. Christ Michael now holds the title of Planetary Prince of Urantia and, while it is far from clear, it would seem that Machiventa Melchizedek who acts as Vicegerent may perhaps one day may assume the role of Planetary Prince of Urantia. p1025

Meanwhile we still have the 12 Melchizedeks overseeing our planet and further more we are told of:-

Urantia Advisory Council

These 24 councillors were placed in position 1900 years ago by Michael and have the authority to represent him in all matters concerning the role calls of Satan. The amazing point is that they are all one time mortals which makes me ask why is this so?

Is it because the unique experience of living in this world put them a cut above the rest? That they have such understanding of what life is like here that it makes them sympathetic, understanding and merciful in their judgements.

Another odyssey worth mentioning is the location of the planet on the archangels' circuit which gives us a unique and direct connection with Paradise. It would appear that we have a very special link here, perhaps it is to compensate for our isolation after the Lucifer rebellion.

So yes we are very different from the normal worlds that are described for us. Because of the Lucifer rebellion and the Adam Default, our social evolution and spiritual development has been severely effected. This is certainly clear to see as we look around our world today.

Our spiritual progress is sadly lacking, and we have the phenomenon of the first and third worlds living literally side by side. The Urantia book tells us we are a full dispensation behind where we should be.

It certainly would appear that our isolated world is most unfortunate in being deprived of the presence and influences of such superhuman personalities as a Planetary Prince and a Material Son and Daughter, however isolation does afford us a unique opportunity to exercise faith, to believe without seeing., to persevere when isolated and to triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone. p78

And this leads me to the last and most important question. Are we so different from other so called "normal" worlds because of error or could it be that God, knowing all things, knew about the Lucifer rebellion and that Adam and Eve would go astray. Perhaps in His wisdom, he could see the ultimate benefits our little world would derive from all the differences and so called calamities. We may emerge with untold advantages over others who have had a more tranquil evolution.

