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THE MIND ARENA OF CHOICE

"Mind is your ship, the Adjuster is your pilot, the human will is captain." (page 1217)

Editor's Notebook

The fifth planetary epoch we announce to our fellows would graft nicely onto a world that had taken to heart the lessons of the fourth.

A world of people habitually free of fear, naturally free of resentments and irritations, genetically prone to happiness. Populations of folk with a new notion of ambition— fighting to see one's neighbours, not only one's close friends, get a good shot at fusing with a fragment of deity.

The URANTIA Book introduces to us the idea of becoming so real and so dependable that time's passing does not alter our motivations. So constant that God's fragment can get an eternal grip on our soul. So grounded that we can dip our toe into the absonite.

But many of us still struggle with questions relevant to the fourth epoch. For example, most of us will spend our entire brief Urantian life and never quite get the hang of love.

As such childish humans, what can we make of the vast truths latent in the The URANTIA Book? Perhaps we ought to slink back to the fourth epoch, and learn first to be lovely and dependable, and only then to begin toying with larger things.

But things keep moving forward. We will always be struggling and succeeding in some appropriate arena. Often we will fail to live up to our expectations, disturb our friends, or cause grief to others. But we are always free to (re)consider our thoughts and actions...

What childish framework of belief am I (are they) trying to maintain. What misconceptions am I bringing with me to display, to aggressively sustain, in front of our constellation of interested watchers.

The URANTIA Papers introduce us to our current arena. How sensible to incorporate their description of our context into our frameworks for thinking. How wise to graft their revelations into our cultures. How silly to become emotionally attached to a *User's Guide*.

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In one episode of Gene Rodenbury's legendary television series *Star Trek*, the writers addressed the problem the higher helping the lower. Of an advanced, galaxy-wide culture assisting a younger world move from evolutionary / quarantined isolation, to participation in a more advanced community. The same extraordinary task with which we ourselves are involved.

Can we learn any tricks from the Trekkies? Has the wavefront of the fifth epochal revelation begun to spread wide?

"The privilege of service immediately follows the discovery of trustworthiness."

The URANTIA Book, page 316

So They Say

Getting the Facts Right

Professor Ian Plimer has taken the fight right up to the creationists with release of his new book, *Telling Lies For God*.

In a highly documented account of the history of creationists' claims, Professor Plimer accuses them of "a great flood of absurdities", "bearing false witness" and "disinformative doublespeak".

Plimer has enlisted powerful support in mainstream Christianity through the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, Peter Hollingworth. In a hard hitting foreword, Archbishop Hollingworth attacked the creationists for being "anti-knowledge, anti-religious and anti-science".

Theory Blown Out Of The Water

The creationist movement has been left high and dry by a former ally agreeing that a boat shaped structure in Turkish mountains is not the remains of Noah's Ark.

David Fasold, a marine salvage expert from San Diego, California, was so convinced that the structure was the fabled Ark that he went broke in spending \$US250,000 to finance 12 expeditions to the site. His Book published in 1988, *The Ark Of Noah*, became widely quoted by literal interpreters of the old Testament stories as providing "scientific" evidence for the truth of creationism.

It was not until he went to Turkey with Plimer in September that real doubts about the *Ark structure* arose in his mind. Professor Plimer's on the spot study caused him to change his mind as to the geological nature of the structure.

What The World Needs Now

Vaclav Havel is the President of the Czech Republic. The following remarks were presented by him on July 4, 1994, at Independence Hall, on the occasion of his receiving the Philadelphia Liberty Medal.

"The Declaration of Independence, adopted two hundred and eighteen years ago in this building, states that the Creator gave man the right to liberty only if he does not forget the One who endowed him with it".

Vaclav Havel

Massive Neutrinos

Ever since physicists discovered the massless neutrino — "the little neutral one" — they have wondered if this elusive particle might not in reality have some slight mass. Having a mass, neutrinos might be able to change into neutrinos of other types, by a process called an oscillation.

A particle accelerator at Los Alamos National Laboratory has captured eight events that could be the first direct sightings of neutrino oscillations. If verified, the observations will prove as well that neutrinos have mass. "It's too good to be true," said Baha Balantekin of the University of Wisconsin on viewing the data at a June conference. But those involved are not making explicit claims. "We feel we have a high burden of proof," explains group leader D. Hywel White, "because if it's real, it's very important." Moreover, earlier reports of neutrino oscillations have themselves oscillated away.

Early in August the Liquid Scintillator Neutrino Detector experiment will start running again and will take data for three more months. Already, one observer remarked, the neutrino oscillations "look at least as real as the top quark," evidence for which was announced in March at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois.

(*Scientific American*, August 1994, p 13.)

South Pacific Conference II Auckland, New Zealand

- ◆ **Dates:** Wednesday 4th October to Sunday 8th October 1995.
- ◆ **Venue:** Fransiscan Retreat Centre.
- ◆ **Full Conference Rate:** \$NZ 280
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President's Report

The 1993-1994 Term

Verner Verass, President ANZURA

Fifteen years ago I traveled to my first international readers conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, USA. Of the 650 people there, only three were from overseas: a Frenchman, a Dutchman and myself. Over the years, as more and more people have become familiar with the book, the fact that it is meant for all this world's people has become increasingly apparent. Yes, the information did have its inception in North America and the reasons for that choice are made clear (e.g. pp. 1489-1490, on Law, Liberty and Sovereignty). Under the umbrella of cultural stability which the constitution of the USA provides, the URANTIA Foundation is continuing the responsibility of trust the revelatory commission initiated in 1934.

The torch is being passed beyond the shores of the USA. We are told on page 908, "Although very little progress has been made on Urantia toward developing an international language, much has been accomplished by the establishment of international commercial exchanges". Hence it makes sense that those people who are multilingual and understand the thought streams of other cultures can carry out a great service by translating the URANTIA Book. And who knows what kind of trigger it would be if a significant number of people in a non-English speaking country would embrace the teachings of the URANTIA Book through reading a translation. Recently we have heard accounts of 200 readers packing halls in such small nations as Estonia and Chile.

During the year the IUA (International URANTIA Association) was launched and ANZURA has been chartered as an affiliate member. I am pleased to announce steady growth in membership over the past year. We now have 12 additional members bringing our membership to 43.

Another event worthy of note is the launch and establishment of this very vehicle of communication between readers: THE ARENA — taking up where Six O Six left off. We are receiving much favourable correspondence, both local and overseas, on the continued high calibre of the first four issues.

ANZURA is the place to build credibility among readers and the larger community. We are seeing this by the endeavours ANZURA supports: library placement, book fairs, conferences, study groups, THE ARENA and now IUA. In this part of the world, we are continuing our inter association of readers while maintaining awareness of the global picture.

In the latest bulletin from the Foundation, I was impressed with an article by Thomas Kendall, a former trustee of URANTIA Foundation, on *Defending the Copyright and Trademarks*. He emphasises that the book's mission transcends individual lives, world trends and events, and that the teachings need an environment of stability, not conflict with battles for control or influence. He writes "Do not lightly dismiss the importance of copyright. The Contact Commissioners were warned that the greatest dangers to the revelation would be in the first 50 to 100 years". He goes on to illustrate possible fragmentation of the teachings if the book fell into the public domain.

So it is our responsibility to recall and apply the words the master said to Peter, "May your wisdom match your zeal".

Looming large in the coming year is the second South Pacific Conference in New Zealand during October '95. It will be an exciting venue to form new friendships, re-establish old ones, and recharge our spiritual batteries. In the meantime, enjoy fellowship with each other, and enjoy the changes living brings.

And of course 1994 saw Michael's 2000th birthday. I'm sure I speak for us all when I say loudly and enthusiastically—

Happy birthday, Michael, and thanks!

News Around the World

Audio Version of the URANTIA Book Scheduled For Release in December

URANTIA Foundation, in association with Brilliance Corporation, an industry leader in spoken word audio recordings, has produced a full-length audio version of the English edition of The URANTIA Book.

Brilliance Corporation has recorded over 200 books on tape, and its president, Michael Snodgrass, has been a reader of The URANTIA Book for over 25 years. Those who have heard the recorded papers have been impressed with the technical quality, and moved by the auditory experience of hearing The URANTIA Book. This audio version of The URANTIA Book spans 134 hours and 96 cassettes, and is packaged in two heavy duty vinyl storage cases, which are set into a carrying sleeve. As funding allows, URANTIA Foundation intends to produce audio versions in other languages.

Ordering: The audio version will be available from the Australian Foundation office.

Phone (02) 9706200 for further details.

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Articles

The Matter of Leptoquarks

Nigel Nunn, Canberra, ACT.

The cancellation of the Superconducting Super Collider was a more or less depressing event for those of us following mankind's investigations into the nature of matter. But rather than mope and complain, let's consider the possibility that we already have at hand enough information and revelation to begin making sense of the data that the twentieth century has already uncovered.

The story so far...

Theory and experiment have converged to the *standard model*. This presents matter as consisting of various arrangements of leptons and quarks: the members of the electron/neutrino families are all called leptons, while the hadrons (protons, neutrons, mesons, etc) are considered to be triples and doubles of quarks.

So what have we seen? What have our accelerators revealed?

- ◆ *hadrons raveling, unraveling and re-raveling their quarks according to the energy of our punch;*
- ◆ *electrons quantum tunneling;*
- ◆ *quark/antiquark pairs appearing from the void.*

And what does the URANTIA Book reveal?

- ◆ *electronic matter is composed of ultimatoms;*
- ◆ *ultimatoms cluster according to their axial revolutionary velocities;*
- ◆ *ultimatoms have a tendency to huddle.*

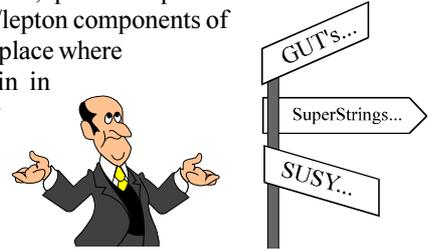
For the purposes of discussion, let leptons, mesons and baryons *all* be huddlings of quarks. Let quarks be clusters of ultimatoms. Let the Superuniverse Directors, Centers and Controllers work out the details.

And recall that this is occurring in a qualified and conditioned region of the absonite.

So how is matter made? Why does it work? What is its distribution across the regions and dimensions of the cosmos. We have three ways of making progress:

- (1) Continue evolving and discarding hypotheses
- (2) Continue designing & running experiments
- (3) Continue being told

Way 1 is well mapped and paved with theory. It leads from the slime and ooze of ignorance, on to the proof of the existence of atoms, past the prediction and discovery of the quark/lepton components of these atoms, to reach a place where these components join in some *leptoquark family*. Whence it forks into triple paths marked...



Way 2 is lit with heroism and littered with terrible machines. Armies of exhilarated graduates and postdocs have raced bedraggled and sleepless from one conquest to the next along this path. With clever gadgets, they showed there was something heavy and small deep inside atoms. With cleverer and bigger gadgets, they showed there was something heavier and smaller inside the heavy and small things inside atoms. They too had found quark/lepton components. But with the death of the SSC, their race has now slowed to a crawl. They sit encamped about the walls of Quark in a frustrating siege. Assaulting its stronghold with insufficiently maniacal devices.

We are involved with **Way 3**.

Theory and experiment walk us inward from the mundane to the abyss of the Plank domain. The URANTIA Book talks us inward from the Unqualified to the inner edge of the absonite. Between these two boundaries lies the zone where certain forms of energy can be convinced to perform as certain types of matter.



The URANTIA Book, in addition to its more important role, can ignite the curiosity and wonder of its readers. In many fields, it can extend our insight. In others, such as transcendental causation, it merely mentions that certain phenomena exists.

On this matter of Matter it casts some light. But as stated in Paper 19,

"...The human mind would ordinarily crave to approach the cosmic philosophy portrayed in these revelations by proceeding from the simple and the finite to the complex and the infinite, from human origins to divine destinies. But that path does not lead to spiritual wisdom. Such a procedure is the easiest path to a certain form of genetic knowledge, but at best it can only reveal man's origin; it reveals little or nothing about his divine destiny."

The URANTIA Book, Paper 19, page 215

As suggested above, even though the relationship between ultimatoms and lepto-quarks may be fascinating, and its understanding of great value to researchers, and though scientific curiosity creates a terrible hunger, details really must come second.

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First, it pays to consider why mass exists in the first place. Then, if we can make it to this high ground, the perspective gained might allow us to find a little relative truth among the facts.



The Need For A Finite

We begin by arguing that at the end of the day, after the great ages of the Master Universe have run their course, that which remains, the results of such actualisation of potentials, are Persons, and the relationships between them. All else can be regarded as elaborate means to this exquisite culmination-beginning.

Now, to allow for a group of truly interesting, rather than just lovable, eternal citizens, the Father proposed humans. Open-ended children. Persons whose careers would not be defined by the limitations of a perfect birth or eventuation. Wookies who would *create themselves* given only the foundation of some divine genetics: their Adjuster.

Such a scheme required a **Sequence**, which required a **Finite**, which required an **Absonite** to buffer and tame the borders of the Absolutely Unqualified.

This scheme makes necessary the Superuniverse space level: a nest to contain and protect unformed Finaliters (humans) whilst they gather an initial degree of realness; acquire the constancy to begin sustaining themselves amidst the “*circular simultaneity*” of the larger world. Consider the following remarks...

Paper 106 page 1174

*"The concept of the existential, solitary, pre-Trinity nonattainable I AM and the postulate of the experiential post-Trinity of Trinities and attainable I AM are one and the same hypothesis; **no actual change has taken place in the Infinite**; all apparent developments are due to increased capacities for reality reception and cosmic appreciation."*

Paper 105 page 1160

*"And all of these manifold realities are unified absolutely by the several trinities, functionally by the Architects of the Master Universe, and relatively by the Seven Master Spirits, the **subsupreme co-ordinators** of the divinity of God the Sevenfold."*

Paper 106 page 1169

"Even space itself is but an ultimate condition, a condition of qualification within the relative absoluteness of the quiet zones of midspace."

Paper 118 page 1297

"Space comes the nearest of all nonabsolute things to being absolute. Space is apparently absolutely ultimate. The real difficulty we have in understanding space on the material level is due to the fact that, while material bodies exist in space, space also exists in these same material bodies. While there is much about space that is absolute, that does not mean that space is absolute."

The seven Superuniverses of the Grand Universe are clearly unusual intrusions within the Absonite. What qualifications and restrictions, what amazing foldings and projections, had to be made upon the Grand Universe space level to allow a thing so absolutely absonite as Space to accommodate seven nests of spacetime? What tricks of geometry and mirrors, what *dimensional sleight-of-hand* allows humans to perceive and move through the sequence we call time?

Consider the words of Jesus to the Mithraic priest in Paper 130, page 1439:

"Time is a name given to the succession-arrangement whereby events are recognized and segregated."

"That which formerly appeared as a succession of events then will be viewed as a whole and perfectly related cycle; in this way will circular simultaneity increasingly displace the onetime consciousness of the linear sequence of events."

"There are seven different conceptions of space as it is conditioned by time. Space is measured by time, not time by space..."

"The nearer consciousness approaches the awareness of seven cosmic dimensions..."

"Ultimately, surviving mortals achieve identity in a seven-dimensional universe."

"When man attains the mind intervening between the material and the spiritual planes of existence, his ideas of time-space will be enormously expanded both as to quality of perception and quantity of experience."

"And as personality passes on, upward and inward, to the transcendental levels of Deity-likeness, the time-space concept will increasingly approximate the timeless and spaceless concepts of the Absolutes."

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So, the Primary Eventuated Master Force Organisers condition a zone of the Absolute to accommodate the Absonite (Master Universe)...

And the Associate Transcendental Master Force Organisers condition a zone of the Absonite to accommodate the Finite (Grand Universe)...

After which each of the Seven Supreme Power Directors condition a zone of the Finite to accommodate their spacetime configuration (Superuniverse), one of the seven projections commissioned by the Trinity and executed by the Seven Master Spirits —

*"These mighty beings (Supreme Power Directors) are the physical ancestors of the vast host of the power centers and, through them, of the physical controllers scattered throughout the seven superuniverses. Such subordinate physical-control organisms are basically uniform, identical except for the **differential toning** of each superuniverse corps. In order to change in superuniverse service, they would merely have to return to Paradise for retoning."*

The Urantia Book, Paper 29, page 230

Can we speculate that the **toning** of each superuniverse is related to the subset of absonite dimensions its finite economy spans? Along which of its absonite axes its time will run?

"...Solitary Messengers are the only available type of spirit intelligence – aside, possibly, from the Inspired Trinity Spirits – that can be dispatched from the headquarters of one superuniverse directly to the headquarters of another. All other personalities must make such excursions by way of Havona and the executive worlds of the Master Spirits."

The Urantia Book, Paper 23, page 259

Does this imply that only certain personality/mind configurations can comfortably pass directly between superuniverses? Why do all others need to enter a superuniverse via the projection-rooms of the Master Spirits and their Supreme Power Directors?

Can we deduce that each Master Spirit, through their Supreme Power Director, is using a different permutation of the available absonite dimensions?

The unruly paragraphs above do not imply answers, or even hypotheses. They identify a problem that needs to be considered when we speculate about Michael's kingdom, and its place in the larger scheme of things.

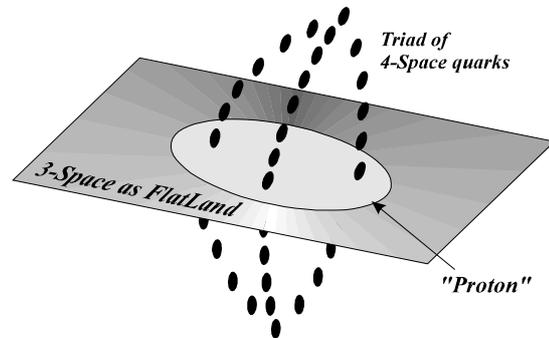
It is against this background that the matter of matter lies.



The above was contrived so that we might propose the following speculation:

As all Flatlanders will know, a three-dimensional cube passing through two-dimensional Flatland will appear to come from nowhere, act like a square for a while, then disappear back to some *void*.

Let quarks, which exist in space, exist in **absonite** space. This allows them to span (lie in?) more than just the three space dimensions we can measure.



If, when moving through their 5-space, they happen to pass through our line-or-plane-like 3-space, we see them appear as if from nowhere, as *quantum fluctuations*, then, unless we can knock them with some powerful wave, snapping their spins so that they reorient to our subspace (as perhaps the various power Controllers and Centers do), they disappear in a tick of some quantum clock.

But let those quarks, whose axes of spin confine them to our superuniverse, remain four or five dimensional objects...

For whom quantum tunneling is merely a side-step in their existence in absonite space,

for whom B-meson is a stressed state they would prefer to unravel,

for whom a lepton is the easiest cluster,

for whom a meson is an antagonistic pairing,

for whom a baryon is an exhilarating triad.

When the above absorb the gigavolts we throw at them in accelerators, they rearrange their quark huddlings, but generally they relax very quickly to a more common superuniverse state.



Physicists have been trying to catalogue atomic splinters roiling in the immeasurable spaces of the Plank domain. Trying to predict probabilities, note quanta, explore chaos. But a pattern of hints has been appearing...

This cataloguing of leptoquark fragments may remain healthy and stimulating work for a few more generations of graduate students and postdocs, but perhaps it will not be long before such work is seen, along with much else in science, as *"mere stamp collecting."*

Matthew

Ari Majurinen, Meerschaum Vale NSW

The records state that Matthew was the seventh apostle chosen. He came from a family of tax gatherers, and was married with four children.

I would like to give a brief outline of Matthew's profession, as it will prove to be of later importance for Jesus, the Apostles, others, as well as himself. The tax-collectors or publicans, although Jewish, were actually sub-contractors for the Roman Empire. They had a poor reputation amongst the populace, for due to the nature of their business they mingled and came in too close a contact with "unclean" gentiles. As well, they were commonly suspected of exacting more than the given tax rate and pocketing the difference. They also upset the Zealots who, working towards the expulsion of the Romans, regarded the tax-collectors as leeches working against the Jewish people. On top of all this the Pharisees and Sadduces poured scorn on them for being irreligious and sinners by enacting abridged or contrary versions of festivals and rituals.

Yet all this was possible, for the town of Capernaum, where Matthew lived, was a cross-roads of trade going to all points of the compass and many people of many nationalities passed through there. As a result of this influence the religious practices of the local Jewish population were more flexible. The local synagogue was often accused by Jerusalem of taking liberty with the Scriptures.

So we can see that the tax-collectors were prejudged socially, politically and spiritually; and it was from such a background that Matthew came, and against which he lived.

Matthew was chosen for apostleship by Andrew. Andrew was known as "the best judge of men" amongst the apostles and he chose well with Matthew. Matthew had been taught well in business matters and social etiquette, and consequently he was the only apostle of any means. We are told on page 1559 that he "was gifted with the ability to make friends and to get along smoothly with a great variety of people." Thus he was appointed "the financial representative of the apostles." It appears that he went about his work in a quiet manner, yet espoused the teachings of Jesus extremely well, for most of the time the donations he received kept the apostleship afloat. Additionally, he probably presented himself well, since we are told that he obtained most of the funds from the well-to-do.

When Matthew was accepted by Jesus and the apostles, he was overwhelmingly grateful to them, for at last he was regarded as an individual instead of being cast as a member of a despised sub-class of society.

It is of interest why he, with a healthy income, family and good social connections, would turn his back on all this and join a fledgling group of religionists with destiny unknown. For Matthew was a precise man who dealt in facts and figures - that being his trade: everything had to be in balance. Why would he do this?

I can only conclude that although he had a comfortable material life he also possessed a strong spiritual longing for which he could not find any satisfaction.

Matthew was one who "knocked and entered". His gratitude was emphasised by his loyalty to Jesus and the apostles in his capacity as the financial representative. In fact he did so well that his loyalty and devotedness quickly dispelled any ill-thoughts by the other apostles. At great sacrifice to himself, many times he would be away on his financial errands when Jesus and the apostles partook of enlightening conversations. At other times he stayed to hear Jesus fully knowing that in doing so, he would have to give from his own purse towards the apostolic fund. Wisely the money was given in somebody else's name so the apostles would not regard it as being tainted. When some of the other apostles were having a go at him, he desired to tell them how much of his own wealth he was giving towards their upkeep, but he couldn't, and tactfully said nothing.

Now, at times, all the apostles went out with one other to train themselves in preaching and getting to know how others responded to their message. One time, Matthew's partner was Philip and a notable incident occurred when they were to secure lodging at a Samaritan or gentile village. The villagers intensely resented their presence because of their being Jewish, and were thus chased out unceremoniously. This incident may have contributed to Matthew's decision to initially preach the gospel of Jesus only to the Jews. Yet this was in spite of Jesus' **first** and **last** commandment to Matthew to love your fellow man, no matter who they may be, and that the gospel was to be given to all peoples. Many times Jesus had to relate to the apostles the story of the Good Samaritan.

Even so his loyalty to Jesus grew into love, and thus his faith grew. Within only two weeks since meeting Jesus for the first time, he could already truly say, "the more you truly understand some people, the less you admire them, but of this man, even the less I comprehend him, the more I love him." (p 1545).

From Jesus he began to realise that faith was all one required to enter the kingdom of God, although the other apostles' concepts of the kingdom of God varied greatly to what Jesus taught. Faith carried Matthew and the others through many a crisis and dashed expectations. When he saw how faith helped so many downcast individuals, it left an indelible impression on him.

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Although Matthew appeared to lead a balanced life in many respects, his spiritual side vacillated wildly. Mainly this manifested itself at times when his idea of biblical prophecy coincided to those actions of Jesus at a given time. He had great trouble seeing that Jesus was not going to be the King of Israel and was not going to sit on the throne of a new Jerusalem, master of all nations. He could not see the kingdom through the eyes of the spirit. His spiritual expectations, as well as his emotional, were particularly highlighted during Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem sitting astride a donkey. When he remembered the scripture in Zechariah where it is said that the king will enter Jerusalem on a donkey, he became ecstatic with his excitement building up to a crescendo when they reached the temple.

Alas, when nothing came of his expectations, Matthew was spiritually and emotionally drained to such a degree that the confusion and tension left him thoroughly exhausted. This inability to perceive the kingdom plus his religious background and material mindedness may also have helped to bring about his decision to preach only to the Jews at first. His results in acquiring funds from the gentiles were so poor that he apparently didn't

give them much hope of accepting Jesus' teachings at all. His continuous misconstruing of the gospel made him regard that the Jews only were the lost children of God, and that they were the sinners.

All this Jesus knew very well for he entreated Matthew personally, even up to the very end, to have mercy on all of God's children and to be firm and consistent always in proclaiming the gospel.

These flaws and the ensuing shock of the crucifixion gave him more trouble than others. Right up to Jesus' morontia appearances he was too busy in thinking about how to find funds for the apostles. It was not without good reason that Jesus, during his morontia appearance, questioned Matthew whether it is "in your heart to obey me" (page 2049). Eventually, when the spirit of truth descended on him at the time of Pentecost, he did obey and with renewed vigour preached and baptised throughout the gentile lands.

The most vivid illustration of Matthew's life is that we can see a person whose life direction changes dramatically when one chooses to follow the teachings of Jesus. Before the start of his apostleship he was spiritually rejected and caught in a materialistic lifestyle, whereas at the end of his apostleship on Earth he had rejected material obligations and supplanted them with a new-found spiritual zeal.

In Matthew's inclusion as an apostle we will always have an example of God's mercy in accepting anyone if they have faith in their heart. All social outcasts and the spiritually downhearted found much rejoicing and encouragement when they saw a "hated tax-gatherer" close to Jesus' side.

To future generations, by demonstrating the love of God, the Father and his love of mankind, he gave a good reckoning in how to conduct financial affairs with an ethical basis and all this through an innocence of faith, for that is all he had in the beginning.

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Authorised Computer Version of the URANTIA Book In Production

URANTIA Foundation announced that computer versions of The URANTIA Book in English and French are in the final stages of production, and will be available by Christmas. Although the delay in bringing this project to completion has been unfortunate, it has resulted in a new generation of more powerful and user-friendly software, which was not available even a year ago. This version will run in the Windows environment on IBM compatible computers. The five-disk set is packaged in a storage folder which resembles the printed version of The URANTIA Book.

The program provides state-of-the-art search capabilities, allowing for single word searches, searches for phrases, limited searches (scope control), and a search history which allows retracing the search path. For those who use highlighters, this program allows the use of many different colours. For example, if one wants to highlight passages about "love", one can do so using a colour specific to "love", and can even assigning the name "love" to that colour.

Being a Windows program, it offers split screens, multiple windowing, and the convenience of mouse interaction.

Ordering: The computer version will be available from the Australian Foundation office, (02) 9706200.

***We ask for a grain of sand,
And he gives us a beach.
We ask for a drop of water,
And he gives us all the
oceans, rivers, lakes and
streams.***

***We ask for time,
And he gives us life eternal.
It is so easy for us
To fall in love with the gift
And not THE GIVER.***

Oswald J. Astor