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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

Jesus told us, and the Mithraic priest at Carthage, about the seven-dimensional version of reality he remembered, and about circular simultaneity. (page 1439)

What if the cosmos we can view is but a slice of our Father's seven-dimensional creation, his transcendent eventuation? What implications does this hold for our beliefs? Cosmologists talk of missing mass, of open or closed universes, of great attractors. Philosophers talk of transcendent causation. Are we able to form some image of how things may be? Find an old LP record, and hold it at arm's length in the middle of your living room. Absonite people may see our three-dimensional cosmos as we see that little disk. Our rulers in Orvonton may see spacetime as a little nest for baby finaliters. So how can we begin to understand gravitational effects if most of the energy and mass of creation sits sideways from our spacetime? How can we discuss causation without first acknowledging that the vast absomite realms may impinge upon every moment, and upon every point, of our universe?

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As we the readership struggle to invent the way forward, as we bring this revelation into the lives of our fellows, as we deal with the mechanics of establishing the fifth epochal revelation, let's not deny ourselves the refreshing perspective: The rulers of Orvonton have said hello, they look forward to our success, and the Father's creation amazes even them.

And it may be a seven-dimensional creation. This idea, if we are to believe it, opens spectacular vistas for speculation: Are our Thought Adjusters actually seven-dimensional? Can we assume that our other absolute component, our Personality, is seven-dimensional too? Can our Adjuster function at *any point* of its existence? Are we exposed to the possibility of feedback from our future finaliter self? And for the physicists among us: is everything in Orvonton moving with the velocity of light?

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So They Say

Somewhere out there

Astronomers have found new evidence of the existence of the Great Attractor - a region of matter drawing in our Milky Way galaxy with its gravitational pull. Astronomers have spotted a massive galaxy cluster that appears to be at the Great Attractor's core. Scientists had known of the cluster but hadn't realised it was so big or wide. That's because much of its light is blocked by dust in the Milky Way galaxy.

Newly found planets may sustain life

Reuters

"In a stunning discovery of new worlds far out in the universe, two California astronomers reported the detection of two planets orbiting sunlike stars."

"The temperatures of the planets appear to be warm enough for water to exist in liquid form, a condition conducive to chemical processes that could, just possibly, be producing extraterrestrial life."

"The two newly discovered extra-solar planets, considerably larger than Jupiter, accompany the stars 70 Virginis, in the constellation Virgo, and 47 Ursae Majoris, in the Big Dipper, or Ursa Major. They are 35 light years away, relatively close by cosmic standards. They are too small and dim to be seen against the glare of their parent stars, but their gravitational presence has been definitely established."

"'We truly are at the dawn of a new era in astronomy,' said Dr Alan P. Boss, a theoretical astronomer at the Carnegie Institute in Washington. 'We will be finding many new planets in the next decade.'"

"The two newly found planets were discovered by Dr Geoffrey W. Marcy, an astronomer at San Francisco State University who is a visiting scholar at the University of California Berkeley, and his research associate, Dr Paul Butler... The finding's were a culmination of eight years of work using the 120-inch telescope at Lick Observatory near San Jose." ... "'After the discovery of 51 Pegasi, everyone wondered if it was a freak, a one-in-a million observation,' Marcy said. 'The answer is no. Planets aren't rare after all.'"

"Marcy and Butler made the detections by observing variations in the light from the stars. Those variations were in a pattern suggesting a slight wobble caused by the gravitational force of a massive planet in nearby orbit. The patterns were so regular, just like Kepler and Newton would have predicted, Marcy said, that there is 'almost no other explanation besides a planet to produce it.'"

Speaking about the 70 Virginis body, "The planet orbits the star in a eccentric, elongated orbit once every 116 days.

Its distance from the star is comparable to a distance from the sun somewhere between Mercury and Venus, unusually close for so large a body. It has an estimated mass 8.1 times that of Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet."

Ancient Statue raised from the deep

Reuters

The Pharos, a monumental lighthouse built around 280BC and about 100m high, lit the entrance to Alexandria harbour for centuries. Until now archaeologists had never been able to identify any of the fragments. French and Egyptian divers manoeuvred the red granite torso of a young woman on to a hook of a crane. It was a breast of a female, and very beautiful. They are planing on raising 30 other larger pieces of the lighthouse.

[This lighthouse is mentioned in

The URANTIA Book, P.1432 - §2:

The three enjoyed a most pleasant passage to Alexandria. Ganid was delighted with the voyage and kept Jesus busy answering questions. As they approached the city's harbor, the young man was thrilled by the great lighthouse of Pharos, located on the island which Alexander had joined by a mole to the mainland, thus creating two magnificent harbors and thereby making Alexandria the maritime commercial crossroads of Africa, Asia, and Europe. This great lighthouse was one of the seven wonders of the world and was the forerunner of all subsequent lighthouses. They arose early in the morning to view this splendid lifesaving device of man, and amidst the exclamations of Ganid Jesus said: "And you, my son, will be like this lighthouse when you return to India, even after your father is laid to rest; you will become like the light of life to those who sit about you in darkness, showing all who so desire the way to reach the harbor of salvation in safety." And as Ganid squeezed Jesus' hand, he said, "I will."]

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Letters to the Editor

Please share my celebration.

Hello Fellow Beings! About 7 months ago, I finally found (after searching bookstore shelves for a long time) the copy of the UB which was waiting for me.

I started reading at Paper #119, on page 1308, "The Bestowals of Christ Michael", at the end of Part III. I read through all of Part IV, and then went back to the beginning.

Today, on my way into work on the train, I finished my morning reading at the bottom of page 1305, towards the end of paper #118. This evening, on my way home, I will complete my first reading of *The URANTIA Book*!!!

I feel that I have only begun my studies of this revelation. I can't wait to go back through again to glean more learning — I know that I have read things which I did not understand the first time, and I look forward to restudying those readings more carefully.

Please share my celebration. What a wonder-filled experience this has been, and will continue to be! It is so hard to express the joy that I feel inside. Anything I say seems so feeble compared to the shouting that is going on within me. Maybe many of you will understand.

God's Love,

Paul B. Boston, USA

A posting from UrantiaL

An American geologist has found what scientists said could be the world's oldest animal fossil, the outline of a jellyfish-like creature that lived on the sea floor up to 600 million years ago.

Mark McMenamin of Mount Holyoke College made the discovery in March in the Mexican Desert, about 100 miles south of Tucson, Arizona. The fossil shows the 1/2 inch long form of a new species of Ediacaran Biota, which are among the oldest creatures that can be considered animals.

The fossil clearly shows a central bell, like on a jellyfish, with apparent tubes radiating outward. Stephen Rowland, a geologist at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and a leader in the field said, 'If the age turns out to be anywhere near correct, animal life may have evolved earlier than we thought.'

A reader referred Professor McMenamin to the planting of life 600 million years ago in *The URANTIA Book*, to which he replied: "I write in regard to your letter of 28 October. I found fascinating the section of the URANTIA Book you recommended. If it was written in 1955, parts of it are strikingly ahead of their time. I could only locate the 1984 edition; can you confirm that pages 664-671 appeared as in the 1955 edition?"

Sincerely, Mark McMenamin, Professor of Geology."

ANZURA Membership News

This is a new section in *The Arena* which will now take the place of the Membership Bulletin which went out to all ANZURA members separately. The question arose: why have two publications? No one could give a very good answer so from now on we'll be amalgamating the two.

- 1996 membership levies are now due folks! Please see enclosed for your payment record and those who still haven't paid last year's— please oblige. We do need your contributions to keep this ship afloat.
- We have a new member— Trevor Hughes from Kuranda, Nth Qld (near Cairns). Welcome to ANZURA Trevor. Trevor's been reading *The URANTIA Book* since the early seventies and didn't know of any other readers in Australia until just recently. He's now decided to become active in his area and has started a local study group already. If anyone's travelling up that way Trevor would love readers to contact him. His phone number is (070) 93-7105.
- ANZURA's annual conference will be held this year in Canberra, from **October 11th to 14th**. We've already had enquiries from overseas readers wishing to attend, and the current president of URANTIA Foundation will join us to address the conference.

- The 1996 International URANTIA Study Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference commences on Thursday August 8, and goes through to Monday August 12. For further details please contact the ANZURA office on (02) 9970-6200.

Here's some info to refresh our memories:

The tasks of IUA:-

One of the primary tasks of IUA is to put readers of *The URANTIA Book* in touch with one another.

The liaison work of IUA includes:

1. Referring readers to study groups.
2. Responding to reader enquiries.
3. Sponsoring meetings, seminars, and conferences.
4. Developing teaching and leadership skills.
5. Publishing newsletters and periodicals.

That's all for now folks. Take good care and may you all be strong with our Father.

Kathleen Swadling,
Secretary ANZURA

Articles

The Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence

David Bradford, Towamba, NSW

The search for extra terrestrial intelligence, SETI, has received considerable publicity in the news media in most recent times as scientists have renewed their efforts to receive intelligent electromagnetic emissions from other worlds in the galactic neighbourhood.

I would like to set out some reasons as to why it is most unlikely that such a search program will be successful, together with some personal opinions as to the likelihood of there being life elsewhere in the universe.

Let me begin by outlining the electromagnetic history of our planet. The first transmissions of a man made nature were transmitted early in this century in the form of low frequency spark transmitters received by simple rectification (crystal sets). In fact this was the method by which the Titanic despatched a distress call. These early forms of radio signal would not have left our planet to any degree due to the limiting effects of our ionosphere. It was after the development of the radio valve that much improved narrow frequency transmissions began to take place. However it was not until the second world war that great advances were made in the transmission of high powered ultra high frequency and microwave frequency emissions .

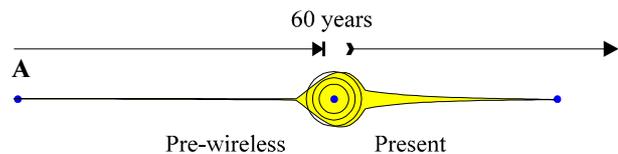
It was at this stage [1939 approximately] that our planet became an unintentional radio beacon. The rapid increase in knowledge of this form of technology during and after World War II led to the widespread use of space travelling radio emissions in the form of television broadcasts, microwave links, radar for the aeronautical and marine industries and last but not least the space program.

We are therefore looking at a period of about sixty years during which time our planet has radiated nonintentionally to the neighbouring star systems. Within a few years all non intentional transmissions that can be detected far from our planet will cease. The factors which cause me to arrive at this conclusion are as follows:

1. The diminishing use of narrow band analog transmissions being replaced by wideband digital transmissions. The wider the band of transmission the harder it is to detect from great distances due to overriding noise and the reduced amount of power for a given portion of the electromagnetic spectrum.
2. The rapid implementation of closed circuit optical fibre transmission methods which will mean that within a very short time nearly all communications both nationally and internationally will be by this path. Included in this will of course be the media and entertainment.

3. The availability of the vast communication systems such as the Internet means that the traditional forms of personal communications such as CB radio and Amateur Radio will tend to disappear.

Considering these factors therefore it may be useful now to consider the effects of these “windows” of development in an evolutionary planet’s transition from discovery of electromagnetic communication through various stages of development to the situation where the stage is reached whereby minimal man made radiations leave this planet.



The actual period of artificial radiation from planet “A” is, from beginning to present, $\frac{60}{5 \times 10^9}$ which is .000 000 012 of the stage so far reached in the planet’s development.

Now in our vicinity, say 30 light years radius, there are a number of developing planets (50?) which evolved around the same time as Urantia (a most unlikely event). Taking into consideration the evolution of a species, it is virtually inconceivable that the short period of artificial radiation (50 - 100 years) would coincide with that of Urantia.

The odds of this taking place are approximated by the

formula: $\frac{W}{CA + P}$ where:

- W = Relative window of artificial radiation
- CA = Current age of system
- L = Period of life implantation
- P = Period to reach technology

In the case of Urantia

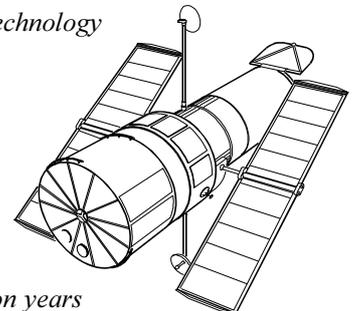
$$W \approx 60 \text{ years} / 6 \times 10^9$$

$$CA \approx 5 \times 10^9$$

$$L \approx 5 \times 10^8$$

$$P \approx 2 \times 10^6$$

(assuming 2 million years evolution of mankind.)



As there are many variables you may well wonder how can you find P with accuracy? This just adds to the improbability that any two evolving planets will ever reach coincidence.

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(SETI, continued)

I now touch upon some philosophical propositions in regard to our possible understanding of how difficult it is for us to understand or communicate with beings from other evolving worlds:

Planet "A" (Urantia), one sun, one moon, periods of time measured in revolutions of the moon around the home planet combined with the period of the home planet's revolution around the sun, combined with the revolving of the home planet on its axis tilted to result in seasonal changes. A turbulent world of:

- a) climatic variations
- b) tidal variations
- c) seasonal changes

Planet "B" (Hypothetical), about the same size of Urantia, similar sun, no satellite (moon), 10% further from system sun which is slightly hotter. Due to lack of tidal effects of satellite and the dormant seas, much more tropical and tepid. One year 30% longer than Urantia.

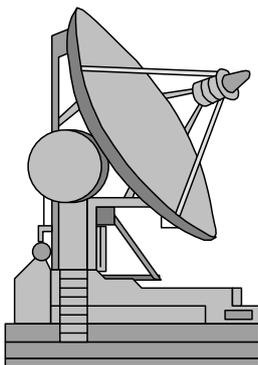
Consequently different wavelengths of light are accentuated, in this case infrared due to heavy cloud cover. Consequently life forms on this planet have evolved with visibility in the lower part of the spectrum. The intelligent species therefore see things differently. At times when a cloud cover opens to allow viewing of the heavens they see the universe in a different way. Their perception of the outside world would be related to seeing objects that emit low wavelengths and not perceiving light as we do.

How would these hypothetical beings then develop coincidentally the same communications technology as we on Urantia have?

Please do not, as a result of considering my article on SETI, that I have a negative attitude to the possible presence of life forms throughout the universe. Quite frankly I believe life is so widespread that every stable star system harbours life forms of some kind or another.

In due course as our methods of measurements become more powerful, we will verify that this is indeed the case.

I welcome any comments on this article.



(Editor's Notebook, continued from page 1)

Somehow, the organisers of the superuniverses have set things up so that we humans get exposed to sequence. But notice that even when we sit absolutely still, we are racing through time. Allow that when seen from the absonite, this motion through time is real, and that our velocity through time is similar to the velocity of light through space. Picture the seven master spirits managing their superuniverse domains: they may be sweeping us across three-dimensional skins of their spinning four-dimensional constructs.

So let's say we are constrained to always travel at lightspeed. If we were to redirect some of this constant (lightspeed) motion through time, to re-orient a part of this **momenergy** (momentum and energy) by moving through space as well, we move a correspondingly less distance through time. This is the relativistic time dilation demonstrated daily at the particle scale, sidestepped by the starship *Enterprise*, and a possible reason for partitioning the master universe into space levels: when physical things move at different rates, their timeflow becomes unsynchronised.

Although proof and understanding of such things may not lie within our grasp, we do have the capacity to notice the numinous, to be thankful, and to be struck with awe.

Are we not the universe's great *Appreciators*?

Food for Thought

Said Jesus to the Mithraic priest (p. 1439)

"...and even to man, because of his sectional and circumscribed view, time appears as a succession of events; but as man ascends, as he progresses inward, the enlarging view of this event procession is such that it is discerned more and more in its wholeness. 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, the more does the concept of potential space approach ultimacy."

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

The URANTIA Book, page 1439

The adjutant mind-spirits, the chakras, the human mind, and why the Sangik races?

Nigel Nunn, Canberra, ACT

The adjutant mind circuits are the frilly final extremities of the Infinite Spirit.

The Third Person of deity makes numerous penetrations into the finite. But to allow his deepest excursion into the superuniverse spacetimes, and to permit his direct manipulation of the evolution of the shadow realms found there, he extends through the Master Spirits and the local universe Mother Spirits to touch the evolutionary worlds as the adjutant mind-spirits, his attenuated presence in the nests of baby Finaliters.

On page 402, the Adjutant Mind-Spirits are described as “a level of consciousness of the Divine Minister”, and on page 401, we hear that “It is the presence of the seven adjutant mind-spirits on the primitive worlds that conditions the course of organic evolution;”

What are these adjutant mind-spirits, this final down-reach of the Third Source and Center, doing conditioning the course of organic evolution? What role do they play in shaping the humanities of evolutionary worlds? And how are they aligned with the evolutionary races of color, the Sangik races?

We may get a kind of answer when we align this concept of the adjutant mind-circuits with the experimental and anecdotal evidence for the chakras, the traditional nodal points for the psychic activation of humans. This is also an opportunity for we early readers to fuse evolutionary wisdom with recent revelation.

“These mind-spirits send forth their influence into all the inhabited worlds as a differential urge, each seeking receptivity capacity for manifestation quite apart from the degree to which its fellows may find reception and opportunity for function.”

(page 401, para. 7)

Recall that this is the Third Person of Deity, in the guise of a “level of consciousness of the Divine Minister”, seeking receptivity into the psycho-biochemistry of evolutionary man. When the buck stops passing, it is He who conditions the course of organic evolution, who times the efflorescence of a planetary humanity, and who employs the Life Carriers’ device of the colored races to tease out the potentials latent therein.

So why does the secondary Lanonandek who sponsored Paper 51, *The Planetary Adams*, and why does the Life Carrier who presented Paper 64, *The Evolutionary Races Of Color*, talk so bluntly about the relative superiority and inferiority of the colored races, which apparently appear as a matter of course on all the planets in this part of Michael’s Universe?

Superior in what way? Inferior in what regard? Were the Indigo blacks found to be “inferior” in their ability as a race to geometrically lay streets and sewers, to establish and maintain markets for the distribution of broccoli? Were the Red race “superior” in the sense that they could dependably establish a vigorous, resilient, unquenchable humanity across the planet? In the business of getting a planetary humanity started, the original Red race may have been ideal. You can’t kill ’em, depress ’em or turn them off. For a Life Carrier, whose job was to get humans established, the Red race may have been seen as their best work. Likewise, a Secondary Lanonandek may have been partial to those qualities which facilitate government and civil stability. Would a newly assigned secondary Lanonandek tend to see the highly organizable Yellow race as superior?

And why, on a normal world, are the Indigo Black race bestowed last. Do they represent a final evolutionary upstepping before the Adamic standardization?

[See paper 36, “The Life Carriers”, section 5: The Seven Adjutant Mind-Spirits, page 401, for an introduction to these local universe “spirits/circuits”.]

The Chakras

From the East, and from healers throughout history, comes the tradition of the chakras, the sites of psychic activation of physical creatures. These nodal points have been portrayed as vibrating colored whirlpools aligned along the body, penetrating our psycho-biochemical systems. Each chakra is related to a particular aspect of mind function. Such phenomena sound like reception points for the adjutant mind circuits, each a differential urge, each independently seeking receptivity capacity.

Are the chakras the points of penetration of the adjutants into the psycho-biochemistry of man?

In the early days of our lives as humans, our intellectual performance is almost entirely a result of our responses to the impinging adjutant circuits. We each have an initial genetic endowment of responsiveness, a certain pattern of attunement, to the seven colours of mind, the seven adjutant mind circuits.

Can we suppose that the prime differential between the six Sangik races, apart from color, was their particular attunement to adjutant ministry, each race tending, statistically, to be more receptive to the influence of a particular adjutant?

If so, then the intellectual experience of each Sangik race would have been colored by the stimulation of its sponsoring adjutant. This may have meant that the world was a slightly different place to a Blue man than it was to a Red or a Green man. Their experience and understanding of time, their root motivations, their ideas of *value*, may have been subtly different.

On normal worlds, the races are said to emerge one after the other, resulting in a sequential overlaying of

psychic and genetic contributions. On Urantia, however, they rose up simultaneously (by design of the Life Carriers, the Divine Minister, and the Third person of Deity).

Their mutual antagonism quickly caused them to separate into distinct racial groups, and the Life Carriers of Nebadon were permitted a rare opportunity to investigate the natures of all six of their unmixed evolutionary races.

In a sense, the planet was simultaneously host to six complementary versions of humanity. This fertile circumstance was one of the elements in the experiment the Life Carriers were conducting on Urantia. And they quite rightly expected that whatever problems might arise would be tidied up by the Adamic race. The Violet people could easily integrate the best of each of the expected vibrant, contrasting cultures. (Vast planetary art, indeed!)

But the plans of the Life Carriers were not thus to unfold. The Adamic default denied them this extraordinary outcome.

The races of color on a normal world

The chaotic biological state of the human races on Urantia clouds an important point about the Sangik races: They all contribute essential ingredients to an evolving humanity. Consider the normal sequence —

On a new world, the Red race appears first. Their role is to establish a vigorous, dependable, resilient, unquenchable humanity across the planet. Let the original Red race be somehow more easily adjusted and stimulated by the adjutant **INTUITION**, inherently sensing and attaining balance in the things of human life. The Red race puts down a sound and predictable foundation for the evolutionary efforts soon to commence.

The Yellow race begins to appear in the midst of the Red. Their contribution is a higher capacity to organize, to put in place logical and mechanical systems to capture and maintain the increasing achievements of the young world. The Yellow race would seem to be the widest conduit for adjutant of frequency yellow, **UNDERSTANDING**.

An unfolding humanity next needs the sophisticated

emotional overlay of fidelity, of heartfelt courage, chivalry and love, as neatly poured out (made more available) by the Green race, and their sponsoring green adjutant **COURAGE**.

The tinge of Blue imparts a desire to extend intellectual frameworks, to ignore received wisdom and just see what's out there. The Blue race and their adjutant of frequency blue, **KNOWLEDGE**, enhance this development. Of course, such a disruptive tendency requires a stable social foundation to be of lasting benefit.

Then the Orange race, the mediators and benefactors, well up as a conduit for what the orange adjutant offers: **COUNSEL**, the social urge. In the mammals, this manifests as the herd instinct. Among humans, as the tendency to become interested in the welfare of each other.

The Indigo Black race are the surprise. Let us consider that, since they are the last of the Sangik gifts to be bestowed on a pre-Adamic humanity, they herald the most valuable and dangerous development for a young human population.

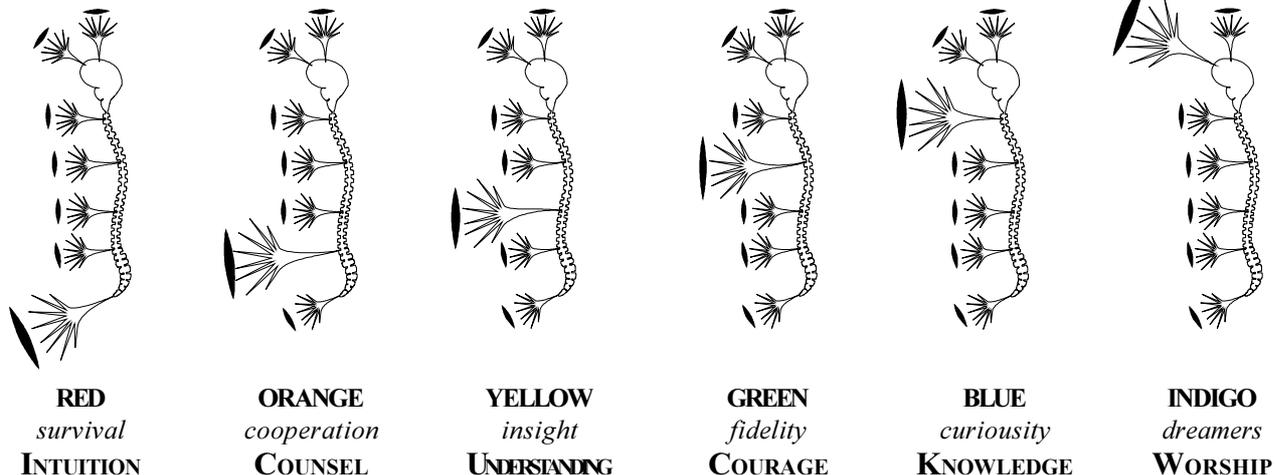
The adjutant of **WORSHIP**.

The adjutant of Worship pulses through them like a third eye. They are the ones who, by design, can lift a stable but stagnant humanity towards the gods. They can give a mundane world its next set of dreams, a final evolutionary thrust, before the standardizing Adamic overlay gets overlaid, consolidating all the evolutionary achievements.

The Indigo Blacks: The Life Carriers' final gift to a new humanity.

The Indigo Blacks. The Life Carrier's final gift to a new humanity. On Urantia, they have not yet had the chance to perform, needing as a working base a world settled in prosperity and peace. A world which they could ignite from pleasant comfort into a hunger for God.

When seen in this light, the original Indigo Black race was evolution's attempt to bring light into a young world.



The Foundation is Solid

*by Pat Murnin
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Last August I took a trip to Chicago, Illinois to visit my brother and his family. While I was there, I wanted to visit the URANTIA Foundation.

I was excited at the prospect of finally getting to see the place where the revelation was given to the people of this planet, in the trust of Dr Sadler and the forum.

In my mind's eye I think I half expected the building to glow, surrounded by a host of seraphim and midwayers, keeping watch over the progress of the revelation, from its point of origin.

The more I thought about my visit to 533 Diversey Parkway, the more I wanted it to be a mystical experience that would be a once in a lifetime event, that I would never forget. I knew that none of this would be possible. Even if the building was surrounded by angels, they would be invisible to me, a mortal. But what could it hurt to fantasise.

Chicago was in the middle of the worst heat wave that had ever been recorded. It had been about 110 degrees, with a humidity to match. But the day I planned to go to the Foundation started out with a thunderstorm that cooled things off a bit, and made it a nice summer day. As I travelled down Diversey Parkway watching the numbers get closer to 533, I thought, what will this place really be like? Suddenly there it was. Much smaller than it seemed in the pictures I'd seen. Of course there were no angels or midwayers, no celestial glow, as far as I could see...?

What I found was a modest turn of the century urban Chicago building in a very ordinary Chicago community. Inside there were very friendly and dedicated people, who were willing to drop everything to make me feel welcome. They visited with me for a few minutes in the living room. They were very interested in the formation of the Northwest URANTIA Association. In the basement there were two men who were very busy getting stacks of URANTIA Books ready for shipment. The desks in the office were cluttered with the business at hand, and everyone was busy, happily performing their tasks.

When I left the building, I went across the street to take a few pictures of it. A calming effect came over me as I realised that the work of the URANTIA Foundation is in good hands, both with the people who work there, and our unseen friends watching over it all. You can't see them, but they are there.

I could feel the history and the heritage associated with this building that is both modest and majestic at the same time.

My first visit to the URANTIA Foundation was an event that I will always remember.

Paradise Found

**Our souls adrift
Like clouds in the sky
Shall carry us inwards
To our Gods on high**

**With each one we linger
Our bodies glow bright
Lasting much longer
Becoming more light**

**Till the shores we wander
Of Paradise found
To live there together
On that Holy Ground**

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