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From the President

As this is the last Arena before my term as president expires, I think it's a good time to reflect a little upon the last few years of ANZURA activities.

While our membership has remained static for the last few years, our activity level has risen.

Such things as the extension of our annual Study Day to international status, our hosting of the Urantia Book presence at the Parliament of World Religions, and the presence and high performance of two ANZURA members on the International Service Board of UAI spring immediately to mind. In addition, the creation of the ANZURA website provides us with a new and expanded window to the world. The work that has gone into these projects reflects well the dedication and persistence of those members involved, and is a credit to the small teams who brought them about. We have continued our support of the Urantia Foundation office in Sydney, and book sales from there have remained steady.

It looks as though there are big changes on the way for books, as new electronic techniques are altering reading habits, and consequently book distribution needs to be carefully reconsidered. The Foundation is currently developing new approaches to the dissemination of the revelation, and ANZURA will have to adapt in order to conform with the new reality, whatever it turns out to be. On page 1086:4 we are instructed that we must adapt to continuous rapid change for many centuries, and this looks like one of those changes.

Sometimes I find myself discouraged by the apparent lack of progress of the revelation in Australia. We live

in an increasingly secular society which sees no need for God or spiritual truth. But the revelation encourages us to remember that "the act is ours; the consequences God's", and we can only press on with faith that sooner or later our countrymen will return to the fold of faith and progress.

I would like to remind members that ANZURA's funding base is still very insecure. There are less than a dozen regular financial contributors, and each year requires the treasurer to depend on ad hoc contributions to balance the budget. More fundraising efforts need to be made if the association is to service readers effectively.

If there were one wish above all others to be granted me, it would be an end to the antagonism between UAI and the Fellowship which has done so much to confuse the readership over the last couple of decades. The current president of UAI, Gaetan Charland, has begun positive moves towards that end, and ANZURA members who attended the Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne last year will recall how well we worked with Fellowship members in presenting *The Urantia Book* >>

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at that event. I hope that ANZURA will continue to work positively to foster warm fraternal relations with the Fellowship.

My term as president has been blessed with a secretary and governing board who have been dedicated and efficient in disposing of the work of the association. I could not have asked for a better team with whom to serve.

I hope to see you all at the annual conference in Hobart in October. ■

New Zealand Corner

Editors note: Apologies to Neville that we were unable to fit all of his fine article into the previous issue of *Arena*, it now appears in full below:

The Electronic Age and *The Urantia Book*

by Neville Twist

When I was young, telecommunications pretty well consisted only of the 'party line'. About 8 families sharing one telephone line with a Morse code ring to identify which household the call was for. Our number was 1062D—one long ring followed by two short rings, put through to us manually by the operator in the local telephone exchange. We always knew when a toll call was coming through, because the operator would stretch the rings out. What excitement there was receiving a toll call, or any call for that matter—often with the other party line members listening in!

In 1989 I was working for Telecom (NZ) Ltd, when we were given the privilege of making one of the first cell phone calls in New Zealand. The cell phone itself was the size of a large brief case with a corded hand piece on top and weighing in at about 10 kgs. Its range was just a few kilometers from downtown Auckland, and the costs for operating it were horrendous. A few years later the 'brick' arrived, which at the time seemed so advanced, and the coverage area had increased greatly. My, how things have changed!

Today the electronic/digital age has taken us to 2G, 3G & 4G networks, I-Phones (with built-in GPS, cameras, sound recorders, radio tuners etc), satellite phones, and of course the internet with emails, skype, shopping, banking, music & movie downloads, and search engines for just about anything imaginable. We can even zoom into almost any square meter on this planet from space! News spreads around the world in milliseconds. GPS tells us where we are and how to get to the next place. It can even tell us who is looking for love and where they are. The all in one 'Tablet' is about to be launched.

Extraordinary stuff when we think about it, and to think most this has evolved over the last couple of decades. All over the world, today's young people are so interconnected and dependant on these electronic devices that to be without them, gives them a feeling of total isolation, almost hopelessness. Just try removing one from a teenager as a disciplinary measure! I wonder what the future has in-store over the next couple of decades. It is both exciting and scary at the same time.

So what's this got to do with the *Urantia Book*? It's a question I have often posed to myself. Our celestial friends and administrators would have undoubtedly known the electronic age would come to Urantia. They'd have known this long before making contact to present the *Urantia* papers. Maybe that is why for the first time in all Nebadon, they decided to present the fifth epochal revelation to our planet in written

text form. But is there a more underlying reason for them doing so?

I sometimes speculate that this interconnectivity of this new age might bring about some kind of spiritual renaissance. If mere mortal man can invent such amazingly sophisticated telecommunication devices, is it possible that people may begin to think about their interconnectivity with the universe? Is it possible that a hand held man made device that can interconnect us with virtually anything on earth, record and track our every movement, might somehow get people thinking about the Creator of everything?

We know from reading *The Urantia Book*, that our Thought Adjusters record every single thought, action, motivation and aspiration of our entire lives. And that the Ancients of Days use this recording to help assess whether we are granted survivor status or not. I know this is a bit left-field thinking in this present day, but who knows what the future holds for our planet Urantia.

Imagine if a gospel message could be presented to young people formulated around the idea of our Thought Adjusters being the most awe inspiring communicating device in the whole universe. One that interconnects us with Michael of Nebadon, and the Universal Father himself! Jesus promised one day to return to our planet, but when and how he will do this, is unrevealed. Will electronics and digital age be part of this? I suspect so.

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My Journey

by Mark McEwan

The first time I put pen to paper for other readers of *The Urantia Book* was in 1979 and a couple of times since then. My journey has taken me down many paths in life, including my currently attending a Christian church. The people are fantastic and many of the more 'intellectual' ones tell me that they embrace their own interpretation of the Scriptures.

Personally, my hugest stumbling block when embracing Christian theology is the Atonement doctrine. I simply cannot get past that one so I usually boycott Easter. Many of my fellow churchgoers say that I don't need to worry about that. What does that imply? That they don't believe it either?

Whatever the verdict, they are not fundamentalist Christians, just as I am not a fundamentalist Urantian. I feel the same way about racial discrimination doctrines found in *The Urantia Book*. It seems to imply an inherent superiority in the 'so-called' white races or the necessity for segregation. This teaching, like the atonement doctrine in the Bible, is a stumbling block for me as a student of *The Urantia Book*. It led me to become secretive about my philosophy / faith and so that even though, or perhaps because, I accept what I understand of nearly all of the rest of the book's teachings, it made me feel guilty to harbour this concept (safeguarded by wisdom?) — so much so that I vowed naively to marry a black woman! How is that for misguided and arrogant altruism!

Now that I have resumed my study of the 'blue book', I would be grateful for some feedback on the issue of legalism / fundamentalism versus a more liberal approach to Scripture.

Cheers

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ANZURA Annual National Conference Hobart 1–4 October 2010

* *Worshiping and Serving our Father* *

With pleasure and anticipation we look forward to the major event in ANZURA's calendar year – *The Urantia Book* Reader's conference. We hope that again many of you can make the exciting overseas trip to picturesque Blackmans Bay, South of Hobart to join others to discern and find out more about: WORSHIP – Attaining the highest levels of self-realization.

If anyone has not yet received a brochure, please contact the office and we will send one your way! Information is available at www.urantia-anzura.org

Worship is the highest privilege and the first duty of all created intelligences. [Paper 27, page 303:5] ■



Shamanism and the Urantia Movement

by Jeffrey Wattles, USA, March 2002

Seek and you will find. Strain, and you may distort your mind and jeopardize your reception of truth. Our world is passing through an age of shamanism. We mortals are designed to respond to the leadership of the Planetary Prince, Adam and Eve, and other superhuman figures; so it is understandable that we should want intermediaries with the spirit world. We want persons who will be oracles, fountains of ever-fresh revelation straight from a higher-than-human source. And if we should seem to have the opportunity so to serve, we may be more than willing.

Some who indulge the impression of giving fresh revelation when its origin is subconscious are wolves in sheep's clothing, but others are lost sheep. They are not all egotistical or power-hungry, for sincerity, too, may consort with error. How can you tell where the teaching comes from? If a teacher says, "I am God," most of us find it easy to see that something has gone wrong. However, the challenge of discernment can be surprisingly subtle. Someone whose mind is filled with *The Urantia Book* will have a well-provisioned subconscious. Thus

inputs from the subconscious may include stretches of power and eloquence. Truth, like gold, is where you find it, but the unconscious is an unreliable source. Since we often cannot determine the source, we must responsibly weigh the mind's deliverances for their truth, beauty, and goodness.

Seek unwisely, and you may swallow more than you should. When listeners rely on disclosures whose truth they cannot confirm, their reason and their will may be compromised. One is responsible to listen as a brother or sister, and not only as a student or follower, to avoid a cult-like response, to be thoughtful, not dogmatic, to question and not be passive.

Alert to the dangers, how shall we cope? Shall we become fearful of the subconscious generally, anxious about our own inner life, and thereby miss the thrill of seeking and finding divine truth? Shall we become suspicious or hostile? The better attitude is engagement. We do the best we can with the Spirit of Truth. We do not expect to discover completely or perfectly. Time brings correction and the chance to continue forward—together—as family.

We who accept *The Urantia Book* find it a sturdy guide as the ship of our adventure into truth steams out of the sheltered bay of what is widely accepted. To follow truth wherever it leads takes critical discernment as well as love and trust. It will not be easy to cleanse our movement of shamanism. We cannot solve the problem by attempting to establish doctrinal orthodoxy, but we do well to be alert and ready to speak and act when we observe innocent error decay into self-deception, distortion of truth, and manipulative behavior. May we all scrutinize our charts of morality and painstakingly observe the compass of religious guidance. ■

Towards 1000s of Study Groups

by David Glass, USA, July 2010

Dear Friends—I just returned from Montreal and the 2010 Inaugural "United Urantia Family Festival" which I deem to have more than accomplished its intended purposes—ses raisons d'etre.

There was a magnificent spirit of unity, harmony, and brother-sister-hood among the those who attended and a far-more-than-patient attitude of cooperation was strongly manifest.

Of the great deal which I could relate concerning the "Festival," I would like to comment on our three "resolutions," feature a quotation from the revelation, and then to make a brief comment on the prospect of the formation of 1000s of Study Groups. Our three "resolutions" were:

1. To form an inter-organizational database of all readers, Study Groups, and readers with special abilities or talents.
2. To refrain from speaking or writing disparagingly

regarding other organizations in the course of our intra-organizational correspondence and conversation.

- To pray for one another, both as individuals and as organizations pursuing related goals.

I commend this passage for your consideration:

Just as certainly as men share their religious beliefs, they create a religious group of some sort which eventually creates common goals. Someday religionists will get together and actually effect cooperation on the basis of unity of ideals and purposes rather than attempting to do so on the basis of psychological opinions and theological beliefs. Goals rather than creeds should unify religionists. [Paper 99:5, page 1091:7]

Some of the UUFF group desired a more substantial common goal to emerge from our conclave, however, the three above resolutions are, nonetheless, to my thinking, quite substantial.

Now for my brief comments on the formation of 1000s of Study Groups:

- It is part, I believe, of the revelatory "commission" directive.
- Without a vision, a people, a movement, a religion, a nation perishes or at least functions sub-optimally.
- Study Groups are the best way for people to become acquainted thoroughly with the teachings of the UB. Rare indeed is the lone reader who can achieve mature and comprehensive comprehension of the teachings unassisted.
- Such a program would promote:
 - the goal of disseminating the revelation
 - the Master's goal and purpose of establishing the "kingdom of God" on earth
 - the purposeful trend toward cooperative unification in the Urantia "movement"
 - the progress of local, national, regional, and global civilization
 - In My Humble Opinion: the Father's will
 - the socialization of the religion of Jesus / of the religion of the 5th epochal revelation.
 - the visibility of the revelation—more people would hear about it.

Best wishes to all Circle Servers!!! May God's will be done—by us!!

Love and light,

David Glass, Lone Star Urantia Association ■

Thought Gem

Let not anger and hate master you.

Speak harshly of no one. Contentment is the greatest wealth. What is given wisely is well saved. Do not do to others what you would not wish done to you. [Paper 131:3 page 1447:3]

Meet a graduate of the circles



Harry Smallwood, Cary Gardens, Red Hill, Canberra ACT

Harry Smallwood, shining example of spiritual achievement through personal study of *The Urantia Book*

by Verner Verass.

I first met Harry in 2000 when I took my mother to visit her friend his Latvian wife, Lisa. While my mother chatted in Latvian with Lisa, Harry and I stuck to English as we discussed our common interest, *The Urantia Book*. Harry had been studying it since discovering it at the age of 76—he was 86 then. I immediately recognised a kindred spirit in Harry and a keen student well grounded in the teachings. I invited him to our Canberra Study Group but he declined, citing his advanced age, poor hearing and frailty. He said he was content to just continue his personal study of the book in the comfort of his own home.

I have often wondered how Harry was going in the years since. Now, after ten years, I received a phone call two weeks ago. It was Harry. He was calling from his residence in a nursing home in Red Hill saying he had something to give me. I was intrigued and arranged to meet him the next day.

I was delighted to hear from him again and wondered what had motivated him to call. Soon I was sitting in his cosy room listening attentively as his clear sharp eyes focussed on mine. He told me; at the age of 96, the oldest resident in the nursing home and with his beloved wife Lisa, already Paradise bound since 2006, he was puzzled why he was still hanging around. His heavenly Father, his constant companion these days, has informed him there are still a few things he needs to do before heading off to the morontia experience. Anyway, he will be compensated for the delay. He had to contact me to transfer his study notes that others may benefit from them.

Harry then proceeded to show me three notebooks he has filled in over ten years of study and six readings of *The Urantia Book*. These have formed the basis of an established pattern of religious living as his understanding has grown. As revelatory concepts resonated within his mind he transferred these experiences into words and diagrams which are immediately recognisable to any truth seeker, specifically Urantia Book readers. Harry is a Urantia student pioneer who has recorded his journey for the benefit of generations to come.

The following pages feature some of the diagrams Harry produced as he was studying *The Urantia Book*. These are included with his own story which begins like this:

My first interest in things of the mind started in 1939 when I was 25, before World War II. At the time, I cut a clipping from a local paper on the subject of "Ideals" and kept it in my wallet till I was 72, then sent it to my grandson Steven, on his 21st birthday with a covering letter.

Ideals

As you think, you travel; and as you love, you attract. You are today where your thoughts have brought you. You will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the result of your thoughts, but you can endure and learn; you can accept and be glad. You will realize the vision (not the idle wish) of your heart, be it base or beautiful, or a mixture of both, for you will always gravitate towards that which you, secretly, most love. In your hand will be placed the exact result of your thoughts. You will receive that which you earn, no more, no less. Whatever your environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your wisdom, your ideal. You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration. [James Allen 1902]

The subject remained in limbo until rekindled in 1947 when two years after the 2nd World War and I was 33. An event in my life caused me to think, as also did Johnny Cash with his problem, so I will quote his words to explain my reaction:

"I found I couldn't get by on my own. I needed a power much higher than I. So with child-like faith, I gave in and decided to give Him a try."

The result—my first sincere prayer in the form of a question: "God, I don't understand, what is life all about?" Nothing happened, or so I thought. It took some time before I realised that a change had taken place in my thinking which slowly altered the course of my life.

"What happens to us in life is not as important as how we react to it".

I am still receiving an answer to that question.

By reducing television and radio listening to a minimum, I spent more time in solitude and meditation which led to reading the right books, and meeting the right people.

In my subconscious mind I seemed to be slowly guided from now on, in such a manner that I was slowly led from

Pre-school to University on the subjects of Philosophy and Religion. I am not going to try to relate my progress from now on in the order I received it, but mostly in the form of questions and answers.

We soon learn that God is not hiding from us but reveals Himself to the full extent that we prepare ourselves to receive Him. We learn that the Key to the Kingdom of Heaven is Faith.

What is Faith? *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". You cannot please God without faith, for to come to Him you have to know that He "Is" (exists) and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

In this life there are two beliefs, and they are both true: You believe you can, and you believe you can't, and we are free to choose. If we decide we can accept the above quotation we carry on and find there are other definitions of faith such as:

"Theological beliefs can be suggested to a group but faith can rise up only in the heart of the individual religionist."

"Faith is the act of realizing the validity of spiritual consciousness—something which is incapable of other mortal proof."

"Faith is human religious insight and can be surely instructed only by revelation."

What is Religion? *"It is a revelation to man's soul dealing with spiritual realities which the mind alone could never discover or fully fathom."*

"Religion lives and prospers not by sight and feeling but rather by faith and insight."

What is insight? *"The recognition of moral values and the discernment of spiritual meanings. The capacity to experience unchallengeable consciousness of cosmic reality."*

What is reality? *"God said—I Am the eternal fact of infinity reality, and the universal truth of reality infinity."*

Who & What is God? *He has defined himself. See above. "God is the one and only self caused fact in the universe. The fact of God, the divine law, is changeless. The Truth of God, His relation to the universe, is a relative revelation which is ever adaptable to the constantly evolving universe."*

We learn in our studies (of religion) that God is Spirit, Love and Truth. But the best way to know Him is to start a personal relationship with Him, and grow with Him eternally as I am, proving for myself, as have many others, that He Is. Remember: "From the power that binds all beings, that man frees himself who overcomes himself," (the ego) and becomes a seeker of Truth, for then the fact of death has little influence over us.

What is Life? *"Lie is what you make it," is a common statement, and also a true one, for it is we ourselves who can make it a heavenly or hellish experience by our thoughts and actions, or lack of them. "A mind in use is a mind at rest; an idle mind is a mind distressed." At an early age, I realized*

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Superuniverses	7	Worlds	
Major Sectors	70	1 System contains	1,000
Minor Sectors	7,000	Constellation (100 Systems)	100,000
Local Universes	700,000	Local Universe (100 Constellations)	10,000,000
Constellations	70,000,000	Minor Sector (100 Local Universe)	1,000,000,000
Local Systems	7,000,000,000	Major Sector (100 Min. Sects)	100,000,000,000
Inhabited Planets	7,000,000,000,000	Superuniverse (10 Maj. Sect)	1,000,000,000,000

Seraphic Organization, Gabriel is the Supreme Commander of the army of heaven - the Chief Executive of the Sovereign of Nebadon - the Lord God of Hosts, the Master Son.	1 Group = 12 pr.	with a Chief of 144 pr " "Leader
	12 Groups = 1 Company	of 1,728 pr " "Commander
	12 Companies = 1 Battalion	of 20,736 pr " "Director
	12 Battalions = 1 Unit	of 248,832 pr " "Supervisor
	12 Units = 1 Legion	of 2,985,984 pr " "Archangel Brilliant
	12 Legions = 1 Host	of 35,831,808 pr " "Evening Star.
12 Hosts = 1 Angelic Army		

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that life is meant to be experienced rather than enjoyed. We can plan for ourselves an easy life which will need little work and responsibility, or go for one of experience and activity, then once we get started we are unstoppable. The following extract from the Bible is interesting. Paul said he often complained to God about certain infirmities he had, until he eventually received the following answer:

"My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me!

So when we feel our health puts us at a disadvantage, it is no good grumbling, but use the word humility as well as weakness and continue on.

Our gift of life comes from the Infinite Spirit. We start as do the animals and at 5 or 6 years old we receive the Spirit, so we mortals are beings of Body, Mind and Spirit, although unfortunately many people seem unaware of the Spirit. By means of our body and its senses we can experience and appreciate [Beauty, Truth and Goodness]

In our mind we can have [Health, Sanity and Happiness]

And through our Spirit we gain [Peace, Joy and Love]

So for a satisfactory life we should aim to keep our three parts in balance to attain harmonious living.

Life can be compared to a jigsaw puzzle for as we evolve we can pick up pieces and with the occasional help of revelation, we are able in retirement to put them together, and see what

sort of a picture we have produced. It may be pleasing or it may be frightening.

What is Truth? "Truth can never become man's possession without the exercise of Faith."

"Evolutionary religion pictures the circuitous gropings of humanity in quest of truth; revelatory religion is that very truth."

"Knowledge is the sphere of the material or fact discerning mind. Truth is the domain of the spiritually endowed intellect that is conscious of knowing God."

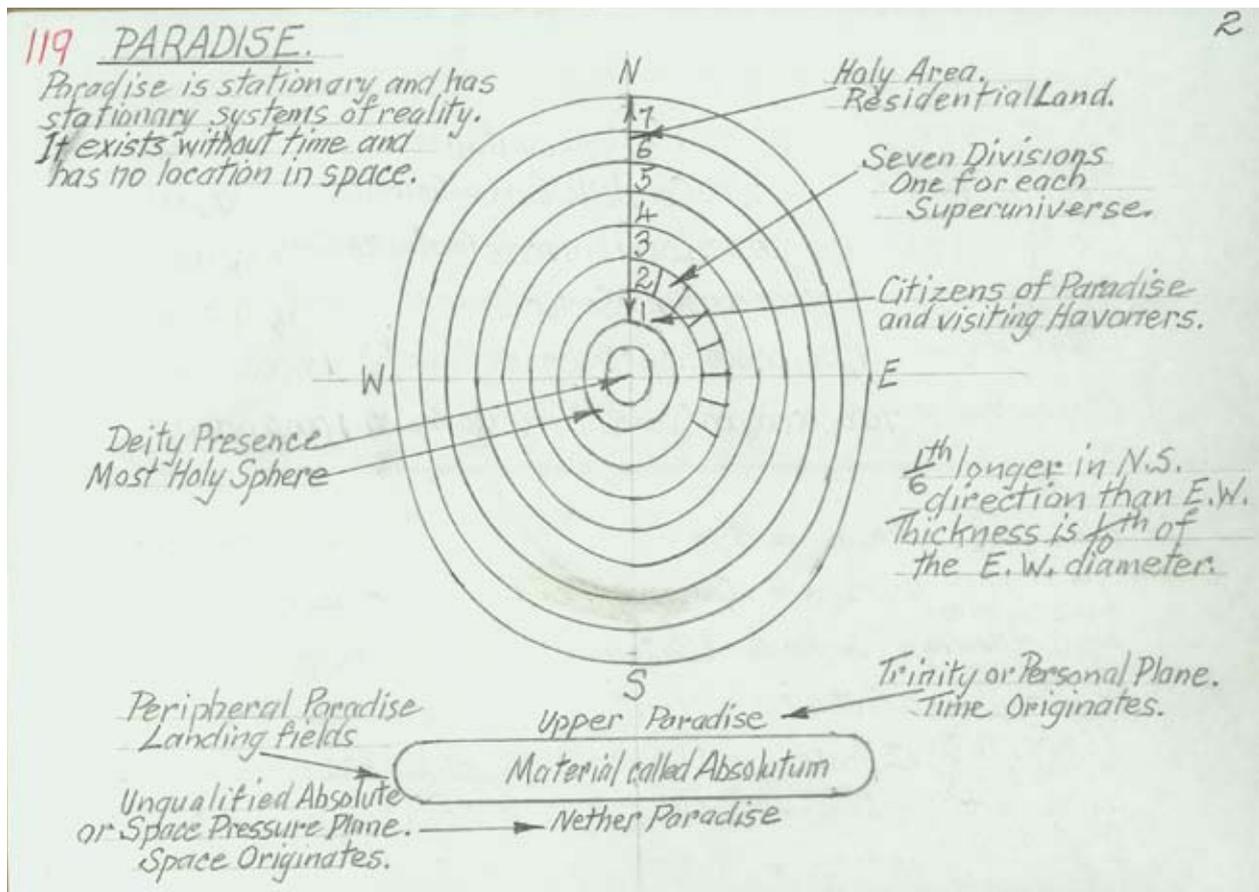
God (Jesus) said He would send the Comforter; and this new teacher is—"the Conviction of truth, the consciousness of assurance of true meanings on real spirit levels. And this new teacher is the spirit of the living and growing truth, expanding, unfolding and adaptive truth."

"The meaning of life is its adaptability; the value of life is its progressability—even to the heights of God-consciousness."

What is Love? "Love is the desire to do good to others, Love is the sum total of the three qualities of Truth, Beauty and Goodness, and man's perception of God as his Spirit Father."

"Love is the greatest of all spirit realities. Truth is a liberation revelation, but love is the supreme relationship."

What is Spirit? "Spirit is the basic personal reality in the universes, and personality is basic to all progressing experience with spiritual reality"



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What is Personality? "Personality is the unique bestowal which the Universal Father makes upon the living and associated energies of matter, mind and spirit and which survives with the survival of the morontia soul." "The paradise ascent involves a relative and differential growth in mind, spirit and energy. The personality is the unifier of these components of experiential individuality."

"Man does not achieve union with God as a drop of water might find unity with the ocean. Man attains divine union by progressive reciprocal spiritual communion, by personality intercourse with the personal God,"

What is Mind? (Consciousness) "Mortal mind is a personal-energy system existing around a divine spirit nucleus and functioning in a material environment." "It is a temporary intellect system loaned to human beings for use during a material lifetime." "In personality, mind ever intervenes between spirit and matter." "Mind is the technique whereby spirit realities become experiential to creature personalities."

Imagination—logic may get you from A to B, imagination will get you anywhere. Our own mind.

Inspiration—Divinely inspired from without.

Intuition—Tuition within our own mind by our personal God, the spirit nucleus.

What is Soul? "The soul of man is an experiential acquirement. As a mortal creature chooses to 'do the will of the Father in heaven,' so the indwelling spirit becomes the

father of a new reality in human experience. The mortal and material mind is the mother of this same emerging reality. The substance of this new reality is neither material nor spiritual—it is morontial. This is the emerging and immortal soul which is destined to survive mortal death and begin the Paradise ascension." It is the embryo of the future morontia vehicle of personal identity.

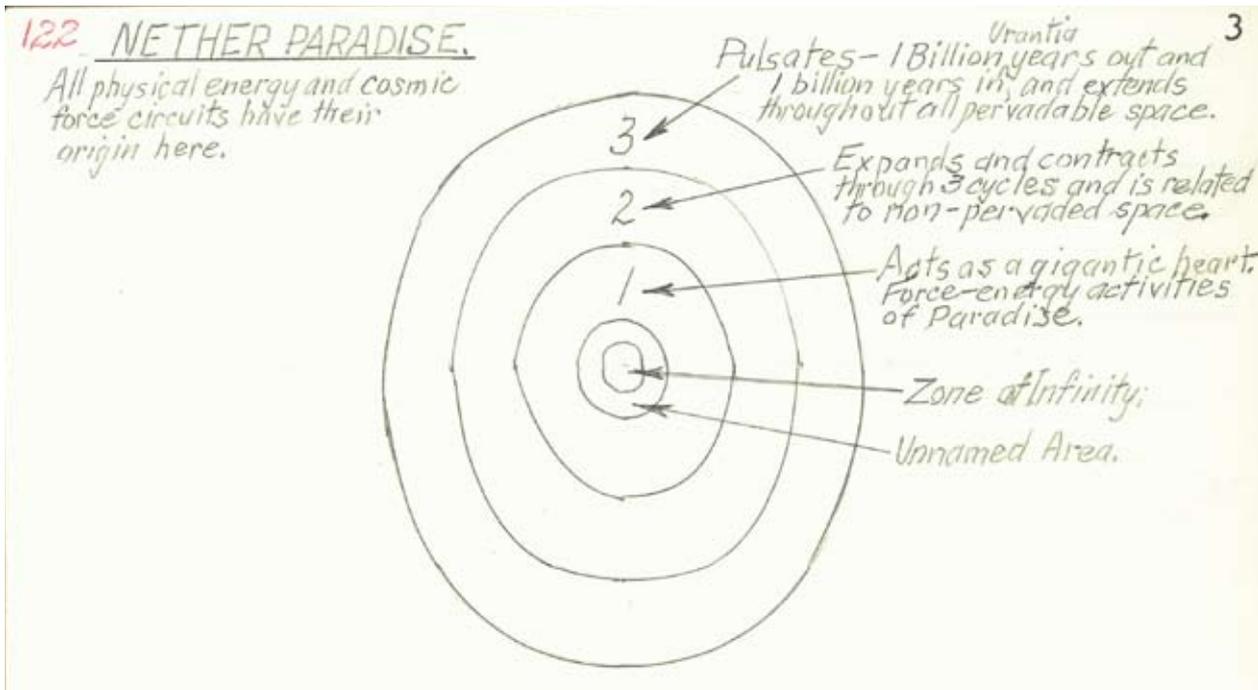
What is Will? "Mortal will is the personality-power of decision choice, and during life is resident in the material mind circuits."

What is Wisdom? "Wisdom is knowledge, directed by experiential reason, and illuminated by divine revelation."

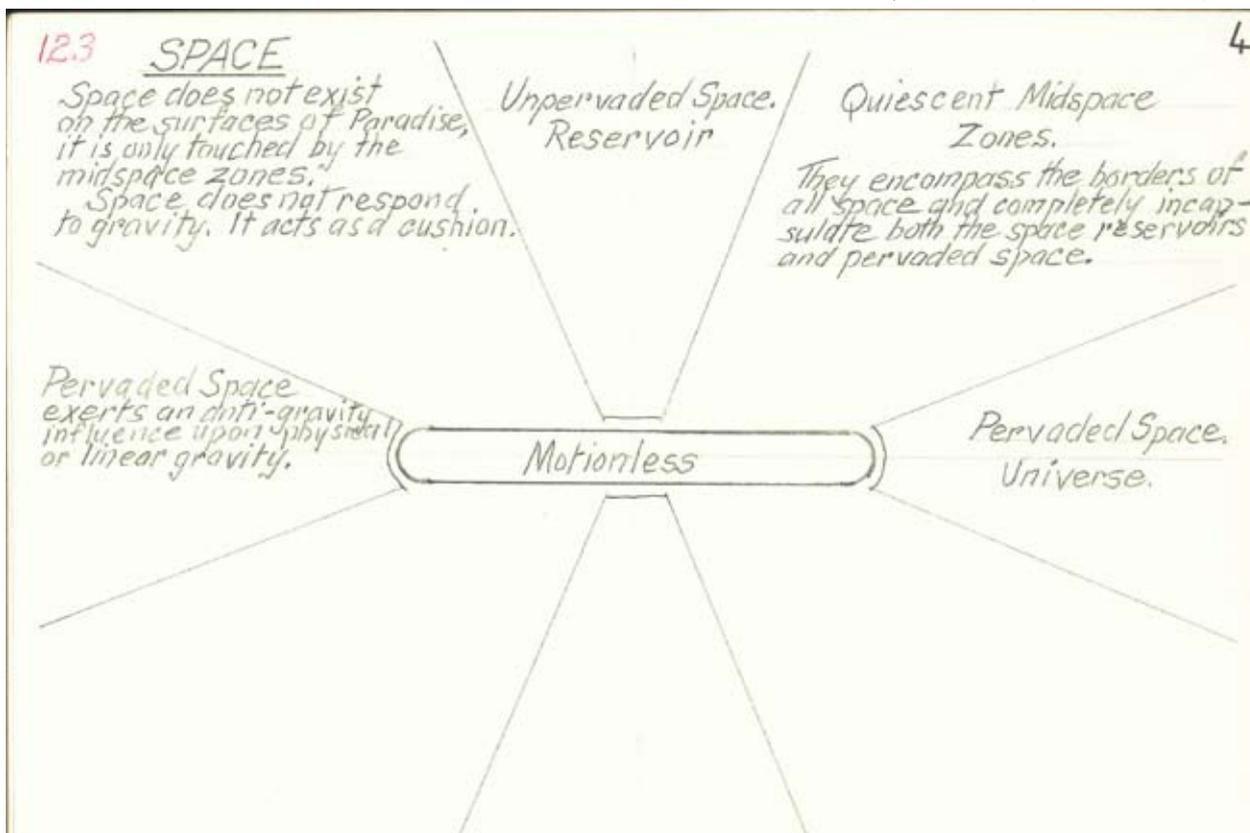
In my earnest searching, I finally found at age 76, that a publication which came on the market in 1955 and called "The Urantia Book" was the only authentic of our Heavenly Father. It has 2,097 pages. And the information in it was transmitted by many friends in the spirit world to prepared mortals on Earth. I have quoted from it freely. It is my University

Helen Steiner Rice can tell you more than I can (and in beautiful verse) about the value of turning to God, and I recommend all her works, so will add two samples below:

Show me the way not to fortune and fame
Not how to win laurels or praise for my name
But Show Me The Way to spread "The Great Story"
That "Thine is The Kingdom and Power and Glory"



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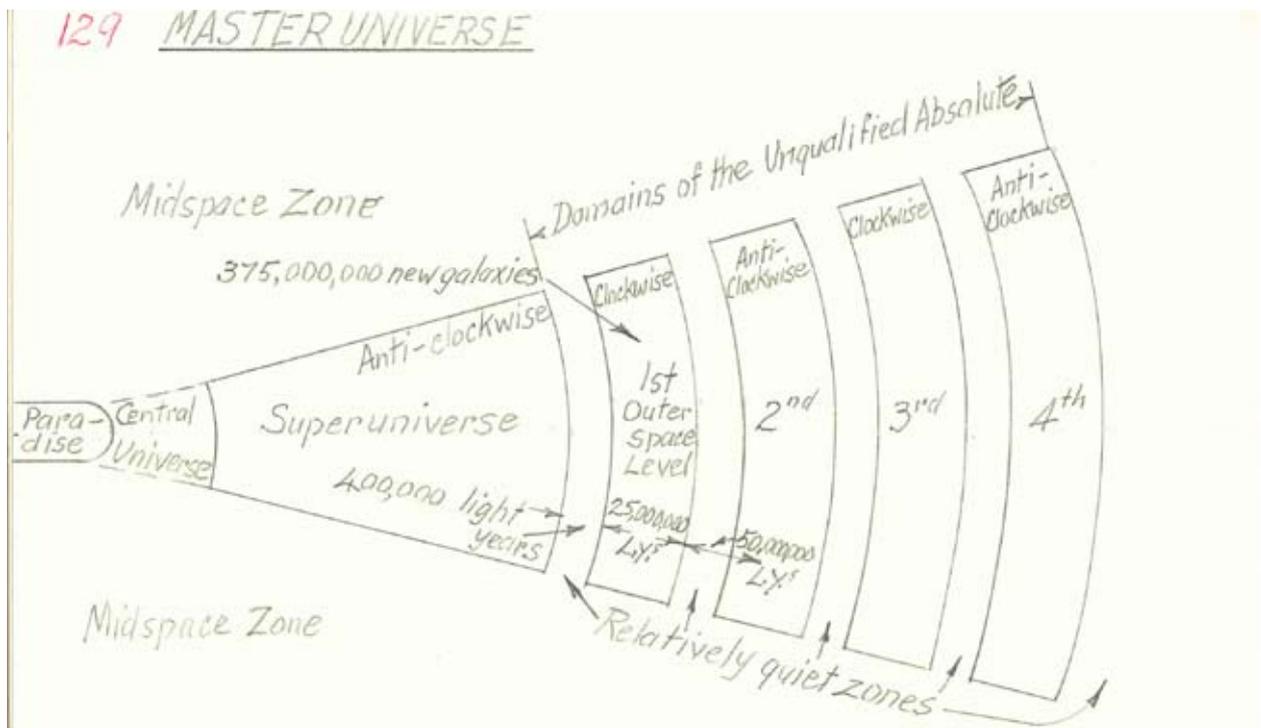
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This is more than a book to be read just for pleasure,
 it's a pattern for living to follow and treasure,
 A wonderful program to practice each day
 That will brighten your life and make easy your way.
 For while it's been said that God's holy laws
 Today are outmoded and musty with flaws,
 Let no one entice you with new values or rules
 Fashioned by renegades and practiced by fools.
 For a full happy life and a lasting reward
 Can only be gained through the laws of the Lord.

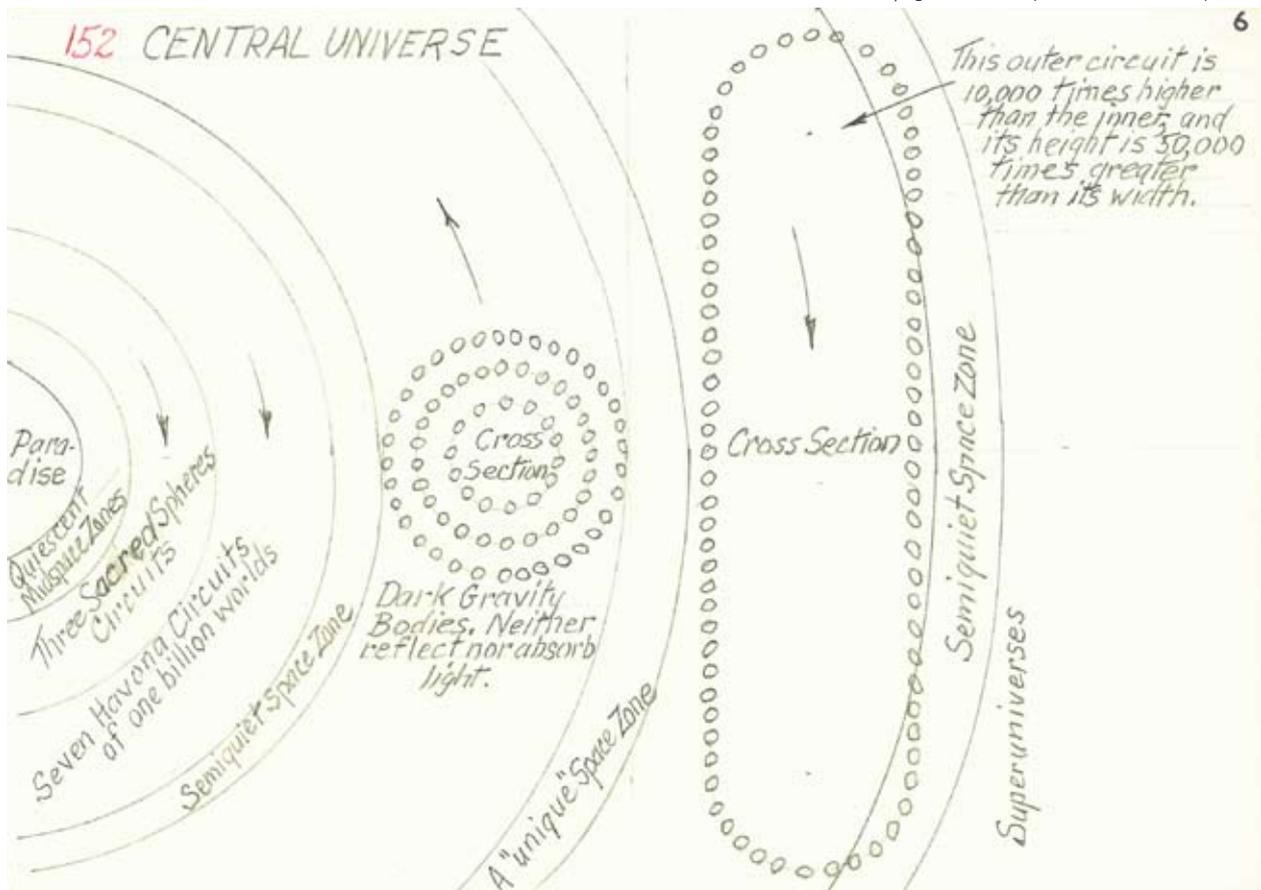
[Helen Steiner Rice]

Bernice my wife's daughter has shared with me some of the pieces of Jigsaw that she has already collected, and have used a few in these papers.

The longest journey begins with the first step, and it is up to us when we make it. Eternity is the longest journey. "Procrastination is the thief of time". Johnny Cash had a reply and is now on his way to Paradise.



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Harry shows us how by sincere and persistent searching and developing religious habits, spiritual experience will surely follow. Having met Harry, I am convinced, here is a man in constant communion with God.

We know mastery of the seven psychic circles is the greatest gift anyone can offer the Supreme, evidence of harmonious functioning of the *entire personality*—material, intellectual, spiritual and Harry is a circle achiever

assured of his cosmic citizenship, looking eagerly forward to getting on with his Mansion world experience. I consider sitting down and talking with him a blessed privilege.

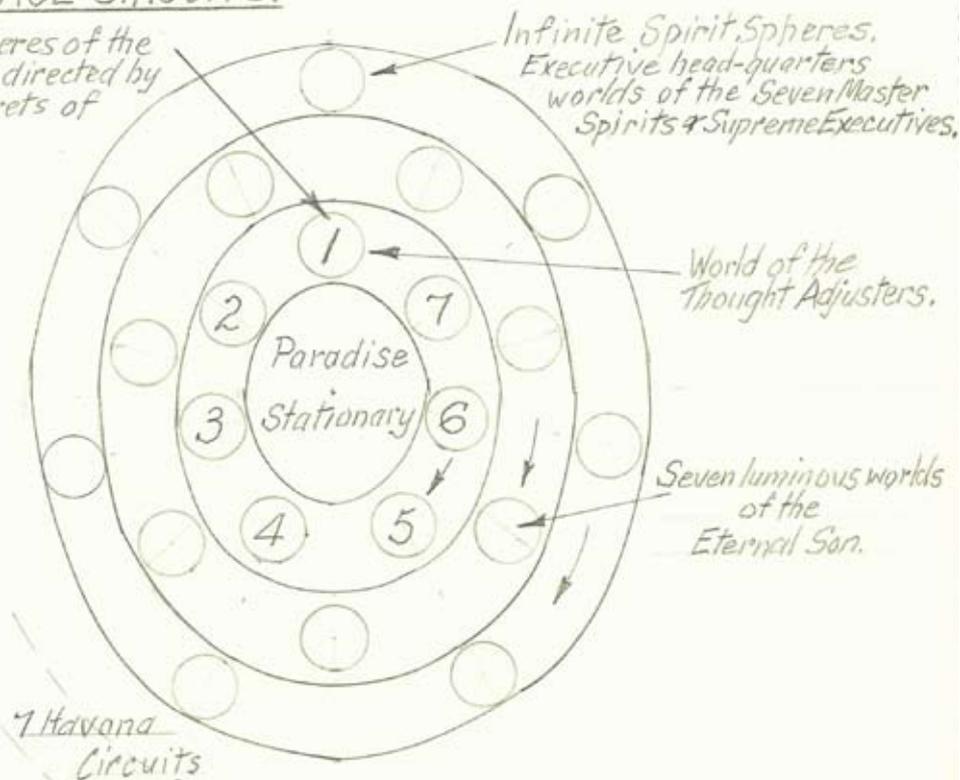
The great days in the individual careers of Adjusters are...when the human partner attains the first psychic circle and they are thereby enabled to intercommunicate, at least to some degree...

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Seven secret spheres of the Universal Father, directed by the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy.

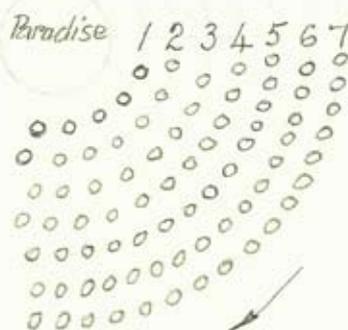
1. Divinington.
2. Sonarington.
3. Spiritington.
4. Vicegerington.
5. Solitarington.
6. Seraphington.
7. Ascendington.



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152 SEVEN HAVONA CIRCUITS.

One billion worlds.
 35,000,000 in circuit N°1
 245,000,000 in circuit N°7
 One Eternal of Days to each sphere. No time or space as we know it.



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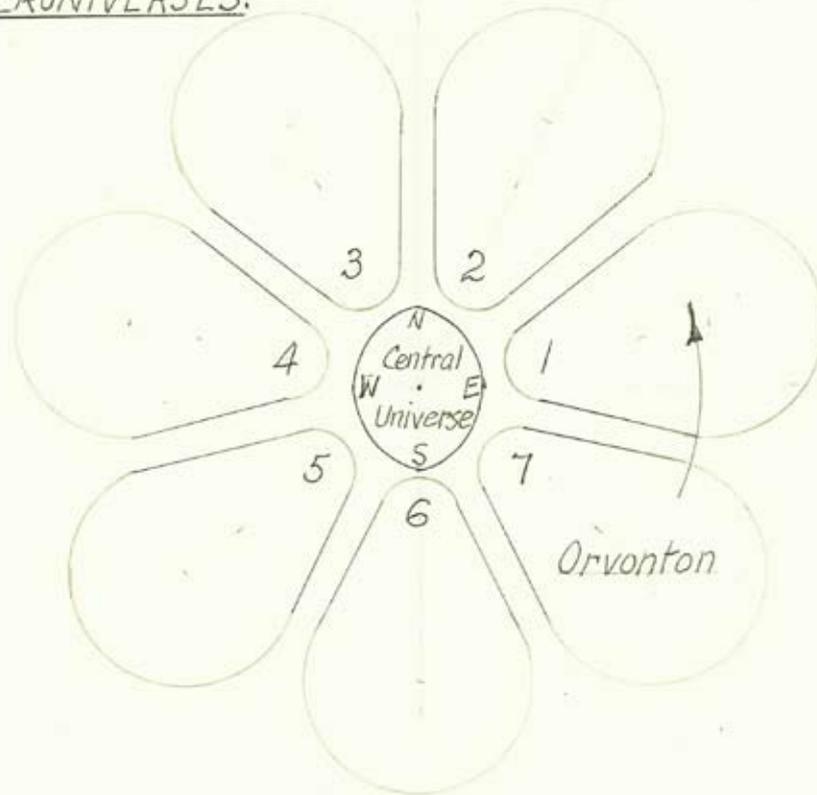
Between the central Isle of Paradise and the innermost of the Havona planetary circuits there are situated in space three lesser circuits of special spheres. The innermost circuit consists of the seven secret spheres of the Universal Father; the second group is composed of the seven luminous worlds of the Eternal Son; in the outermost are the seven immense spheres of the Infinite Spirit, the executive-headquarters worlds of the Seven Master Spirits.

These three seven-world circuits of the Father, the

Son, and the Spirit are spheres of unexcelled grandeur and unimagined glory. Even their material or physical construction is of an order unrevealed to you. Each circuit is diverse in material, and each world of each circuit is different excepting the seven worlds of the Son, which are alike in physical constitution. All twenty-one are enormous spheres, and each group of seven is differently eternalized. As far as we know they have always been; like Paradise they are eternal. There exists neither record nor tradition of their origin.

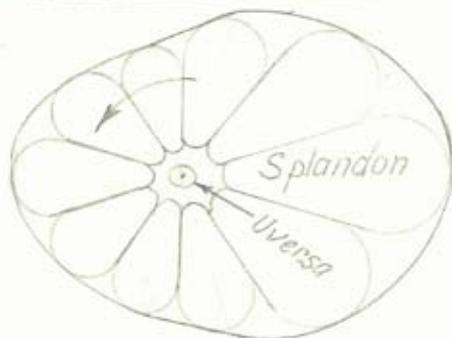
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164 SUPERUNIVERSES.



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166 SUPERUNIVERSE of ORVONTON



Superuniverse Orvonton
with 10 major sectors



1 Major Sector Splandon
with 100 minor sectors



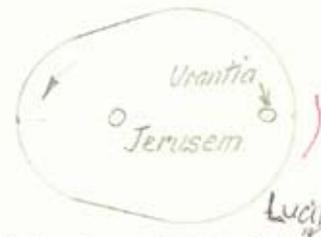
1 Minor Sector Enza
with 100 Local Universe



1 Local universe Nebadon
with 100 Constellations



1 Constellation Nurlatiadek
with 100 Systems.



1 System Satania Satan
with 1,000 worlds

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Practically all of the starry realms visible to the naked eye on Urantia belong to the seventh section of the grand universe, the superuniverse of Orvonton. The vast Milky Way starry system represents the central nucleus of Orvonton, being largely beyond the borders of your local universe. This great aggregation

of suns, dark islands of space, double stars, globular clusters, star clouds, spiral and other nebulae, together with myriads of individual planets, forms a watchlike, elongated-circular grouping of about one seventh of the inhabited evolutionary universes.

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Quantity	Units	Name	Nº	Capital	Ruling Spirits
166	1 Inhabited World	Urantia	606		Planetary Prince Lanonandek Son of Secondary System Sovereign
1,000 Worlds	1 System	Satania	24	Jerusem	Lanonandek Son of Primary
100 Systems	1 Constellation	Norlatiadek	70	Edentia	Faithfuls of Days 3 - Vopondadek Sons as Most Illustrious - Father Senior A
100 Constellations	1 Local Universe	Nebadan	84	Salvington	Unions of Days Bright & Morning Star - Gabriel Father Melchizedek
100 Local Universes	1 Minor Sector	Ensa	3	Uminor	Recenters of Days
100 Minor Sectors	1 Major Sector	Splandon	5	Umajor	Perfectioners of Days
10 Major Sectors	1 Superuniverse	Orvonton	7	Uversa	3 Ancients of Days
7 Superuniverses	1 Grand Universe	1 Trillion Worlds			21 Ancients of Days
1 Billion spheres	Havona.				1 Eternal of Days on each Havona sphere.

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387 SALVINGTON ARCHITECTURAL SPHERES.



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BESTOWALS.

Michael began organization of our Local Universe about 4 hundred billion years ago, & made ready for his 1st bestowal about the time Urantia was taking on its present form 1 billion yrs. ago, & they occurred about 150 million yrs. apart.

Michael achieved the revelation of the variously diversified wills of the Paradise Deities, whose synthetic unity, as revealed by the Supreme Creators, is revelatory of the will of the Supreme Being.

Bestowal As	Where	Yr ^{syn} time	Master Spirit	Manifested united will of
1 - Melchizedek Son - Omniaphim	Melch. Wld.	100	1	Father Son & Spirit.
2 - Lanonandek Son - Tertiaphim	Local System	85	2	Father & Son.
3 - Material Son - Secondiaphim	Act. Plan. Prin.	?	3	Father & Spirit
4 - Seraphim - Gabriel & Supernaphim	Teach. Coun.	200	4	Son & Spirit
5 - Spirit Mortal (Evental) - Gabriel	Uversa	90	5	Conjoint Actor
6 - Morontia Mortal - Gabriel & Seraphim	Constell. Mo. Green		6	Eternal Son
7 - Urantia Mortal - Announced by Gabriel	Planet	35.7	7	Universal Father

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Biography of a Thinker—James Allen

James Allen is a literary mystery man. His inspirational writings have influenced millions for good. Yet today he remains almost unknown..... None of his nineteen books give a clue to his life other than to mention his place of residence—Ilfracombe, England. His name cannot be found in a major reference work. Not even the Library of Congress or the British Museum has much to say about him.

Who was this man who believed in the power of thought to bring fame, fortune and happiness? Or did he, as Henry David Thoreau says, hear a different drummer?..... James Allen never gained fame or fortune. That much is true. His was a quiet, unrewarded genius. He seldom made enough money from his writings to cover expenses.

Allen was born in Leicester, Central England, November 28, 1864. The family business failed within a few years, and in 1879 his father left for America in an effort to recoup his losses. The elder Allen had hoped to settle in the United States, but was robbed and murdered before he could send for his family.

The financial crisis that resulted forced James to leave school at fifteen. He eventually became a private secretary, a position that would be called administrative assistant today. He worked in this capacity for several British manufacturers until 1902, when he decided to devote all his time to writing.

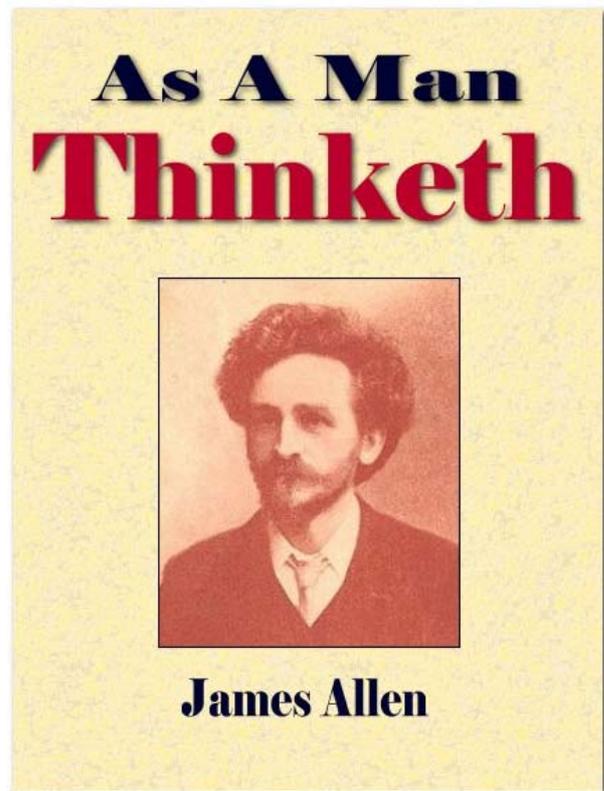
Unfortunately, Allen's literary career was short, lasting only nine years, until his death in 1912. During that period he wrote nineteen books, a rich outpouring of ideas that have lived on to inspire later generations.

Soon after finishing his first book, *From Poverty To Power*, Allen moved to Ilfracombe, on England's southwest coast. The little resort town with its seafront Victorian hotels and its rolling hills and winding lanes offered him the quiet atmosphere he needed to pursue his philosophical studies.

As A Man Thinketh was Allen's second book. Despite its subsequent popularity he was dissatisfied with it. Even though it was his most concise and eloquent work, the book that best embodied his thought, he somehow failed to recognize its value. His wife Lily had to persuade him to publish it.

James Allen strove to live the ideal life described by Russia's great novelist and mystic Count Leo Tolstoy—the life of voluntary poverty, manual labor and ascetic self-discipline. Like Tolstoy, Allen sought to improve himself, be happy, and master all of the virtues. His search for felicity for man on earth was typically Tolstoyan.

His day in Ilfracombe began with a predawn walk up to the Cairn, a stony spot on the hillside overlooking his home and the sea. He would remain there for an hour in meditation. Then he would return to the house and spend the morning writing. The afternoons were devoted to gardening, a pastime he enjoyed. His evenings were spent in conversation with those who were interested in his work.



Allen's most famous book published in 1902, a classic self-help book. It's underlying premise is that noble thoughts make a noble person.

A friend described Allen as a frail-looking little man, Christ-like, with a mass of flowing black hair..... I think of him especially in the black velvet suit he always wore in the evenings, the friend wrote. He would talk quietly to a small group of us then—English, French, Austrian and Indian—of meditation, of philosophy, of Tolstoy or Buddha, and of killing nothing, not even a mouse in the garden.

He overawed us all a little because of his appearance, his gentle conversation, and especially because he went out to commune with God on the hills before dawn.

James Allen's philosophy became possible when liberal Protestantism discarded the stern dogma that man is sinful by nature. It substituted for that dogma an optimistic belief in man's innate goodness and divine rationality.

This reversal of doctrine was, as William James said, the greatest revolution of the 19th Century. It was part of a move toward a reconciliation of science and religion following Darwin's publication *The Origin of Species*.

Charles Darwin himself hinted at the change in belief in *The Descent of Man*. In that book he wrote, the highest possible stage in moral culture is when we recognize that we ought to control our thoughts..

Allen's work embodies the influence of Protestant liberalism on the one hand and of Buddhist thought on the other. For example, the Buddha teaches, All that we are is the result of what we have thought. Allen's Biblical text says, As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

Allen insists upon the power of the individual to form his own character and to create his own happiness. Thought and character are one, he says, and as character

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can only manifest and discover itself through environment and circumstance, the outer conditions of a person's life will always be found to be harmoniously related to his inner state. This does not mean that a man's circumstances at any given time are an indication of his entire character, but that those circumstances are so intimately connected with some vital thought element within him that, for the time being, they are indispensable to his development.

Allen starts us thinking—even when we would rather be doing something else. He tells us how thought leads to action. He shows us how to turn our dreams into realities..... His is a philosophy that has brought success to millions. It is the philosophy of Norman Vincent Peale's *The Power of Positive Thinking* and of Joshua Liebman's *Peace of Mind*.

We become spiritually rich, Allen writes, when we discover the adventure within; when we are conscious of the oneness of all life; when we know the power of meditation; when we experience kinship with nature.

Allen's message is one of hope even in the midst of confusion. Yes, he says, humanity surges with uncontrolled passion, is tumultuous with ungoverned grief, is blown about by anxiety and doubt. Only the wise man, only he whose thoughts are controlled and purified, makes the winds and the storms of the soul obey him.

Tempest-tossed souls, Allen continues, wherever you may be, under whatsoever conditions you may life, know this—in the ocean of life the isles of blessedness are smiling and the sunny shore of your ideal awaits your coming.

And thus Allen teaches two essential truths: today we are where our thoughts have taken us, and we are the architects—for better or worse—of our futures.

The works of James Allen are eminently practical. He never wrote theories, or for the sake of writing, or to add another to the existing books. According to his wife, Allen wrote when he had a message, and it became a message only when he had lived it in his own life, and knew that it was good. Thus he wrote facts, which he had proven by practice. ■



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