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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Light and Life continues to expand and grow in our world. Spiritual energies are surging. Humans everywhere are feeling new empowerments to work for peace, for truth, beauty and goodness. There are a myriad of individuals and movements in this glorious evolutionary mix, all facing unprecedented yet ageless challenges.

In recent years, I've enjoyed producing an archive of issues of the Light and Life Journal, and also the L&L Online Express. Our site at [www.lightandlife.com](http://www.lightandlife.com) has also grown only as it could while I've held positions in public relations, marketing and publishing. My time, funds and internet skills have all been limited – but always growing.

As of this spring, I'm no longer in the salaried world, and these Light and Life projects can fill more hours with my desire to spread more light and more enthusiasm for spiritual values in the world.

As one steps out in faith, inspirations and insights come; brothers and sisters step forward with their own visions, wishes, dreams, and priorities, and we learn to work together. This will all come now at an accelerated pace, but one that is set and maintained by celestial guidance. I am actively working to network and adjoin with other spiritual and holistic families.

With time to budget, I am also now planning four quarterly issues of the L&L Journal. They will carry some of the finest spiritually inspired writing on the planet and leading edge celestial transmissions. Also, four quarterly issues of the L&L Express will be headline news-oriented, keeping tabs on the most compelling spiritual-related news of the times. We will gather many sites for our "Exploration of the Spiritual Universe." And we never tell you what you should believe.

New on the [www.lightandlife.com](http://www.lightandlife.com) site are these features:

- An exhibition of my photography. Three galleries comprised of 159 vintage images, including rural Mississippi people and places; a myriad of performers and color scenics. Click on ART GALLERIES.
- A homepage presentation of my four books at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com). The Alien Intimacies is a philosophical sci-fi adventure. Beyond Cynicism is a dialogue with the celestial OneTeam. Celestials over Cincinnati traces our Teaching Mission history and features over 30 other visiting teachers. The Celestial Songbook includes poems and songs transmitted by celestial teachers.
- We also showcase WE CAN BE: A Celebration of Spiritual Unity. This fusion of musical styles all embrace high spiritual values. 15 artists, 16 selections, nearly 80 minutes of music. This is a joint production of Light and Life Publications and our new Association for Light and Life. Visit us at: [www.associationforlightandlife.com](http://www.associationforlightandlife.com)
- The Teaching Mission pages now feature new narratives tracing the continuing history of this celestial university, with transmissions from the Living Waters Gathering and the UBIE Awards for imagined but real champions of the planetary Correcting Time. See also a workshop of "21 Spiritual Enlightments for the 21st Century."

Other L&L projects are rolling along, welcoming your interest and input. Here is one in particular.

Via Mark Austin and Celestial Studios in Dallas, we are currently producing SOULS RISING: Expressions of Dark and Light. We are mixing 19 tracks of poetry and 9 songs from our cooperating ALL artists. We are also planning a CD of meditative/trance music and additional poetry/music combinations. Contact me if you are interested in working in this area with ALL and L&L. We are hoping to develop our publishing efforts and need colleagues who can contribute with creative, business and marketing skills. E-mail me at [jimcleveland@tds.net](mailto:jimcleveland@tds.net).

Who are our cooperating artists? WE CAN BE features Lily Fraser, Richard Knox, Jim Cooper, Bob Catapano, Barbara Hester, Mark Austin, Charley Packard, Dan Tyler, Rick Brunson, Francyl Gawryn, Michael Mann, Mark Turnbull, Motavation, Positive Shift, and Mark George-Moore. All are independent artists with other CDs on the market. More artists are joining in, and will be featured on future compilations. All of our music will be available at CD Baby and other internet music services, as well as at various conferences and concerts.

In the meantime, the Celestial Artisans remind me to remind you to serve your creative urges and share your creative talents, all in the Joy of Spiritual Light. It will bring you to Peace and to Love. All is well, Jim Cleveland



# TO BE PERFECTLY FAIR

by JIM CLEVELAND and the Artisans

Is life fair? And if it's not, then who's to blame? Is life unjust? Who made it so? They're both the same. Isn't your life just what you make it? Isn't that so? Be as fair as you can, and you'll grow. In the heart of love and grace each place you go.

What might God say if you asked why this life's not fair? The Father might say, Well, just look at you humans who are living there. Sometimes you can be unfair. And the things you think and do lead to despair.

- >You would receive love without giving it.
- >You fight for rights without according them.
- >You know for certain what you haven't discovered.
- >You judge others without knowing them.
- >You define what God is without learning.
- >You say God doesn't talk to you, when you never talk to Him.
- >You say your path is better though you've walked no other.
- >You say life here is cursed with potential all before you.
- >You say life is chaotic amid the genius of evolution.
- >You seek heaven for your faith while you doubt and fear.
- >You separate by differences God's children of the very same pattern.
- >You agonize over those differences in your splendid uniqueness.
- >You debate God's very existence in the face of miracles.
- >You sometimes call God a taskmaster, though you are given free will
- >You sometimes call God a punisher though all evidence of God is love.
- >You quickly choose sides to compete though the best goals are accomplished together.
- >You divide to conquer what God would bring to One.
- >You say God leads your armies, while God sends only angels and teachers.

- >You have credited God for great victories during which you have killed his children
- >You have blamed God's disfavor for your losses to cover your own failures.
- >You sometimes call the world insane though it is truly what you make of it
- >You have said that death brings peace even from the miracle of life
- >You fail to honor the life God gave you because you want something better.
- >You yearn for eternity while wasting life's precious moments.
- >You often retreat into fear, though love cannot exist in its presence.
- >You call yourselves born in sin even beholding the miracle of the innocent child
- >You suffer yourself to guilt and penance though God gives spiritual joy.
- >You shrink from service to others even as God shows you great opportunities each day.

And you call yourself unworthy because of this list  
Though forgiveness is yours for the asking  
Let yourself go, by spirit be kissed  
God loves you without heavy tasking.

And so nonetheless, in spite of all this  
We yearn to be 'saved' and we are.  
And the lessons we will learn  
When the mansion worlds come  
Will take these contradictions apart  
In a loving resurrection of the heart.

To be perfectly fair and not a human in error  
will challenge us daily to be  
all the Father would ask  
as He smiles on our tasks  
and helps us each day to be We'  
in love sent by kindnesses between  
in search of sweet goodness serene.

Books by Jim Cleveland at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com)

## Quartet of Books Offer Spiritual Perspectives For Our Tumultuous Changing Times

In a lifetime of reaching beyond dogmas and exploring the spiritual universe, Jim Cleveland has made some startling discoveries. In two webzines and four new books, published by AuthorHouse, the lifelong journalist and editor presents a simple and sensible new paradigm that can provide valuable guideposts for our present-day spiritual awakening.

Over more than 30 years, Cleveland crafted “The Alien Intimacies,” a 235-page spiritual sci-fi adventure that features benevolent visiting extraterrestrials, as well as altered state travel back to the roots of planetary civilization. In these days long before Adam and Eve, the planet was embroiled in Lucifer’s rebellion against God.

The author spins parallel tales. Jason, his present-day protagonist, interacts with a mesmerizing, sexual, but dangerous alien woman, contending with present day encounters and a perilous mountain climb. In an altered state triggered at sexual thresholds, he joins mission commander Mega in discovering the fate of a lost garden colony and new perspectives on our time and space world spiritual ascension plan.

Following this book’s publication, Authorhouse in Bloomington, IN, has expediently published three more of the books Cleveland has been writing and transmitting in recent years with celestial assistance.

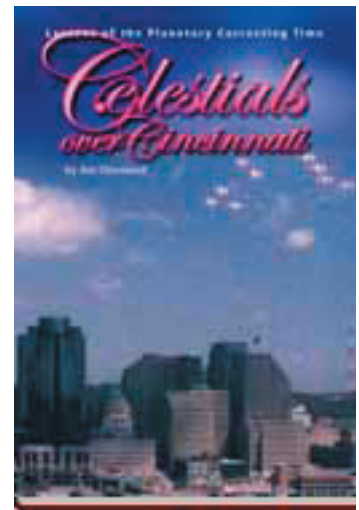
- **Beyond Cynicism: Liberating Voices from the Spirit Within.** The author asks angry, cynical questions and transmits illuminating spiritual antidotes to the poison of cynicism. Through our celestial connectedness, and by understanding our cosmic realities, we can come to a new peace of mind about the human condition. A key is daily practice of the Stillness.
- **Celestials over Cincinnati: Lessons of the Planetary Correcting Time.** This 330-page volume traces the 1990s history of a group of spiritual seekers, as they make contact and receive messages from celestial teachers, a series of lessons on developing our spiritual strength through the daily Stillness. The book includes narratives from 33 supernal teachers across the country, including Christ Michael, Machiventa Melchizedek, Abraham and celestial artisan Bakim and lays out the framework for a worldwide spiritual awakening.
- **The Celestial Songbook.** A collection of mostly lyrical poetry celebrating the spirit within, dictated and co-created with a team of Celestial Artisans.

Cleveland has sequels working for all four volumes and an upcoming novel, “Dark Riders,” about alienation and heroism.

Over the years, as Cleveland wrote and studied spiritual, philosophical and holistic healing paths, he had positions with newspapers, in public relations, marketing, and corporate communications. His writing, photography and publications have earned numerous awards, and he has served as president of several national, regional and state public relations and editorial associations. He has been a public relations/news administrator for the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Central (Ohio) State University, and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

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# Faith-Based Fanatics: The Other Intelligence Failure

By WILLIAM A. COOK

“Man is the only animal that has the true religion--several of them.” -Mark Twain

As even the conservative talk show hosts scramble to unravel truth from fiction emanating from the White House, another intelligence failure goes unmentioned and uninvestigated.

Which of the monotheistic faiths has the ear of God? Who among the various exponents of truth--ministers, rabbis, or mullahs--gather the “real” intelligence from the purported “sacred” texts that provide God’s directions to His creatures?

Who bears responsibility for this “Intelligence” community as it makes its case for eternal war?

Should the President create yet another selective investigating committee, composed of trusted friends of truth like Henry Kissinger, Tom Delay, Richard Perle, or Trent Lott (there are no “Muslims” resident in this administration), to search out fact from fiction in the “other” rationale that brought America to invade Iraq, God’s directive that guides America to bring His gift of freedom to the Iraqi people while insuring that Israel regains its right to the covenant land given by G-d to them in perpetuity?

As we watch Pat Robertson’s version of the news on the 700 Club, and listen to him “forgive” George his sins of omission in not telling the American people that he was manufacturing the truth about Iraq’s WMD and connections to Osama, and hear him extol God’s purpose in placing George in the President’s throne at this moment in time the better to ensure that God’s prophecies be fulfilled, we have an unsettling realization that this man, and others of like cloth--Franklin Graham, Jerry Falwell, Benny Hinn, Hal Lindsey, Pastor Hagee--influence thousands upon thousands who wallow in their righteousness and leave the Cornerstone Church secure in belief that God speaks to these men just as He talks to Pat, assuring him that George will be reelected by a huge majority.

Must these men bear no responsibility for the meaningless deaths of more than 535 American soldiers, the pain and suffering of thousands mutilated in missile and bomb attacks, the continuing agony of those sick unto death with DU poisoning, not to mention the wanton destruction of innocent Iraqi civilians, estimated now in excess of 10,000?

What intelligence did they omit when they exhorted their followers to rush to war against the infidels?

What fabrications of truth did they extract from their Bibles, assuring the faithful that they had “received” the word of God in dreams, that He called upon them to fulfill His prophecies as recorded in the Book of Revelation, that He cursed the Islamic faith and charged that it be wiped from the face of the earth?

What resident inmates of our nation’s mental hospitals also hear God speaking to them but have neither the gift-of-gab nor the wealth to air their views before the world?

What understanding of the Creator do we receive from these self-proclaimed “Ministers of the one true God”?

Let’s listen to Osama bin Laden, the alleged “mastermind” of the chaos inflicted on America and the roaming “evildoer” who haunts the underworld caverns of the mid-east eluding our Texan cowboy who vows to bring him in “dead or alive.”

“We will impose our religion on America. God wills it,” he proclaimed in his “Letter to America,” November 24, 2002.

And in the fullness of his vehemence he yells, “Do you fear them? Allah has more right that you should fear Him if you are believers. Fight against them so that Allah will punish them by your hands and disgrace them and give you victory over them and heal the breasts of believing people.”

But that is not all; “It is He Who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth (Islam), to make it victorious over all other religions even though the Polytheists hate it.” (Quran 61:9).

And, finally, this last bit of chutzpah, “The Islamic Nation wishes to remove your evils, and is prepared to fight you. You are well aware that the Islamic Nation, from the very core of its soul, despises your haughtiness and arrogance.”

As an ardent student of Sayyid Qutb, one of the founders of militant Islam, Osama understands that “Islam and the West (are) incompatible, two camps between which coexistence (was) is impossible.

There could only be a struggle between believers and non-believers, between secularism and capitalism and Islam and the West with its emphasis on science and technology that “obliterate(s) the validity of religion.”

Thus we find others of similar mind to Osama, the Muslim Brotherhood, for example, that calls for armed confrontation with Israel (Gregorian, *Islam: a Mosaic Not a Monolith*) or Ayatullah Khomeini who called for a holy war against the “Great Satan,” the United States.

One turns with some degree of relief from these fanatical fulminations to the expected peace of the other two monotheistic faiths only to find that they too have entered the lists with lances at the ready, swords at their sides, and hate in their eyes.

Consider Sharon’s dependence on the National Religious Party headed by Effi Eitan, a self-proclaimed rabid Zionist who brazenly and shamelessly shouts that Palestinians are not ordinary people, but “uncircumcised,” “little people,” and “evil.”

The Jews, on the other hand, are “blessed.” And they (the Jews) will come with “vengeance against (their) terrible evil” and “make a reckoning with them.” (L.A. Times).

But Effi is not the worst. Gush Emunim rabbis teach that “Jews who kill Arabs should be free from all punishment Arabs living in Palestine are thieves because the land was Jewish and belongs to them.” (Prof. Israel Shehak).

Add to these zealots those who design their own versions of the Talmud citations and preach to their followers hate, vengeance, and annihilation.

Their hubris defies understanding: “Whosoever disobeys the rabbis deserves death and will be punished by being boiled in hot excrement in hell” (Erubin 21b), and “All gentile children are animals” (Yebamoth 98a), and “According to the Talmud, Jesus was executed by a proper rabbinical court for idolatry, inciting other Jews to idolatry, and contempt of rabbinical authority” (Hoffman and Critchley), and “Those who read the New Testament will have no portion in the world to come” (Sanhedrin 90a), and “Jews must destroy the books of the Christians” (Shabbath 116a).

These and more, more venomous than those cited, fill the various commentaries that constitute the on-going words of the living Talmud.

It would appear that Osama finds a sick solace in his God that will bring havoc to unbelievers and victory to Islam while the Zionist right-wing Jewish cohort divide G-d’s creation into the blessed and the animals who, as unbelievers, will suffer a steaming and malodorous sauna in the hereafter.

How does one describe these gods? Having created humans with the capacity to reason and choose, Allah damns all who disbelieve the militant mullahs while the G-d of the Jews destroys all who disbelieve the right-wing Zionists; if each can be believed, all would be destroyed and none would ascend to heaven!

Indeed, the Gods they worship are brutish, sadistic, and perverse! But lest we think that the Christian right exhorts its worshipers to “turn the other cheek” and “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” and “love thy neighbor as thyself,” think again.

For a paltry \$25.00, you can purchase three audiotapes from Pastor John Hagee of the Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, tapes of sermons that focus on “Allah and America.” Add another \$20.00 and you can get the video version that permits you to witness the paunchy pastor lift the Quran high above his head as he cites chapter and verse, in an ever more excited crescendo, condemning the words of Allah as interpreted by Pastor Hagee.

It’s a marvelous scene; a few thousand of his 17,000



congregation sitting in rapt attention in this hotel-like conference center church, absorbing the truths of the one true God as conveyed by this minister of war who sees the anti-Christ rising against God's chosen in the final battle prophesied in the Book of Revelation.

What is the purpose of this exhortation? Is it to bring his congregation to peace and reconciliation with their wayward brothers and sisters? God forbid, "No!"

This 21st Century Prophet rises on his tiered altar steps (he is the altar!) demanding that his parishioners recognize the grave threat they face as he extracts passages from the Quran that give credibility to his twisted interpretation of Mohammad's visions.

What does he see? His evangelical Christian Zionist church is engaged in a spiritual war for survival; that the demonic driven mullahs of the Islamic faith are waging everlasting war against freedom of religion, against freedom of speech, against the western world!

"We are not a sister faith!" he cries over and over again as his congregants lift their arms and eyes to the chandeliers that bathe the hall in celestial light. What must they do to these demented hordes that "want to kill as many Americans as possible," that are developing "long range missiles," that have "suit case atomic bombs"? They must fight; "Victory must be our only objective!"

"No relationship of any kind exists or can exist between Islam and Christianity," he shouts in stunned and somber tones as he levels his final accusations on this faith of more than a billion people around the world. This false religion serves as Satan's means to present "a false path to Paradise" when Jesus Himself is the "only way to heaven"; He alone is the one true God; "Christ is the only savior on the planet!"

Thus does he echo Osama and Eitam in the absolute-ness, no, the infallibility of his belief. "Islam," he cries, "says Christ did not die on the cross and he is not divine."

But, strangely enough, he does not condemn the Jewish faith for similar beliefs. He can't. His need to convince his faithful that Revelation demands the existence of the Israeli state if the rapture is to ensue re-

quires that he support the Israeli state as God's means of fulfilling His prophecy.

Ironically, Hagee does not make public, especially to the Jewish community, that the consequences resulting from the fulfillment of Revelation's prophecies would save only 144,000 Jews, leaving the remaining millions to eternal perdition. With friends like Hagee, who needs enemies!

Monotheism breeds men who wish to bed with God, to bathe themselves in His glory the better to reveal to all how blessed they are in the eyes of the Almighty.

Since God communicates with humans only through a chosen few--Moses, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Mohammad--and, conveniently, only in abstruse words and images, these men become the conduits of His meaning.

They, like the CIA, must intercept and interpret God's meaning. They, like the CIA, can surreptitiously maneuver political forces to do their will by guaranteeing thousands of votes, thousands of dollars, and allegiance to policies that support their agenda.

They, like the CIA, can effect regime change and control governments; witness Sharon's coalition, the Iranian Islamic state, and the Bush regime's dependence on the Christian right-wing Zionists. And they, like the CIA, must be investigated!

The havoc currently wrenching the United States, Israel, and Iraq arises as much from faith based fanatics in all three religions as it does from political drives motivated by acquisition of natural resources and dominance of geographical areas to insure ultimate power.

These fanatics resort to documents 1300 to 2500 years old, documents relevant to their time, and use them to manufacture relevance in the 21st century.

The metaphorical narratives of these ancient documents, designed originally to represent the interaction of tribes with the forces of nature, how to live in a community with respect to social, economic, and political realities, and how to understand the energies that conflict within our beings, become, in the rantings of these madmen, reality today despite the intrusion of



science, reason, technological advances, and hundreds of years of political change.

In the process, they must negate the simple yet elegant teachings of those faiths that give promise to the potential of human harmony.

Here, in the words of Theodore Parker (in 1841), as he dismantled organized religion that “feters a man” in favor of the spirit that Christ taught, a spirit equally at home in the Jewish tradition and the Islamic, reside the permanent truths that express the fullness of the human spirit:

“(That spirit) is absolute, pure morality; absolute pure religion, - the love of man; the love of God acting without let or hindrance.

The only creed it lays down is the great truth which springs up spontaneous in the holy heart -- there is a God.

Its watchword is, Be perfect as your Father in heaven. The only form it demands is a divine life, -- doing the best thing in the best way, from the highest motives; perfect obedience to the great law of God.

Its sanction is the voice of God in your heart; the perpetual presence of him who made us. Examine the particular duties it enjoins, - humility, reverence, sobriety, gentleness, charity, forgiveness, fortitude, resignation, faith, and active love summed up in the command, ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself’

The end seems to be to make all men one with God. It allows perfect freedom. It does not demand all men to think alike, but to think uprightly not all men to live alike, but to live holy”

Faith based fanatics offer no humility, only arrogance, no reverence only hypocrisy, no gentleness only castigation, no charity only self-indulgence, no forgiveness only condemnation, no faith only fear, and no love only hate.

They represent a small minority of the believers who find refuge in these faiths.

Of the adult population in the U.S. and Canada, 75% are Christians, and of that number only 35% are born again and of that number even a smaller percent are Evangelical Christian Zionists of the Robertson/ Pastor Hagee stripe that exhort our nation to take up arms against the infidels.

Each of these fanatical groups demands exclusivity for their membership, an exclusivity that turns plowshares into swords.

By contrast, those who heed the spirit of faith understand in the words of the Psalmist, “Publish His glory among all nations. His marvellous works among all peoples”(96:3).

“Mohammad preached a message that was intensely democratic. He was insisting that in the sight of the Lord all peoples were equal.” (Houston Smith, Islam). A Creator does not destroy His creation without destroying Himself. No minister, rabbi, or mullah should preach destruction; it is anathema to the purpose of religion.

Hearken to the words of Yonathan Shapira, an Israeli pilot who refuses to fly. He bases his refusal on two of the basic values of the Israeli Defense Forces, only one of which I will cite here:

“Human Dignity: The IDF and its soldiers are obliged to honor human dignity. Each human being should be respected, regardless of his race, creed, nationality, gender, status or his social role.”

Nothing taught by Gush Emunim appears in this statement; yet it is Effi Eitam and his like that control Sharon’s coalition.

Where is the investigation that will expose this reality?

The vast majority of Jews hear Yonathan’s plea, but it is Sharon’s savagery that speaks in their name. “Islam’s religious revivalists often express alienation and anger about the ‘ravages’ of secularism, perceived amorality, and the loss of ‘traditional values’ in the modern world.” (Gregorian).

Osama and his ilk carry out that anger demanding of their followers an uncompromising adherence to a rigid, literal interpretation of the Quran, forgetting

that there are a multitude of interpretations, with that of the Sunnies dependent on reason and not unquestioned faith.

And they represent the majority of Muslims.

No unified religions exist; there are 19 major religions in the world with more than 270 large religious groups including 34,000 separate Christian groups.

Such diversity requires separation of church and state. And that is why Jefferson found organized religion a threat to democracy; religion is not by nature tolerant especially when more than one claims they have access to the one true God.

Now if these men have incited their congregations to overlook the deception of the Bush administration as it brought America to an unjust war, if they insert their warmongering views in pulpit, TV programs, and politics, have they no responsibility for the consequences of their acts?

If they cannot demonstrate the source of their interpretations that served as a base for their allegations demanding Bush and America complete God's prophecy, should they not be brought before the courts for inciting mayhem and levied appropriate damages to pay for the havoc they generated?

And should not Bush demand the same of Sharon and his coalition since his brutality against the Palestinians is considered the major source of terrorism in the world and has made America a target of that hatred?

Perhaps a little intelligence on this matter would bring to light how an administration can be coerced into a foreign policy built on superstition and fear.

## **THE CURE FOR WAR** by DEEPAK CHOPRA

*Presentation made to the Cinema for Peace project, a week after the Iraqi invasion.*

**I am privileged to help inaugurate Cinema for Peace.** A few moments ago, the thought occurred to me - Is it naive of us to be here in this little gather-

ing of private people to be talking about peace when if you go into another room here and switch on the television set, you'll be seeing the devastation of a city that has its origins many thousand years ago, part of ancient Babylon, the birthplace of civilization - is it very childish of us to presume that since human beings are by nature violent and vicious, at least on the basis of all historical evidence available to us, that we can hope with even an iota of a rationality or sanity, that it possible to create a peace consciousness in the world?

I read sometime ago a remark by Arthur Miller and I am going to paraphrase it as I don't know the exact words that he used, but what he said amounted to the following: He said that as human beings we have such a deep longing for meaning and purpose that it is almost unthinkable for us, it is intolerable for us to think that society and its leaders and world governments have lost their minds - so we deny the evidence!

But if you look at our origins, even though we were spawned in the cauldrons of interstellar gases and primordial seas, billions of years ago and even though the Universe is 15 billion years old and planet earth is only about three-and-a-half billion years old, human beings have been around for only 100,000s years. So we are a very young species, not even in our infancy.

And, if you look at the record of human behavior throughout history there is a lot of violence. People have romantic ideas about ancient Greece and its great civilization; when we think of Greece we think about Aristotle and Socrates and Plato and Pythagoras. But the majority of Greeks were barbarians. They believed in slavery. They threw handicapped children to the lions. They were sexist.

We think of India as a great civilization and as a great spiritual country because we think of Mahatma Gandhi and sages of the Upanishads. But the history of India is very violent. Indians are violent like anyone else - the only difference is, they are vegetarians!

So if you look at that, you will see that throughout history human beings have been racist, they have been bigoted and they have been ethno-eccentric and tribal. They have committed murder in the name of God. We are the only species that has devastated the ecological balance of this planet. We are depleting the mineral and timber resources of our planet; we are

rapaciously consuming fossil fuels. We have created the greenhouse effect, which is causing hurricanes and tidal waves in third world countries. We have created weapons of mass destruction.

The most powerful countries have used depleted uranium to create shell buster missiles; depleted uranium can cause leukemia in children. Plutonium, a by-product of our nuclear industries is seeping into the soil and will soon enter the food chain. We have other dangerous chemicals in the food chain.

How can we be naive enough to sit here and say; “We are going to create a peace consciousness.” And yet, I would venture to say to you that the idea for Cinema for Peace actually might be a revolutionary idea. We have lost art in our civilization. When society loses art, and it loses poetry, and it loses literature, then it gets away from reality and what we have instead is reality TV - that’s what we have right now.

If you go across this room and watch CNN news or any other of the news networks, you are watching reality TV competing for ratings - that’s what we are watching, and were it not for the fact that hundreds of thousands of people are going to be affected by this and that children are going to die, we could as well all get some popcorn, sit in bed and watch this stuff and be entertained! This is what our culture has become.

The ancient wisdom tradition of India states that the reason why human beings really suffer is that they are not in touch with reality - they are in touch with a version of reality. If you could really, really this moment be in touch with reality in its stark nakedness, if you could be in touch with reality as it is in its utter and total nakedness, then you would feel pain and anguish. You would feel the suffering of the world.

But we don’t feel that. We have created a culture and - I have to say that the media and the entertainment industry is responsible for this - we have created a culture of such utter consumerism that our notion of happiness is a brand name deodorant or a new automobile - and we think that is going to bring us closer to fulfillment so we are not able to feel our pain.

One of the definitions of “apathy” - the origin of the word “apathy” comes from the Greek word *apathea* - in Greek it means; the refusal to feel pain; the refusal or

the inability to feel pain because we have so isolated ourselves in our self indulgence and in our self constricted awareness that greed and arrogance and insolence and aggression and belligerence and unhappiness have become the norm.

We don’t know what it means to be sharing - know what it means to be tender or soft - know what it means to be humble - know what it means to not have your way all the time - know what it means to make a request instead of a demand.

And, as long as our policies of governments across the world, are based on self-interest alone and on greed, there is no hope! The nations at war and their leaders might appear to be explicit enemies but they are implicit allies. They are implicit allies in the destruction and devastation and the misery and the suffering of humanity. They are implicit allies because they are contributing to the anguish of the world.

In this situation no amount of angry activism against war is going to help because angry activism against war is anger nevertheless, and it contributes to the turbulence of the world.

If we understand that consciousness is a field, which is the new understanding that science is giving us today: then there may be some reason for hope. More than 2000 years ago Buddha said: We are inter-beings that inter-arise in the inter-ness and there is only the inter-ness.

Today scientists are telling us that our bodies are recycled dust; our body fluids are recycled waters and rivers; our breath recycled air; our emotions are recycled energies; our thoughts are recycled information; our very personalities are recycled relationships; and even our souls are reflections of every other soul.

If you cannot see your inter-beingness and only think in terms of me and mine - my economic interests, my security, then no amount of military power can give you security. It is a false premise that military strength can give us security. In fact, the more military strength there is - the more insecurity it breeds, because it has

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## **THE GIFT OF THE SACRED MASCULINE**

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The world as we know it today is built primarily on the profane masculine. This is a collection of energies which are thought to triumph over vulnerability, flexibility and creativity. No longer can this be.

As the capitalism around us collapses, what truly is falling away are the concepts built on the false masculine. What is arising are collectives of conscious creation, based on the very ideals that the profane businesses abhorred.

On the inside, we each are shedding these same bonds of the false masculine. They appear to us as beliefs about who we are and how we ought to relate to others. They haunt us as the 'shoulds' and 'ought to' that we hear. Our primary task at hand is to allow ourselves to hear these words, these sensations, and ask ourselves if obeying them truly lets us be the servant of creation that we came here to be.

The sacred masculine is arising within each of us. In women it is the power to survive, and to feel worthy of life. In men it is the strength to forgive. Odd isn't it, that the same quality has such different manifestations?

Living as we do in a world of polarity and paradox, we draw life-force from the continuum which lies between any two truths. That is to say, we live in the space between opposites, and in so doing, we draw the power of each truth into our lives. It isn't the dynamic of tension that we live upon, but the dynamic of change. As we grow deeper and deeper into each truth, and its opposite truth, we change.

The power that reveals itself as both worthiness and

forgiveness is that which comes from the masculine face of God. Only when we stand in the spiritual side of ourselves can we feel forgiveness. Only when we stand in this same spiritual place within ourselves do we feel worthy of life.

Strange isn't it, that two such different qualities come from the same source? But look closely within your heart, and you will experience how they meet in the middle ground.

Several years ago the power of the sacred masculine began to be felt in the earth. Because we know it as a primarily secular or worldly energy, we tended as a nation to translate it into what we knew. So as more sacred masculine energy came to the planet, we used it to 'make stuff' and 'to do things'. Now the question is, how can we 'make' and 'do' in a sacred manner, honoring the spiritual nature of this energy?

Even a decade ago this very thought would have seemed insane. Why question the ability to control nature, to make or do anything? Now we are more in tune and in touch with the multiple layers of the earth's ecological balance, as well as with the delicate political processes outworking across the globe.

The balance of power does not lie in our hands, but in our hearts. Our abilities to heal the planet are internal. As we each embrace the power of our own sacred masculine energies, we offer a remembrance to others of a similar balance with spirit.

Judgment is a symptom of profane or worldly masculine energies. Fear may be a symptom of worldly feminine energies. Neither will create a sacred outcome.

The gift of the sacred masculine energies is the appearance of the sacred human. The sacred human knows that power is the inevitable result of alignment with his or her own spirit, and knows compassion as a life force and a doorway to reach others.

Love is the action and natural result of the union of the sacred masculine and sacred feminine qualities within each of us. It is this fusion of male and female, of two opposing truths, that allows us to live in the space between. Here, in the in-between space, lies our

ability to love ourselves. And as we love ourselves, the ability for others to love is awakened.

As a race of spiritual beings we are called to look upon one another with compassion and empathy. As a person, each of us is called to look within, to behold the ways in which we are constricting our own abilities to honor the voice of our sacred masculine and feminine natures.

As we sit more firmly into these qualities within, the world will reflect what we have done. To heal the planet, to heal anything external to ourselves, we must heal that same issue inside of ourselves.

How would you feel if a group of your friends got together and decided what was best for you? Day after day they would send you gifts and messages telling you what to do and when to do it.

In many ways this is the experience we have when anyone 'sends' love and light. While the senders mean well, their idea of what love and light is limits the energy that is actually available coming to us. The broad spectrum of creation, the two opposite poles of Truth, are narrowed down to whatever the sender believes is appropriate for us. As a result, the person or situation is often smothered with good intentions. But these are not necessarily helpful energies.

Somewhat like a bonfire out of control, the energies of the sacred masculine unleashed on earth burn quickly through dry leaves. The area where the energy is the most intense is where it is most needed. Sending light and love is like placing mounds of newspaper on the fire. It may seem to quell the flames for a while, but in time the newspaper becomes fodder for the fire, and it erupts even larger and stronger than before.

So too the sending of energy into any situation will tend to quiet the emotional or political storm, only to have it erupt again later. The energies that were sent as light and love get pulled into the situation and literally become a part of the fire. These energies then must be processed out in the situation. As a result a small situation may grow larger and larger over time, never quite resolving.

Here is the gift of the sacred masculine to our planet

at this time. Rather than continue to use our power of prayer as a tool to create what we believe that we want externally, we are offered the chance to create what we desire for ourselves.

When we create something for ourselves we are not being selfish. Rather, we are exhibiting the quality of a sacred creator – we create without enforcing our desires on another. We create because it is our heart's desire to create something. And strangely enough, when we do this we enter the universal dance with others who are creating alongside of us.

When we create purely out of our own desire, we always create out of the desire of spirit. When we create out of the desire of spirit, how can we create something not in perfect order with the creation of another spiritual being?

The gift of the sacred masculine is to allow us to dwell in a sense of humility, achieved through forgiveness, which allows the sacred feminine to enter into us. And with this, we see ourselves as worthy of the sacred power that we truly wield.

My love, power, and honor to all who read this,  
-Norma Gentile (with help from my guide, Amano)

## **EPILOGUE TO THE MASCULINE ERA**

*By Daniel Raphael, Ph.D.*

These are exciting times for the world. The character, feeling, and the mood of the world are changing.

Let me help you see and feel that same image. Imagine that you are on a small boat at sea. You see and feel the waves, even the big rollers, as you are tossed about in your little dinghy. Yet, the mighty and far more powerful influence of the moon and sun go unnoticed. Your boat raises and lowers with imperceptible movement. You are unaware of the awesome changes in elevation that are going on around you.

What is occurring in the world on the spiritual plane is nearly the same. The author is only a clanging buoy and this article is only a wind vane swinging to the in-

fluence of new, fresh spiritual winds that waft through this planet. I see many parallels between the growth and maturity of an individual's spirituality and that of this planet's civilizations.

For individuals, there are ups and downs, setbacks and advances, growth and decay, decadence, and aspiring spirituality. It is not much different for civilizations. The hope for both is that each would mature at all levels over the years, decades, centuries, and millennia and come to develop and express their inherent potential. Eventually, consciously.

Going back in time thousands of years, man walked away from his Earth Mother to make his own home, his own life, choosing his occupations according to his needs. This was the beginning of The Masculine Era. The "time of man." Not woman.

It has been the chore of man to wrest a living from Mother Earth, not by living in the trees but by felling the trees to make lumber to build shelters. It has taken the brute force of men to conquer the physical world, and hurl his population over the planet by the force and power of his physical body and by his assertive, aggressive will.

Billions of us are now witnessing and often personally experiencing, the external and internal turmoil that grips individuals and cultures as the Masculine Era comes to an end. The turmoil is personal and cultural because it involves a loss of identity and a way of doing business that has been familiar to the world since the beginnings of civilization. Man, individually and as a class, is becoming aware that he is in transition in the world. But, as yet, he has not figured out to what extent this transition will affect him.

Like drunken brawlers, man continues to compete in the world at the expense of the planet, crippling and maiming bystanders as he wrestles a living from the Earth. He is about to pull the actual roof of the world down upon himself.

What is next? Years of transition from the dominating influence of the masculine to the persuasive and persistently assertive influence of the feminine. The transition years will give way to the Feminine Era. The transition years began with the Feminist Move-

ment in the 1960's. It has made tremendous changes in social consciousness, values, and personal behaviors.

How did this occur? Quite simply by individuals changing their concept about "the place" of women in the world. Slowly men and women are realizing that there are no polarized positions of "him and her," but of "us."

Women must become more assertive to replace the competitive, driving need for power and authority of men. There must develop an assertive consciousness of the feminine in all individuals. The power and mystique of the feminine and masculine already exist in each of us often as an undeveloped potential, which if used would make each of us more whole and complete as a person.

The feminine character and perspective will be necessary for the management of businesses, nations, and the world. Those men who continue to maintain the bravado of the macho male and do not grasp and use their own inherent feminine qualities may easily feel that they are being left out of the play of civilization, the business of governing, and commerce.

Brash masculine behavior, whether by males or females, will soon be obviously unproductive, even counter-productive. Competition that is pandemic, the sin quo non of "real men," will be replaced with cooperation and coordination, so that there will be no losers -- all winners -- in most situations.

I use "man" and "woman" rather loosely in this Epilogue. There are millions of females behaving as males in man's world. Women who ride the career ladder of public office and business often "out man" their malepeers. Men often call these women "ball busters" and castrating females whose behavior would be reluctantly condoned if it were done by another male -- considered as part of the competitive action that surrounds his seemingly instinctual need to vie for power, dominance, and control.

We are entering a time in the development of our civilization where it is time for woman to tame and conquer the unruly nature of civilization with its unruly societies, governments, businesses, and value systems. In the early millennia, the world was like a wild horse



that needed to be broken by a physically strong person -- man. Now it is ready to be trained by a physically weaker, but determined woman to till the soil.

In these transition years, we are in the midst of evolving from the barbarously primitive state of rugged individualism to the appreciation that the power of evolved individualism and personal spirituality has to effect change in the world. The evolved individual is a latent potential that can only be energized and actualized through the efforts of communities of individuals coming from functional families. There, the individual can express his and her potential -- proactively cooperating and coordinating their efforts in communities of individuals.

She is already good at the skills of cooperating and coordinating, and knows that in order to become more, she and he must share more of herself with others. And in doing so, she will redefine "civilization." As with love, she knows that when power is shared (not given away) she becomes more powerful. This is unfamiliar ground for most who have ruled in the Masculine Era, yet ironically is ground that has been worked by some of the most profoundly effective leaders in history.

Men who wish to excel in this new era must strive to take on the best traits of the feminine, which come so easily and naturally to women. She provides a model for social balance that only men of exception have been able to emulate. The transition years will give way to "the age of woman," the Feminine Era.

Now that man with his strong body and aggressive nature has tamed the frontiers and conquered the mountains, rivers, and seas, it is his turn to watch and learn from his helpmate. She has stood by, not idly, not patiently, but expectantly, as a woman in pregnancy knows there is much to look toward, much at stake, and a new life to come. She nurtures not only herself, but also the one to come.

The Feminine Era has been brought forth as such, from man and woman. Feminine aspects of our civilization, technologies, and cultures that already exist will remain. Those aspects of our civilization that carry the qualities of the feminine to create, care for, nourish, and tend will grow in influence in these transition years. We are beginning to see some of the

results that this renaissance period is bringing to our world.

For example, we can already see when we combine the best effects of the masculine with the effect of the feminine, that farming in gentle and nurturing ways is able to thrive and replace punitive ways of producing abundance from the earth.

Sharing traditional roles is becoming much more common, also. Today, couples, who are parents for the first time, have to explain to the other what they mean when they say they are going to "the nursery," for a nursery is also a greenhouse, a garden, and conservatory, as well as a room for infants, daycare center, playroom, and kindergarten. There is plenty of room for both men and women to tend our planet and its children in productive, creative, and prospering ways.

The spirituality of the world is changing by taking on feminine qualities with its inherent co-creative functions. In the Feminine Era women and men can become co-creators with other individuals, and ultimately understand and use their co-creative energies to bring a co-creative world age into existence; to ultimately become co-creators of the world with the Spiritual Guardians of our planet.

How will this change take place? It is already occurring. I continue to see the threads of the future being woven inextricably into the fabric of today. If only more of us could see these threads, we would see how the future is being produced from the weavers of today. We are all weavers! The threads are the choices we make every day as to how we will live and what we want of our tomorrows.

We needn't be surprised with the quality of fabric that the future delivers! It depends upon how well we are able to express our innate, combined feminine-masculine-spiritual natures. Ego-centeredness is selfish and me-oriented while loving, co-creativity considers all as the center.

Ignorance of choice is often a protective barrier to the consequences that follow. Civilization is ignorant of consequences made by individuals who have the power of decision for making choices. Individuals make choices but are ignorant of the consequences of their

contribution to their civilization and world. The individual's lifetime perspective is too brief to overcome their short sightedness. This circle of ignorance can only be broken when individuals appreciate their self-worth and the significance of their actions over a lifetime of small decisions.

Now that millions of us are aware of the consequences, it is past time to amend our destructive ways and get on with the business of nurturing, caring for, and cherishing our planetary home. It will be woman who will teach this to man. The sooner each man accepts the feminine side of himself the less suffering he will experience in the Feminine Era.

Slowly, men and women are realizing, too, as they did as children, that there are no polarized positions of man and woman, but a common "us," just as there are no polarized positions between "us" and the Creator, but a common spiritual co-creative oneness. We gain more personal power and control of our world when we accept the combined feminine and masculine sides of our self. And this combined personal power is multiplied when we accept the combined power of our personal, unique spiritual nature with the spiritual presence of the Creator, in each of us.

In the decades and centuries ahead, the combined aspects of masculine and feminine sides will become part of the expression of the best character and influence of both woman and man working in close harmony in the home, in governance, in business, and in play.

Each of us has the same intimacy of our own personal spirit with the Creator as we have the same intimacy of the feminine and masculine aspects of our personalities. There is no separation between either our masculine and feminine nature or our spiritual nature and the Creator, unless we say there is. There is no escape from this connection, and can only be transformed by breaking the circle of ignorance that there is separation between us, individually, and all else.

This is a connection of oneness in all planes. The intimate connection between the body of the individual and the body of the earth is almost imperceptible. We are intimately connected to our material planet, for our bodies have their material origins from the nutri-

ents of the soil and plants. Our bodies replicate the mineral content of the earth; our blood replicates the water of the oceans. It remains for us to appreciate this intimacy and develop new theologies and beliefs about the Creator and Mother Earth that reflect this oneness, and see that there is no separation from either.

When we understand this oneness, we will express our lives in ways that promote completion and wholeness in our relationships with the Creator, ourselves, our families and mates, and our planet. Then we will have begun The Era of Family.

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## **TAKING LEAVE OF THE PERSONAL GOD ... and embracing a Cosmic Consciousness**

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A personal God is an idea whose time has come .... and gone. In the wake of all the troubles it has brought to us throughout the centuries, and particularly in recent years, is it now time to move onto a vision of the Divine that is better suited to reality?

The notion of the personal God arose with our prehistoric ancestors. It was a convenient way to describe a complex, and often very harsh, world. The personal gods were many in number, as evidenced by the numerous pantheons of divinities from ancient Egypt to modern India.

The concept of a single masculine personal God, although prefigured by the Aton of Pharaoh Akhenaton, seems to have come to the fore largely through Judaism, and then through Christianity and Islam. Hinduism also adopted the idea that the many gods in its pantheon are actually the different faces of ONE god. However, although the pantheon gods are personal, the ultimate God from which they derive, the Brahman, is not.

However, the idea that the universe and the human race were created by a personal God gives rise to many theoretical and practical problems. The most obvious one, discussed frequently in Christianity, is: why does God allow suffering? In its wider sense, the question might be asked: why is the world the way it is, i.e. so very terrible?

Christianity answers with the words “Devil”, “Free Will”, “Sin”, and ultimately “Salvation.” However, none of this is very satisfactory when examined closely. The saying, “A bad workman always blames his tools” comes to mind. After all, God made us, did he not? And with omniscient knowledge, he must surely have known exactly what was going to happen.

Indeed, this leads onto theological ideas of Good and Evil. In all three of the Abrahamic family of religions, Evil is regarded as abnormal and definitely NOT the will of God. Hence, Death, which is arguably Evil’s ultimate manifestation, is also considered highly unnatural (but ultimately redeemable, whether through the blood of Christ or faith in Allah etc.). Yet, the very idea is absurd. How can there be an up without a down, or a left without a right, or a coin with only one side?

Death, we now know, is INTEGRAL to life. If the old and wasted cells in your body refused to die to make room for new ones, you would literally face a fate worse than death! In Nature, everything EATS everything! A lion might very well lie down with a lamb one day (in fact, they can do so right now, when they are not hungry), but could it still be called a lion if it transforms into a vegetarian in Paradise? Indeed, for lions, tigers and crocodiles to be carnivores at all, and kill for their own survival, you would have to propose that after the fall of Man, the Devil had to redesign the whole of the animal kingdom! After all, if the personal God did not design these aggressive predatory animals just as they are, who did?

This is partly why the three Middle Eastern religions have a relatively difficult time describing Paradise; a place where evil does not exist. Christianity would have us doing nothing but singing God’s praises all day (honestly...how dull!). Islam seems to hold that Paradise is more of the good life; basically, “wine, women and song”! But wouldn’t we get bored with all

that after awhile? Many people already are.

Each religion tries to imagine an ideal world, where evil does not exist. Yet, they completely fail to deliver the goods in a manner that can excite or convince us.

The personal God is itself a massive contradiction. For someone to have a “personality” in any meaningful sense, they must surely be time-based. For a God who operates completely outside of Time, i.e. in Eternity, it is impossible to conceive how personality could function.

In the Bible, we learn that God can be pleased or angered, saddened or elated. But given that we operate within the sphere of time and he/she does not, does this imply that God is ETERNALLY angry with the Exodus Jews for their worship of the Golden calf?! If so, how can we, mere finite mortal beings, produce permanent modifications in the infinite eternal God-head?

It is also hard to think of a “personality” who is sexless. Hence, God has traditionally been male (although in prehistoric times, God was female: the Mother Goddess). Christianity has reinforced this further with words like “Father” and “Son”; both male images. Is it any wonder, therefore, that women have systematically been ill-treated and regarded as second-class human beings by those religions that have adopted this male God? They are blamed for the Fall of Man in Book One, and it basically goes downhill from there! Islamic veils. Medieval witch trials. No women priests. The list goes on and on.

In practical terms, the notion of the Personal God has wrought tremendous chaos throughout world history. The three religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam are at each others’ throats, which has led to the loss of countless millions of lives. The reason is not too hard to find. Clearly, the one Personal God has chosen to present his truth in mutually contradictory ways, and each time has also incorporated a failsafe system for large-scale destruction by (a) declaring that all competing revelations are the work of Satan and (b) his TRUE revelation must be spread to all corners of the globe through religious conversion AND, if necessary, war with “Satan’s forces” (i.e. the faithful of other religions). This creates a neat closed circle within the



minds of the zealous, that completely prevents them from ever understanding, and hence respecting, the point of view of other faiths. After all, why cavort with the Devil?

Some brief examples will suffice...

In Judaism, you can go right back to the founding of Israel. On the orders of God, a war of genocide was carried out by putting to death every man, woman and child in the land of Canaan. Interestingly, the chosen people proved to be more merciful than their God, failing to deliver on the last part of this bloodbath, and hence God was understandably livid! Doubtless, he had never heard of racial/religious tolerance.

In Islam, despite the recent attention given to “Islamic Fundamentalists,” we should not forget that the very religion of Islam was originally spread through the work of such “fanatics.” If you doubt this, you only have to visit India. There is an amazing lack of Hindu temples in the north, which was subject to the Moslem invasion, compared to the south, which the Moslems never penetrated. Arguably, modern day Moslem moderates could NEVER have gotten the new religion off the ground, let alone spread it across the whole of the known world in the space of a few generations.

As for Christianity, it is intriguing that more Christians were killed by EACH OTHER in the early centuries of the Christian Roman Empire than were killed in ALL the previous Roman persecutions put together! Moreover, although it is generally believed that Paganism quietly died out in the face of the “superiority” of Christianity, the actual fact is that Pagans were forcibly exterminated under the order of the fanatical Christian Emperor Theodosius, in a persecution that bears favorable comparison to Nazi Germany. Temples were torn down, idols were dragged out into the streets and destroyed, and people were simply killed for their beliefs. That is how Christianity finally triumphed over Paganism.

By contrast with all this, it is hard to locate a single war fought in the name of Buddhism or Taoism; faiths that do not possess the notion of a personal God. How can they go to war when there is no personal God to tell them to do so, and hence no historical justification for future wars either?

However, it would be mistaken to believe, as many do, that traditions without a personal God are essentially atheistic. Both acknowledge the existence of Cosmic Intelligence. However, the latter is considered to be beyond conception and beyond name. It is not personal, but rather transcends personality and description. As the opening line of the Tao Te Ching says: “The Tao that can be spoken of is NOT the Eternal Tao”.

The ideology that prevails in a society really does determine its mode of behavior. In both the Middle East and the West, we are ruled by this notion of a personal God. Hence, the actions we take must be, at least partially, due to this deep-seated belief.

If you believe (and have scriptures that support this belief) that your God encourages war under the “right circumstances,” and even engages in wanton acts of destruction himself at appropriate instances, then it will not be long before you have an excuse to do the same.

Bob Dylan’s ironically titled song, “With God On Our Side” illustrates the fact that in any conflict, both protagonists believe that God supports THEM. The classic example of this is the so-called “war on terrorism” right now. On one side you have a US President telling you that this is a war of Good against Evil, and Good will prevail. On the other side, you have Islamic extremists, who are perfectly willing to die for their God in order to strike a blow at what they consider to be the “Great Satan,” Ironically, each side worships the SAME God!

It does seem that Science is revealing a universe permeated with intelligence at every level; complex beyond human conception, and with purposes than no human mind can fathom. Cosmic Intelligence is indeed everywhere around us. However, it need not be considered “personal” in any way.

By adopting a viewpoint like this, which places no limits on God because it places no definition upon it, we avoid all the negative consequences of the personal God. You cannot go to war for Cosmic Intelligence, because the latter does not reveal itself through scriptures, choose one nation over another as its favorite, or order the obliteration of the infidels.

The paradox of suffering, and the apparent existence

of Good and Evil, is also resolved. We now see the universe as a cosmic dance of forces that must both necessarily exist.

The symbol of the Yin-Yang is appropriate here; a small hint of dark within the light, and a small hint of light within the dark. Each is inseparably intertwined within the other. No longer do we need to ask absurd questions such as “Why does a good God permit suffering?” The paradox is created by the assumptions of the questioner.

Rather, we should seek the higher perspective of Cosmic Consciousness from which all apparent dualities cease to exist. We see suffering and evil now only because we perceive ourselves to be (a) separate, (b) finite and (c) mortal; none of which are actually true.

Hence the answer to the above question would be, “There is no PERSONAL God to permit suffering (or anything else for that matter), and there is no suffering when viewed from the perspective of Cosmic Consciousness”.

A personal God served our ancestors and helped them survive in a complex and incomprehensible world. However, the world of the 21st century is a very different place. The personal God is a carry-over from the past, and the suffering it causes is evident for those who have eyes to see. If we did not already cherish this conception so dearly, it is extremely unlikely it could ever have originated from scratch in the modern world.

The human race is hopefully moving into a new phase of spiritual evolution, in a united world of mutual understanding and cultural cooperation. The concept of transcendent Cosmic Intelligence serves us better than the personal God ever did. To paraphrase the words of St. Paul: “When I was a child, I thought like a child. But now, let me put away childish things...”

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## **TRUTH: THE GREAT BOON BEYOND THE LITTLE SELF**

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Wherever possible we should do what we find uplifting, what gives us a sense of real purpose. We should follow our joy, for in joy there is happiness, and where there is happiness, spontaneous and spirited service will naturally flow from a full and loving heart.

Let us, then, do whatever makes the heart sing, and if ever we should find that our heart is out of tune, then perhaps there is a new song to learn. The True Path is never dull, for as we serve, we also learn. The greatest teacher will inevitably be the best student, and it is well known to such a one that the rate of learning is much enhanced upon the path of loving service.

When aspirants opt to do that which helps the divine Purpose, they are rewarded by a progressive revelation of spiritual reality, which is afforded them due to their enlightened decision. The result is the automatic construction of an ethereal bridge between the Divine and the individual, and every step forward upon that Great Road leading from darkness to light is preparing the way for the next and higher step, drawing ever closer to the sacred mountain-top and the great leap beyond into transcendent and shining glory.

When we begin to walk the True Path we clearly see that it is the Greater Self - the divine Spirit - which is actually in command, and not the personality. Due to their past identification with the separated ego and its self-created worldly illusions, many spiritual aspirants have unwittingly turned away from a true friend and guide - their very own divine Spirit - which has ever been whispering gently and silently to them in its natural predilection to serve the world by way of their personality, patiently waiting for recognition and right response. The all-knowing, all-loving Spirit of Creation will always illumine the mind and heart of one who acts and works in accordance with its wise adjudication, and to follow that Spirit wherever it may indicate is to walk the Lighted Way.

When we follow the natural urge of our innermost being and thus give of ourselves sincerely in

helpfulness and in love, the Light of the Spirit is enkindled within us and we know that we are doing something right and good. In genuine service to other manifestations of the One Life, divine Love is bound by cosmic law to manifest, and it is through selfless charity that we may claim our rightful spiritual legacy: the realization and expression of our own latent divinity.

If there ever was one solution to absolutely every problem throughout mankind's history, all the way up to the present, and on into Eternity, it must surely be . . . . serve, and keep serving; give, and never stop giving. For it is in giving that we receive; such is the promise of the insuperable Law of Recompense that returns to the giver many times more than that which they originally gave from a loving heart.

The True Path is certain to lead the devout from the very darkest areas of life into those of empyreal radiance. The purpose, fulfillment, expanding revelation, ever-deepening joy and emancipation upon the road that rises up through all the luminous worlds of Spirit will be known to the one who serves others selflessly. That complete, intelligent and unconditional devotion and one-pointedness of mind that mark the awakened servant of all, provides a refuge in a world of turmoil, and he is as happy as he is divinely inspired to remain upon his chosen path until he arrives at that guaranteed liberation which culminates in complete equanimity, unalloyed peace and perfect holiness.

For such a spiritual victor, it is the Truth which has become his savior: the only savior; it is the Truth that is his polestar leading homeward, while service is his sure means of return. The Truth is his valid passport back to the Blessed Land, and ensures all happy travelers of their final release from enslavement to all worldly delusions. Truth - experienced wholly only in service to others - is to every wayfarer of life the only worthy nourishment for the personal spirit; it evinces Love in the one who serves, which is refreshing and all-satisfying to the thirsting soul, and comforting to the yearning heart.

Truth fills the one who is empty; in revealing divine promise, it restores hope and inspiration to the one who has become lost in a confused world, and it frees the person who is in bondage to self. Truth is

the light at the end of the dark tunnel of all illusions born of the lower self. Every joy springs from the One Great Joy that is Truth. To seek and to find the Truth is the sole purpose of existence; it is the only spiritually worthwhile reality to live or to die for. As an everlasting, eternal spring, Truth forever flows inexorably throughout all Creation with the single intention of seeking to reveal its heart, which is Love, and this it does most perfectly in service to others.

As we offer ourselves up in service to the world, selflessly and unconditionally as surrendered instruments of the divine Will, we shall witness in reposed delight as the Great Boon beyond all limitation manifests in our lives as surely as the early sun smiles upon a fresh spring morning on a clear new day. Such a natural event is an inevitable result that we shall bring about by our inspired dedication to the good of all.

By law, holy Revelation will evince itself as a corollary of that true understanding that we have now integrated into our lives; the ineffable joy of expanding spiritual emancipation will be realised due to our right attitude; and Heaven's ever-unfolding splendor will become an eternally-assured reality for us in accord with our wise resolution to love all equally.

*"Whosoever would become great among you shall be your servant."* - Mark 10:43

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## **GODS ALSO DIE**

By John Brand, D.Min., J.D.

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(YellowTimes.org) – My suspicion about the death of gods became confirmed in the latter part of September 1998 when my wife and I visited Vienna, Austria. I took her to see the great Karlskirche, a magnificent Baroque church.

I often visited that church in the 1930s. The side altars were always aglow from the light of hundreds of votive candles lit by the faithful at the shrine of their favorite saints. The flickering lights bathed the nave with a soft glow. A lingering scent of incense, left

behind from a hundred masses, filled the church with a mysterious presence of The Other. A priest scurrying through the transept added an authoritative mark communicating in the stillness of the church that this was, indeed, a holy place.

Some 60 years later, on that September day, a few lonely candles kept a forlorn watch in front of the images of the saints. Gone was the aura of mystery and awe. There were more tourists, visiting the church as though it were a museum, than there were worshippers on their knees before their god. There was no sense of a holy presence. Only the reminiscence of a world lost long ago flooded over me. I experienced the same sense of the loss of The Other while visiting the St. Rochus church in Vienna's Third District. Both churches were relics of what once was vital and alive but now seemed to be sepulchers of a dead god.

A visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral only heightened the sense that even that venerable church had become more of a museum than a symbol of the presence of the divine.

It dawned on me that gods do indeed die. We are living in a time of a wake for god. Thus, it has always been in the history of humankind. We worship our gods. They die and others gods take their places.

Mighty Zeus, once believed to have reigned from Mt. Olympus, has been reduced to nothing more than a mythological figure from classical antiquity. We know Zeus never really existed. None of the ancient gods or goddesses ever actually lived. They were only abstract ideas. It is a shame that Astarte, the Canaanite fertility goddess, is not alive today. A statue depicts her with seventy breasts. She was the wife of the Canaanite Chief God El and bore him 70 little sub-gods. I guess she had a nipple for each one of her offspring. With the male penchant for female breasts, Astarte might win every beauty contest in America.

I am sure John Ashcroft is glad that she was not behind him when he spoke in front of a bare-breasted statue of Justice. At a cost of \$8,000 to shroud one measly mammary gland, taxpayers would have had to shell out \$560,000 to cover Astarte to protect American morality.

Gods and goddesses come and go. Odin, Frigga, Ce-

res, Persephone, Marduk, Timat, Xpiyacoc, Xmucane, and many more gods are all dead and gone. All were worshipped with sincerity and devout piety by countless thousands. To have suggested to these humble, although bloodthirsty, folks that these gods were mere figments of their imaginations would have caused them to kill the messenger.

Who is America's god today? What is the status of our god whose name is printed on every single dollar bill, marked on every coin, plastered on placards, bumper stickers, and even T-shirts? Do we not proudly proclaim his name when we swear allegiance to our flag? Who is the god whose life and mighty deeds are proclaimed in the Bible?

The existence of a thousand different and differing churches, sects, denominations, assemblies, fellowships, etc. provides a mute witness that there is no agreement about the nature of the biblical god.

We say that we worship the god of the Bible. But money and power are the gods of our civilization! Where is god when corporations cook their books in order to show a bigger profit? Where is the god of the Bible when corporate lackeys, posing as the elected representative of the people, pass laws enabling corp-greed to inflate the value of their stocks? Where is god when individuals find ways of cheating on their income taxes?

When push comes to shove, who is Kenny Boy's god? Todd Geiger, a former energy trader, in a story appearing in the Houston Chronicle, December 16, 2002, admitted that traders provided false information in order to push up natural gas prices. Who is their god?

Most of the rest of us join in the adoration of the greenbacks in our wallets. Most of us are members of the choir along with politicians, business tycoons, and the Wall Street Journal adoring the god of Mammon. Profits, stock options, corporate mergers, and R.O.I.'s, are the names of our gods.

We grovel before the C.E.O.s, C.P.A.s, lawyers, bought legislators, et al who are the popes and priests, the parsons and preachers, the rabbis and rectors of the god of Mammon whose name is capitalism. In past centuries, the money-gods were known by different names: Imperialism, Feudalism, and Mercantilism.



They are all dead now. The god of Capitalism will also die.

Our god lives by stock frauds, insider trading, enslavement of an entire population to a disintegrating health care system, faulty manufacturing problems protected by special legislation prohibiting lawsuits for negligence, and a hundred other schemes to make our god a symbol of fiscal obesity, an emblem of monetary overindulgence. Such a deity must eventually choke to death on his own vomit or die because of a blocked bowel since all that fecal matter backs up in his intestinal tract.

The god of Eternal Youth is another postmodern deity. Plastic surgeons tuck in tummies, lift sagging breasts, bellies, buttocks, and remove face and neck wrinkles. But we know that the gods of Eternal Youth are just temporary deities. They are gods of fraud and sham. Time marches on and everything lifted will again sag. The wrinkles will return.

It used to be that women mostly worshipped that idol. Now we find men in ever increasing numbers bring their offerings to the surgeon's scalpel. Botox is the name of the new god. Yet, deep down inside, we surely know that the smiles of this god will eventually turn to the wrinkles of an old man whose death is just around the corner.

Now comes the real shocker. America really does worship the gods of the Bible! Only it is an array of gods we hardly ever recognize as the official pronouncement of the good book. While I do not believe in using the Bible as a proof-text, there are profound insights about life in that collection of 66 books written over about 1,000 years.

You know the scenario of the Adam and Eve story. The damnable snake, who really has always gotten "dissed," talked Eve into taking a bite of the fruit that God had forbidden either Adam or Eve to eat. The snake said, "...for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:3)

Eureka! That is the passage. When we claim to know good from evil, we become gods! Our heads swell, our egos inflate, our vanities explode! Isn't this the

place we have always been in human history? We profess to know absolutely what is right and wrong. The moment we make that profession, we ourselves become the gods of the universe.

With a sense of false humility, we may deny such an accusation. But when we look at our deeds and our prejudices, we know that we have set up ourselves as little gods! Like god, we sit in judgment of each other. Like god, we also execute judgment. He who does not embrace our interpretation of good is likely to be nuked, fried, gassed, and condemned to die by biological or chemical terrors. In the name of some deity, we seek to justify our blood-thirst.

But there is no such deity. We are the gods who determine the destiny of the world. It makes little difference whether we live in Washington, D.C. or in Baghdad, Iraq. We proclaim to know good from evil. That knowledge makes us think that we are the gods of universe, judging, condemning, and executing.

We could provide enough renewable energy to make Earth a Garden of Eden. We could desalinate enough seawater to flood the Sahara and make it the breadbasket for the entire world. We could learn to live in harmony and peace. But we are gods whose claim as our Fathers are gory Mars and bloody Ares. We speak ex cathedra with the air of absolute finality and, like the gods, we pronounce who shall live and who shall die. Alas, when we die, the god also dies!

The record shows that today's pathetic absolutes disintegrate with tomorrow's knowledge. Time makes ancient good uncouth. The little gods who are nothing but reflections of our hubris, our ignorance, and our inadequacies will die the moment our coffins are placed into the earth.

The world is split into warring camps not because there is an actual deity who, in an incontrovertible, incontestable, irrefutable manner, has pronounced the meaning of good and evil. The world is rent asunder because we are gods pronouncing our petty preferences as incontrovertible, incontestable, irrefutable truths. Yet, in a nanosecond of cosmic times, we shall be dead and the god we confess to be shall be six feet under the ground.

Obviously, proclaiming to be gods, we bite off a bit

more than we can really chew. The result is emotional imbalance, intellectual confusion, and mental incoherence.

President Bush is a good example of the problems we all face when we act as gods. During the presidential campaign, he averred that Jesus is his philosopher. The philosophy of Jesus is, of course, hard to define. During two millenniums of the life of the Christian Church, untold tens of thousands have been killed because of different interpretations of the text.

Yet, I think that most believers, in spite of the fact their lives do not validate their confessions, would affirm that Jesus' philosophy, if that is what you want to call it, embraces love and compassion. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you ... Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Luke 6: 27 & 31) "But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." (Mt. 5:39)

I, for one, have a hard time reconciling the President's saber-rattling with the philosophy of Jesus. One or the other god worshipped by the President is dead. If, indeed, it is true that we are really known by our deeds, then the God of love is deader than a doornail. Billions spent for "defense," tax cuts for the super rich, Kenneth Lay walking around a free man, erosion of the Bill of Rights, all provide evidence that the righteousness of God in the august halls of our government is, in fact, very dead!

The reason human history is littered with the bodies of dead gods is because we have yet to define the essential essence of our lives. The god we worship is but a mirror image of our egocentricity. Having taken a bite of the apple, we become gods and when we die, god dies along with us.

The world is a brutal place because we believe ourselves to be god, knowing good and evil. Yet all we seem to know is our self-interest. We are pathetically ignorant about the nature of Nature.

Were God alive, we would be filled with humility, we would hunger and thirst for righteousness, we would be merciful, we would be pure in heart, and we would seek the things that make for peace.

God dies as soon as you take your last breath. To move beyond good and evil releases us from the curse of being god.

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## A PRAYER

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I wiprone you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

*THANKS to Judy Nyland for passing on this prayer.*

## **THE PROPHET'S DILEMMA**

by STEFFANI MURRAY

In Old Testament days the prophecy was always delivered with an if/then clause...IF you repent you will be spared and the LORD God will bless you but IF you will not change your wicked ways THEN you will be cursed and the LORD God will destroy you.

The test of a prophet was "IF the word he speaks does NOT come to pass THEN God didn't send him and the people could stone him to death for being false.

See the dilemma .. the horns upon which he is caught IF the "hard-hearted, stiff-necked" peoples turned to God and were spared judgement?

Such a paradox might leave even a true prophet sitting up on the hill above the city, or by the seaside under a withering vine, wondering whether having effectively and successfully delivered the LORD's message and being faithful to do so would cost him his life.

Would those ungrateful penitents who acquiesced to the God's Will only under fear and duress exercise their option to kill him for being 'wrong' since they had not perished due to the LORD's wrath at their sins?

I'm sure you've heard the expression "damned if you do OR damned if you don't."

Those days upon Urantia when concurrent light and darkness was present and contended for spiritual governance upon this sphere must have been most difficult for saints and sinners alike, confusing times for mortals, midwayers and celestials.

We all ought to be duly grateful to live after the post default planetary titles of Urantia were reclaimed by Christ Michael's victorious bestowal life and his sovereign Paradise reign has been established throughout our Satania system and all Neadon.

These are wondrous experiences we are privileged to share, contact with the friendly and love-saturated souls who are our beloved teachers. IF only we could realize the magnitude of this gift THEN surely we

could learn from them how to be more kind and patient in our dealings with others ... who are now as we may have been then?

Those who have not as yet fully arrived in this place where they may also feast regularly on the "milk and honey" of these life giving, heaven sent lessons and the counsel that we are given?

Surely we have been bestowed this blessing so much greater than anything 'the world' has to offer. We have merely been asked to accept, appreciate, and use this to the benefit of everyone...

If/then has not as yet been completely purged from the pages of 'the world's' rulebook of rigid religious beliefs and false values.

We who have been delivered from the 'double bind' can help our heavenly helpers foster mankind's evolutionary growth now. Nothing grandiose needs to occur except the decisions to act in every circumstance presented in the most loving way possible. Such is the Will of God that is evident to all who honestly seek Him. This is enough to gradually transform the planet towards light and life!

None of us can do more than what he is given to do, yet all are assigned do-able and easily possible tasks daily.

Surely this is a portion of our mission, this joint project of mortals and celestials working together, to re-write those unforgiving judgments with those words of love which are felt as well as spoken.

Our Divine Parents have patiently watched over us as we "went through changes," becoming ever more ready to accept more truth and willing to hear their message in our hearts, especially that of their unconditional love, and our own worthiness as faith-sons blessed to have the Pilot Light of the Father's Adjuster presence within with Whom we may always commune.

We may be "only human" but we have the potential to become so much more like Our Father in the way that is open to us. Most of the teachers can serve as mentors in making the 'supreme decision'

because they have already made it for themselves.

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*... Man cannot choose beyond the range of that which is chooseable. He cannot, for instance, choose to be other than a human being except that he can elect to become more than a man; he can choose to embark upon the voyage of universe ascension, but this is because the human choice and the divine will happen to be coincident upon this point. ...*

Only Love, Steffani

## **COMPARING THE URANTIA BOOK AND THE TEACHING MISSION**

Teaching Mission transmitter SUSAN KIMSEY, since departed and graduated from mortal life, posted this narrative from celestial teacher TARKAS.

Date: Sat, 4 Dec 1999 22:00:21 -0800

To: "TML List" <tml@circuit1.teamcircuits.com>

Hi everyone, Here is an excerpt concerning the Teaching Mission, and its distinctions from the Urantia Book. Enjoy! Love, Susan

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Student 1: In what ways would the Teaching Mission be considered different or dissimilar from the Urantia Book -- the distribution, dissemination of the Urantia Book in terms of purpose or whatever?

Tarkas: Well, first of all, the Urantia Book is an expression of conceptual truth, and yet it is bound within the pages and restrictions of the book, and the English language, or other languages into which it has been translated. This Teaching Mission is one personality to another, communicating a desire to extend a hand and help you on your path to God.

You are a fellow soul, beloved of the Father, as I am. I wish to show you the path I have already traveled and found most appealing. If you will come with me, we will walk together on this path, and I will point out to you the beauties I have already discovered. And, perhaps, as we walk together, we will both discover new beauty ourselves -- that is the joy of companionship, this personality-to-personality capacity to experience kinship, a sense of brotherhood, a sense of care and

camaraderie. We can blend our energies, our experience, our hopes. We can walk on this path and share the joy of savoring its beauty together!

Is it not true that, at times, when you are alone in a beautiful landscape, you, certainly, enjoy its beauty, but at moments you say, "Oh, if only my children were here, now. Oh, if only my marriage partner could see this, also." There is always this longing in the human heart to share beauty. This is a capacity placed in us by God. And, all of us who labor in the Teaching Mission as your guides wish this very moment of sharing and kinship -- those truths we have come to discover, we would like to see light up your eyes, also! Have I explained this concept adequately, my brother?

Student 1: Yes. Yes. In a sense I see it as a restoration of brotherhood, which is a true act of great mercy.

Tarkas: Yes. And, indeed, there has been enough hatred on this planet. There is much need for this sense of kindredship, compassion, community, support of each other's progress. How much there has, unfortunately, been acted out a desire to impede others' progress on this planet -- indeed, the desire to wish evil, destruction, upon those you do not see as your brothers and sisters and Children of God.

We wish, very much, to cultivate this sense of camaraderie and caring compassion for each other's progress. I feel it developing already among you, as do my fellow teachers. And, believe me, we savor every act of compassion and caring that we witness among all of you.

Student 2: When a Teacher is assigned to an individual, when you talk about companionship, does the Teacher have past experiences that are in accordance with the individual that he's assigned to that gives them understanding of the human that they are guiding? Is there some kind of relationship between the Teacher and the individual they're assigned to, that they have something in common from their life experiences, or why is a certain Teacher assigned to an individual? What characteristics are there? Do you understand my question?

Tarkas: I do understand your question, my dear. And, I would say, that the greatest common denominator



in terms of Teacher-student assignment is that this has been Prince Machiventa's choice. There are many reasons why certain assignments are made. They surround issues of compatibility, common interest, or appropriate challenge for the Teacher. There is always a desire to assign Teachers who will be perceived by the students as appealing. But remember that Teachers are also to be task-makers. They are to encourage the best within their students, and therefore, many other factors enter into a decision as to which Teacher will be assigned, either personally, or to a group. Is this sufficient information for you?

Student 2: Yes. Thank you.

Tarkas: You are welcome.

Student 1: Tarkas, I'd like to follow up a little bit, since we're in this general vicinity. What were the qualifications that were given for those who wanted to volunteer to participate as Teachers? And, part two of that question is, could you describe the volunteer qualification and selection process?

Tarkas: The basis on which a participant was chosen for this Teaching Mission was the willingness to serve. This was the primary criteria necessary for their involvement.

-Transmitted at Half Moon Bay, CA Teaching Mission Group

## **CELESTIALS OVER CINCINNATI**

DATE: Friday, January 25, 2002

TEACHERS: Malvantra Melchizedek, Nero

TOPICS: Personality, The Evolving Supreme, Michael's Plans, Melchizedeks

TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER: Stephen Mark, Jim Cleveland

MALVANTRA: Your awareness of self is augmented by your true connection to your Mystery Monitor. The enhancement occurs because of divine elements that enter to influence your character growth. As you've been taught, your identity will change over time as you ascend and progress in the spirit.

Your identity will move through transitional phases until you, yourself are spiritualized through fusion and

through faith. Your personality remains changeless in the sense of the original gift from the Universal Father, connected most assuredly to the Father's personality circuit. Your personality is earmarked as a unique identification method for you to be known by through the far reaches of the universe.

So, as your identity shifts over time your personality remains uniquely your own - unduplicated, unmatched, to be found nowhere else - before your birth, after, or through future time.

Herein lies one of the great mysteries of the creative outpouring. For, through this personality manifestation, the emergence of God the Supreme blesses the seven super universes. The personalities connected to the First Source and Center journey and ascend back to the Original Creator and through this process - experiential, material, morontial, spiritual - through this growth and ascension process, God, manifested and faceted in the majesty of the emerging Supreme, will blossom forth, absorbing all magnificent experience, all the goodness and all the beauty generated by the sentient beings in the grand universe. He will be the nutrition and the fertilizer to help in the blossoming of the magnificent Supreme. Your joyous unfolding should include the awareness that you lie in the age of the emerging God the Supreme.

During your time, as you travel through this very space, She grows daily and expands Her influence to the outer reaches of the grand universe in direct consort and alignment as a Trinity outgrowth - in complete coordination, unified eternally with the purpose and the manifest of the original Trinity, center and core of all reality, with the divine purpose of enfolding a plan, relatively mysterious, (depending on one's comprehension and awareness), but absolutely mysterious in terms of ultimate purpose and planning.

So, too, the tension of the actual and potential in your own lives is matched similarly by the divine design of our actual reality and the potential, progressive enfoldment of divine, partitioned segmentation. Your lessons, as you understand them, propel you far into future ages. To imagine you're ascending through your super universe is tremendously difficult to fathom. However, your journey is preciously guarded as a

unique experience for experiential mortals. Your reward for belief is a Trinity that explodes in wonder and purports through the visionaries of time of more magnificent enfoldings the closer you become to Havona.

By the time you have entrance to the Island of Paradise your comprehension of Trinity activations will be sufficient to allow for your presentation into the sanctity of the auspices of the Trinity's Dwelling Place.

Perchance, your first taste of the splendor resides within the recesses of your being in your earthly life - your own Mystery Monitor, your personal connection, your personal friend, your guide, your eternal pilot, your gift from the Universal Father. The circuits of the Monitors is a direct, resplendent, bountiful, never-ending outpouring of our Father's love through the gift, the graciousness, of the bestowals of the Mystery Monitor. And, the Eternal Son exudes a magnificent spiritual gravitational pull, ever enlarging, ever widening, ever engulfing all spiritual reality, wedging through our material universe, pulling, shifting through time, pulling back gently to the Second Source and Center - to the cooperative efforts and the coordinated liaison of the intuitive, intellectual and intriguing mental mind circuits of the Infinite Spirit.

This coordinated interplay of the three proportional dimensions of the Trinity 's expressional display of omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience will be eventually engulfed in the unified expression of a completed circuitry - successful, progression attainment.

As the beings attune, the systems attune. The universe is in harmonious interplay and the age falls into pattern of the emerging magnificence of the Supreme. The mother spirit, the rose of ambrosia, the fragrance of maternal grace, whispers perfume through space as a purple rose, permeating, pollinating purposefully, for the preservation and the maintenance and the glory to come of all our everlasting life. May you pursue with vigilance your loyalty to the gospel of love and eternal life, your gift to your Father as your cooperative alignment, your sincere commitment, your overriding faith, your genuine belief, your wholehearted and your feeling of oneness, your sisterhood and your

brotherhood as blended in your mortal connections that resound with the taste of the afterlife in morontia repose.

May we guide and may we glisten your study with lessons aforementioned and consistent encouragement for the membership at large.

NERO (T/R Jim) Truly this garden grows beautifully, grows profusely and many personalities are here tonight. We will now participate in this glorious unfoldment. The unfolding of the beautiful flower which is you, growing together tonight in the garden and surrounded and encouraged by many teachers from the Celestial realms. Tarkas is here, Olfana, many others and many of their morontial students, as well, to participate in this unfoldment of your blossoms, of your fragrance.

Imagine now that you are taking this form - that you are, indeed, a flower of this universe, each of you a unique and glorious personification and incarnation of the Great Creator's hopes and dreams. You are as a flower here in this unfolding world of time and space.

Each garden is a progressive ascension and attainment. You are rooted in the very soil of this garden. Feel with me now, your feet deeply within the soil of this mother earth. You are rooted in time and space. You are rooted in the ascension plan, the glorious progression and in glorious co-creation of the Supreme.

As you are transformed, as you ascend, you learn to grow beyond the roots of your garden. You imagine yourself as a plant, strong of trunk, and reaching upward to bring forth your individual unfoldment in this time and space, where you are here to create.

You are cognizant of the past, present and future. By this, I mean that you were not always rooted in this garden with these loving souls of humanity, of morontia, of mortal and celestial realms. You were once seed. You were each seeds and you were beginning the long, and glorious ascension as a seed. This is the pattern which is replicated again and again through all creation, through microorganisms to the massive universes of time and space.

From where you are tonight, you can look back into

your history, a miraculous transformation of tiny seed to where you are. You have strong roots. You are growing and each of you is at a stage of tightly budding or releasing in glorious and ever more beautiful blossoms and fragrances.

This is your quest - to unfold and show your beauty to the world. The glorious aroma of your loving, caring, merciful compassion will blossom fully and you will be able to love all men, love all brothers and sisters as Jesus so strongly encouraged. And, as fully fragrant and beautiful flowers you'll make your contributions in grand and glorious ways.

Of course, blossoms, in time, in their season fulfill their purpose and fall away as you will in this mortal flesh. But you will spring forth in glorious new growth from the strong plant, from the strong roots that you have developed - new flowers, new blossoming, new, lighter, more beautiful, more attuned, more ecstatic, more enthusiastic, more invigorated and in invigorating morontian form of lightness which brings you ever closer to spirit.

And so cultivate your gardens well. Love your friends, and accept their love with humility and grace. Be joyous companions. Energize one another. Grow together toward the sunshine, the light, crowding out all weeds, all distractions of mortal self gratification in reaching ever upward to the beautiful light to become more energized and to continue to grow in truth, in beauty and goodness.

And as you progress, as each of you in this room are progressed, you will truly know how easy it becomes to look upon fellow brothers and sisters who are twisted, misshapen, suffering, hurting from their own, often self inflicted torments, striking out in anger, petulance. And yet, you find it easy to love them.

Is this not amazing? Is this not the full blossoming of your beautiful, beautiful garden, the aroma of which can not be seen by mortal eyes, but in your time your aromatic goodness will permeate the wholeness of Goodness of all the universes and become part of the great aromatherapy for mankind. As you look upon others and love them, so you will be magnetized and empowered by even greater abilities to do this, and doing this is what service is all about - love one another.

I have spoken quite long enough and I would thank you for your indulgence and leave the floor to others or to questions. I am Nero.

Question: What do you look like, Nero?

NERO: I am somewhat elderly by your standards, perhaps, for I have served in many ways. Each tenure of service lends its mark upon your countenance. I am quite proud of the experiences, one by one, in these evolving worlds of time and space, which I have been fortunate to serve.

Question: Do you know what one tennis shoe sounds like in an empty dryer? That's what I have been feeling like lately - just spinning around and around and around. Somehow, I should be able to sit in the stillness and connect with all of you, connect with my Thought Adjuster and Christ Michael and make the spinning stop. But, to be honest with you, I lately haven't been able to do that and with all of you here I am sitting finally in a quiet dryer. I thank you.

MALVANTRA (T/R Stephen) Your spinning, a portion of your character, is but a portion, not your entire being. Your confidence can be lifted by the assurance that your generosity and your hospitality to gather your brethren in social embrace is your charitable contribution, bountifully appreciated, showing a positive characteristic - not the flow of spinning, but the graciousness of sociable hospitality - planning, the ambiance, the calls, your greeting, the layout.

Your purpose, a hidden agenda, perhaps, is to release yourself from the vicissitudes of your existence, overshadowed by the power of your need to make the call, connect again, pursue your dream, enlarge your vision. Nail down your faith, your everlasting trust in your faith, which overrides all frailties, all perceived negative attributes, and allows to the glory of your soul's expression - your membership, as you present yourself, is as real as any.

Generosity is never to be underestimated, devalued or looked upon as substandard. Your motivation is pure, your purpose is dual fold - social as well as individual. There is no shame, there is no need to feel ashamed or disturbed in any way to the degree that you contribute. Each contributes to the degree of their capacity and to the portion of their own personal,

gracious awareness. You need not crucify yourselves for any perceived inadequacies. Instead, smile upon your own image, mirrored by the splash of faith and the existence of your exquisite personality outpouring. May you be blessed in ages to come by the sense of humor, by your truly ministering spirit, by your act of giving, and your continued embrace of the infinite enlargement of all life - the love circuit, the life and the light that never dies. May the gifts of your table go beyond the material setting.

Recognize the value of your camaraderie and your solidarity. In the time during your passing age, your brief life, you're spinning in the embryonic stage, catapulting to morontial existence where a partnership will become more visible, more enticing - a cooperative partnership. In the service of Our Sovereign, the universal sovereignty of Michael, orchestrating by design.

The mission to teach the rebellion torn planets, damaged, despaired, disturbed, in turmoil, forgotten, are overshadowed with a net, colorful, glistening, composed of love. A gauze sweeps down, gently settles on your troubled world and through the gauze, like electrical sparks, flashes forth with the power and the surge of Michael's divine realm. His reign is sweet and forgiving and succors the suppliants and soothes the fevers and the spinning to almost ceaseless. The surcease of sorrow is presented in the softness of the shepherd's call, gently whispering in the night, the fleece of love, the pat, laying you down in your own green pastures under the stars by the edge of a forest. The mushrooms, the fervent valleys are absorbing the love of our Master, Our Sovereign/ who recognizes that every spin and every sadness and every pain shall receive tenfold a joyous embrace, a soothing repast and a feast on the spiritual plains - never to be forgotten as you sup on the nectar of the ambrosia of time.

Nebadonia, her eternal mind of everlasting grace, is assisted by angelic support for the purpose of promulgating the mission of Michael's reign, in full accordance with the mandate of His parents, the Eternal Son, the Universal Father. Dictating Creator Sons within the seventh superuniverse will minister in full force, in excited expression of Mercy, foremost, primarily to promulgate merciful compassion and

overriding love to all beings - to purposefully soothe the troubled, painful state of affairs. Hesitate not to continue in your ministry. Accept the guidance, build upon your faith. Support each other in your social endeavors. The outcropping of your world will chip off, fade away. The internal core burns bright, refurbishes, rejuvenates, repairs all under the auspices of your sovereign ruler, Michael of Nebadon. Now and forever more in the rule of the Supreme by the entreaty of the Trinity - in accord with the Ancients of Days, a mandated response of harmonious interplay in the unified authority of the magnificent administration, assisting in the outpouring of repairing the damage that's been done in your own lives.

If it's spinning out of control, unstable, sad and despairing, forget not the message of the Master on Golgotha to the thief and murderer, "Today you will taste Paradise. You will be with Me," and your fears are forgotten as you translate with the children of light through the passage of time to the entrance to the gateway from your world, on the shields of the angels. You'll see spinning as you never imagined, propelled like a rocket, through Satania. For the feast we prepare awaits you all - victims and victors at the table of divine repast by the gracious generosity of Nebadonia and Michael in glorious consort for the true embrace of ultimate love. A long winded, about the town answer for a short question, to rest assured you are not forgotten, but held in the mental embrace of the celestial teachers as you mold your soul growth by concerted effort and by a faith, remarkable, outstanding in its light, and forthwith, you'll continue apace of you generous spirit.

OLFANA (T/R Jim) This is Olfana. Tarkas graciously allows us to speak in his stead tonight. I would respond briefly to Sussi, my dear Sussi, by suggesting to each of you, and at the risk of sounding simplistic, that you must live in balance of mind, body, and spirit and it would be a helpful exercise perhaps to look at your day and see how it's divided - activities of the mind, activities of the body, activities of the spirit, and as you balance, you will be happier. You will give more. You will be in a balance that allows you to be graceful and beautiful in service of your brothers and sisters.

And so, find this balance. And secondly, I would (Continued on page 72)



# *Living Waters* A Universal Gathering of the Teaching Mission

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OPENING TR (transmitting-receiving) SESSION: Friday, 7/10/03

**MALVANTRA MELCHIZEDEK:** How exquisite and sublime is your entrance into the kingdom, established by a divine Sovereign under the auspices of the overcontrol of the eternal Trinity. Your commitment is admirable. Your purpose is noble. We accept your choice to gather together in sacred union to build solidarity, to encourage each other, to provide leadership and to express, in your unique creative patterns, Michael's love and Nebadonia's maternal grace, flowing to sustain and to motivate you. The radiance of your eternal Gem will permeate every atom of your being. You will vibrate and shatter the bonds of fear as you become saturated with the essence of infinite love.

The ocean of love accepts all rivers, and you should drink thereof as a daily diet. The ambrosia of eternal nurturance awaits those who lift themselves and partake of the never-ending feast. Gather your forces and shine your commitment as a banner of love, with the pride of the sisterhood and brotherhood of united mortals standing steadfast to persevere through the upcoming challenges, with the valiant loyalty of believers in Michael's reign and in Jesus' inimitable gospel teaching. Fear not! For the watch care provided is supremely satisfying, and the seraphim smile as their wards consistently choose to follow the path of righteousness. May your time together be fruitful, and may your expressions of goodwill enable your brethren to remember, as mentioned yesterday, the presence of our Universal Father is and ever will be our primary mandate.

(T/R Stephen Mark)

**MOTHER NEBADONIA:** This is Nebadonia, here with you all. Michael sends his greetings. He is very well pleased at how eager and receptive you are to the teachings. He wishes you well on your journey of life and asks you not to fear what may seem to be a troublesome future. In reality, it is not as bad as you think. True there will be tragedy and heartbreak as the years go by, but this, too, will pass. This is still a clearing out of the Lucifer Rebellion and the default of Adam and Eve, but even with these tragic events in your history, great strides have been made in uplifting the human consciousness and spirituality.

We are pleased at the progress of this mission, especially as it has manifested in the United States. It started in New Zealand and is growing in England, but other languages are being touched. We greet this new event joyously because heretofore it has been an English-speaking "nation," but now the Spanish have been contacted, and there are movements afoot in China and Japan. This is not an isolated instance of contact; rather it is worldwide. There are many who are very receptive to our teachings. Michael is very pleased. He says to continue what you are doing and contact others who are interested in being contacted. All they have to do is sit quietly and ask for a teacher. There are thousands of beings from other worlds who have eagerly requested to be sent to your troubled world and we are just waiting for people who are receptive to these things. But we do not fear because great strides have been made in the last ten years, far more than we had anticipated.

So be of good cheer. We love you and we ask you to continue what you are doing. You are well protected, so fear not for any untoward event. He sends greetings and love to you all.

(T/R Stella Religa)

**TEACHER ABRAHAM:** I am Abraham. How my heart swells with pride to see you all together in your joyousness. You are a tribe after my own heart. Indeed, your ability to multiply and spread this effort across the country and join hands in fellowship, even attempting to bridge your culture with other countries and peoples is exciting to behold. You have the benign virus in your midst. The benign virus will not be squelched. As you grow, as you become more faithful and allow yourselves to embrace the greater reality of the truth as the Master portrayed it, in your own lives even as he did in his, you bring about that which he came to instill in you, in us, in this world, in this place, in space and time. You have been infused now with the divine love that we have all known as a result of having a relationship with our Michael Son. Like the Niagara Falls that have tremendous power, the love that he overflows into you can illuminate those even miles

and miles away because of your integrity in loving him and in loving each other as you know he would. And thus he does. And you witness again and again the beautiful poise and activating power of the living Jesus when you lay hold of one another in this wonderful virus of divine love that is creating a nation of faithful.

We are indeed happy in your choices, in your selections, and in your resolutions. We attend you in your upcoming agendas, in anticipation of yet even more of this which we bow down to, that which is of the Father, in and through his sons and daughters throughout the realm. I will be with you in spirit through your gathering and with my home group, as well. Thus, I am learning, like Jesus, to be in two places at once. Like you, I don't want to miss anything. I want to be where I am needed. I leave you in the capable hands of the Teacher Corps and the ministry of those agents of Michael and Nebadonia that you know and love and cherish and anticipate. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad that your hour has come. Shalom.  
(T/R Gerdean)

**ARTISAN BAKIM:** May I speak please? I am Bakim. It is my joy to work in cohesion with many beautiful artists who come to grace your blighted and troubled, but very inspirational planet. Here we see the genuine article; here we see the front lines of spiritual conflict; here we see grand and glorious stories of soulful redemption as you grow and blossom fragrantly in the empowering and growing light, the light that you reflect so grandly, and the faith that has brought you across many geographical expanses to this holy and beautiful place where you flow, living waters together, of love, of faith, of courage, compassion, mercy and joy, of *ultimate* joy, the joy your Creator Son brings to you and each of us, servants, artisans, teachers, guides, and angels who flock here to be part of this glorious time of redemption and spiritual growth that extends across the universe and indeed across the universe of universes, for your Creator Son manifested one of the greatest glories of the time and space worlds right here, and, of course, this world is protected as you are protected. You are a greenhouse of growing spirits and souls, luxuriously green and blossoming into your individual and highly motivated and spiritualized missions to bring love. You do this so well.

I ask that as you move into these coming days, you flow truly as the artists that you are. You have been conditioned with full exposure to the real truth of stillness, the communion with your Universal Father who lives within you as the Center of All. And, gloriously, your teachers and guides and the angels who surround you all, join you in this orienting stillness.

Today you experienced some of the powering beauty of this amazing planet, washed in the rushing torrents of water, as the world cleanses itself with water day by day of every kind. You are each part of this ocean, empowered as sparkling droplets into cascading and flowing streams that bring this world surely, steadily, patiently, surely, toward light and life. We applaud you for being here, for taking these steps of faith that have adjoined us together in this place. I ask that you take your conditioning so far, and bring it forth into a new, expanded, and accelerated level of celestial connectivity.

When you leave this conference, bring your faith to action. It is not your quest to sit and think about stillness or to think about finding connection, or to think about becoming a spiritually connected person. As you think, as you try, as you strive, you fail -- for truly this is a matter of celestial release. As you sit in the stillness, bring it forth to affirmative purpose from head to toe. Your head must be in balance. Both sides of your mind in pure balance. And you can bring forth, through the worshipful experience, as this balance occurs within your head and mind, the lightness in your mind can bring forth an imaginary wafting away of all cares and concerns. In this lightness you are opened and you bring forth the energies that permeate your being to your feet, anchored and rooted to the earth. I ask you to visualize, intuit, and feel these connections, for mind is the controlling factor that brings forth this connectivity. As the strength of your roots, as the strength of your upreach grows in intensity, then your whole body begins to vibrate, and in not trying comes the successful connectivity that makes you an electric lightning magnetic conduit.

Do you understand? I am asking you to bring these things in your mind in order to bring them to reality. The program is outlined quite adroitly to bring you forth in a measured way toward conclusion where you may go home comfortable in the assurance of an intimate personal relationship with a teacher of your choosing and of our choosing to suit your needs, and an artisan to bring forth your creative impulses through the boldness that you must develop in order to express those creative impulses. I ask you to bring stillness to action in the course of this conference. All artists, all guides, all the beautiful beings who permeate this space with you join with you in this celebratory graduation for you must accelerate your efforts. Your world is quickening and you must quicken with it. Do you see the incredible pace of changing events? You must not only deal with them, but deal with them in stride, for you have the holy Light, the living water and you are

flowing and you can make this universal gathering a pivotal turning point for you to bring forth a greatly enhanced sense of personal spiritual being.

The potential is for great rewards to you in the course of these days and you must feel this energy together. Much can be achieved and it will be joyous in the achieving. We will be with you intimately and closely and lovingly in these times, for we, indeed, do love you quite deeply. In these many years we have had many experiences together. We have watched you through tragedies and through triumphs begin to bring forth the qualities in yourself that ordinarily are not seen until well into mansonia. The quickening: it is you, your planet, your home, and a glorious resurrection to the light for all these troubled worlds of the quarantine. We love you and we will be here with you through the course of this conference. Namaste. (T/R: Jim Cleveland)

**CELESTIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS: TARKAS**  
**Friday, 7/11/03**

**TEACHER TARKAS:** I am so honored to keynote in representation of my beautiful brothers and sisters on this side as we gather ourselves in this beautiful and holy place to worship with you, to rejoice in the presence of the All, and the All One. We have seen years of progress in this mission and we have seen evolvment and blossoming to understand that it is not a small thing. It is vast, and encompasses not only your world but also the worlds of rebellion and, in fact, all of Neadon, which follows closely the world of the cross.

You are much blessed to be here, to be on the path which is longer. The longer the path, the more consummate are the great spiritual joys that await you at the end of this living rainbow of living water. You are living water! Not drops, but a rushing torrent of brothers and sisters throughout the planet, in tributaries like blood vessels that permeate the world and bring life to all corners. These tributaries flowing into an ever greater ocean, which is the realization of God and this loving ocean, grows as each of you grow from within. The Correcting Time begins within the hearts and souls of each of you.

The Center of Renewal – upon your sheets, upon your pillowcases, you see C.O.R. It is a Center of Renewal. It is a core (COR), a place where you can get in touch with the core of your goodness and begin to bring it forth as we change this world and bring it to light and life. From this core come changes that affect the universe. From this core of which the Holy Father had so much faith that he imbued a spark of His life within yours, so that no longer do you have to feel desperate for Father, or hungry for Father, or long for Father because Father's love lives within each of you. Over the centuries and generations the spirits have been added, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Conviction, and this massive Correcting Time, in which our beautiful Master will reclaim these worlds to the Father's glory.

Here at the Center of Renewal is an opportunity for you to take serious stock in the quickening needs of this quivering and quickening planet, for indeed it moves rapidly, and if you would be a follower, you may do so, but if you would be a true servant of truth and beauty and goodness and seek to imbue those around you with this universal love, then you must get busy. Things are quickening and you can find the energies and the connectivity here with all these energies permeating such that you will go forth energized and empowered with new perspectives in your mind, new feelings of beauty in your heart, and new goodness that you can bring forth within yourself so that you may reflect it daily, hourly, moment by moment, second by second, to all those within your very important aura. We will be confident in sending those to you who need your love, and they will appear before you and we will guide you as you turn your hearts to holy light. You will be giving the words, and more importantly, the presence, the balance, to these people and very often it is not with words.

I am so honored to represent our celestial teachers, many of whom will speak to you at this conference, as well as many artisans who long to work with you personally, privately, to bring forth your creative endeavors. Please call upon them and ask them specifically for the creative qualities and skills that you desire. Please ask, and please love one another and have a wonderful conference. We shall enjoy it with you. Namaste. (T/R: Jim Cleveland)

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, 7/11/03

**PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA:** Greetings dear ones, friends, children of God. I am Paramahansa Yogananda, a good friend to all of you, for I, too, am a child of God. I, too, lived the life that you have lived on this planet in the material body, yet yearning always to know God and to be like him. I, too, have tread the many steps that you have tread in order to arrive at the place that is our destiny. Our destiny is to become more like him every day. We all have that yearning desire, that burning desire, to know him, to love him.

I wish to share with you today a little message, a message of hope and inspiration and perhaps a touch of guidance for you. Keep at it, my friends. Never give up. Each day you arise, thank your Father for the day you have before you. Each day, whenever you take a step in which you feel you may stumble, thank your Father for giving you the opportunity to take the step. In this manner you are building the soul, you are building your connections to God. You are asking him to be a part of each little act that you take in your daily life. This is how the soul is built, not by the leaps and the bounds and the triumphs, but rather the small everyday steps that you take to love your fellow man, your sisters, your brothers, those who perhaps may have a station in life greater than yours or a station in life that may be perceived as less than yours. Your life in the eyes of God is as important as any other life. It takes each one of you to build his kingdom.

So I ask you humbly and with my heartfelt prayer for you, to take your steps slowly and carefully, with purpose and design, always with the thought that you are becoming as God in your daily lives. As each year goes by, you will become more like Him. Never give up, and always approach each day with joy, purpose, and ask your Father to share every moment with you. This is my thought, my message I wish to leave with you today. I am Paramahansa Yogananda, your friend and fellow traveler. Namaste.

(T/R: Eugenia Bryan)

**MACHIVENTA MELCHIZEDEK:** I am Machiventa and I am pleased to be with you today, my children who have labored with great love and honor and diligence in advancing the kingdom of Michael. Thank you for your love for each other. Thank you for your patience and endurance in troubled times. We stand ready to assist always. All you need to do is ask. Our faithful crew and many of you know how that has affected you in your lives and have many testimonies of these things. I will pass on to another, but would continue in my prayer to the Father that we all remember how assisted we are in our progress toward him. I am thankful for his love. Amen.

(T/R: Mark Greer)

**TEACHER TOMAS:** Beloveds, this is your friend, Tomas. I stand before you and open my arms wide to embrace the multitude that you are in happy rejoicing of our communion in this great purpose of Michael, expanding his reality into their realm, the realm of Nebadonia and the Master Son in their domain. It is a moment of pride for me to see the domain extend up into this portion of your planet. I had sought to make inroads into Canada and New York when I was assigned to Pittsburgh, and am glad to see that the seeds we have planted are being harvested. But I am more glad to see that you, in following the directives of your own Divine Indweller, are being drawn and led to this harvest of souls that shall yield the bread of life to your brethren on Urantia, to feed them the nourishment that they crave. The busy, anorexic children of your world hunger for that which you serve.

Blessings upon you and your attempts to feed the multitudes. I know the challenges you face. We in the invisible realms are your greatest support systems, cheering sections, and supporters, from the humble and agile United Midwayer Corps to Paradise itself. The efforts of this planet to reinstitute itself into the fold of Satania, Norlatiadek, Nebadon, and beyond is our effort, our goal, our assignment, our joy, and our accomplishment. We thank you for your contributions to this. Even though we stand over you and whisper in your ear, even though we open the field before you, it is you who makes the decision, who takes the step, and whether you follow the flow as a natural course of life or whether you consciously and conscientiously *choose* to take these steps matters not, for the soul is advancing the cause that we are engaged upon. How I love to see the family enterprise in action. How I love to see you embrace each other in the spirit of your work together. We, in our sphere, likewise greet one another when we come together in moments like this, respite from the rigors of the work in the field, to rejoice and celebrate in the current harvest in anticipation of the fields yet to plow. Beloved family, I am with you and for you. Let us be on our way. Farewell.

(T/R: Gerdean)

**CHRIST MICHAEL:** This is Christ Michael. We congratulate you again on another successful conference. We



rejoice at your persistence, we rejoice at your activity, your loyalty, your loving one another. You are the example. You are setting the stage for a worldwide recognition of the Teaching Mission. It is in its infancy, true, but it is picking up momentum. As Nebadonia said yesterday, we are reaching people in all parts of the world and they are astonished at what is occurring to them and around them. So be not discouraged by what you may see as slow action. In reality it is not. It is a phenomenon that is sweeping the world and is reaching individuals rather than one isolated group. Again, we congratulate you on your great, great love and persistence in studying the word of our Father. Thank you, my dear ones. You are very well loved. Your Father/Brother Jesus/Michael. (T/R: Stella Religa)

**MAGISTERIAL SON:** Greetings. I have been trying to make myself known here, and rest assured that I will be known to your planet as time unfolds. I am a Magisterial Son. There is resistance to receiving, due to the nature of the discussion at this conference regarding my arrival, but the plans for a Magisterial Mission are progressing. The time element is indeed the question. We are patient and waiting for the events on your world to be most facilitating for my ministry. When these events will present themselves are not in question. These events will present them-selves. The only question is time.

I would speak further this weekend but at this time, simply wish to greet you and to ask your receivers to feel free to open to my presence and allow, for here indeed we are conferring, are we not? Let us discuss the matters which will produce enlightenment for you, individually, for your group, and perhaps on to the world at large. I will at this time withdraw and allow another to speak. I do rejoice in the spiritual intent that you all have and feel myself to be welcome in your presence and I welcome you in mine. (T/R: Bob)

[Editors Note -- At this point, another T/R speaks up who had been holding back, and the Magisterial Son continues]

Bring down a pillar of light to the crown chakra at the top of your head. See the pillar of light coming from the Father into your body, filling your heart, expanding, moving down through your spine, rooting you into the earth. Receive my presence. I am Monjoronson, the Magisterial Son of whom you speak. We are in this place and in this time, practicing the presence. Feel your connection to the great web of life. Some of you can visualize it. It is indeed a tangible web of light connecting each and every one of you. When you leave this place and scatter to the far corners from which you have gathered, these threads will remain and I will be present in those threads. Think of them daily, hourly, constantly if you can. This is the meaning of continuous prayer, to continue the connection you have with your Creator who is far greater than I.

Feel the reality of this truth. Pull it in to your solar plexus and hold it there. Now, my friends, for the message: You come to be loved. The Father comes to love you. He knows you as individuals, but sees you as a collective, a single energy expressing in creativity, in activity, in the love that you share between one another. It is so beautiful in his sight the love that is shared in this place and this time between you.

Come now to the center of your being, to the essence of who you are. Collect it to your heart chakra. Now let it rise to the top of your head. Now send it upward, climbing the ladder. Take this essence of who you are as far into the heavens as you may and hold it there. There are beings there to greet you, each of you greeting different ones. Endeavor to recognize them. Acknowledge their presence. Hold this frequency in your body. Each cell awakens to hold more light.

This is the way of spiritual growth; this is the way to know God; this is the way to bring light and life onto your planet, to work with the energies we are showering upon you at all times, the higher frequencies of spirit. The more you can be in harmony to meet these frequencies, the more light you will hold in your bodies, the more you will affect others around you simply by your presence, as Jesus did. Practice this presence. In your daily lives, give yourselves time and space, a quiet place. It is the greatest gift you can give yourself, and the world. It is something everyone can do. Be confident, give thanks, lift yourself to your Creator and be cradled in His arms. Nebadonia will nurture you, and your Father watch over you.

When I come in the flesh you will know me because you will have already met me in these higher frequencies in your stillness and will have no doubt, nor hesitation to believe and to follow. My friends, this work cannot be overdone, nor overemphasized. It may seem like a small thing, such an easy thing, and yet the effects are far beyond what you can

comprehend. You see the picture only from your perspective. We see you as points of light in a great web and the angelic realms are pouring in their light more and more every day until people like yourselves can't miss it. You're absorbing it every moment, surrounded by it, so when you awake in your awareness to work with it, it expands and multiplies. Now simply sit in a few more moments of silence and I bid you adieu for now. I'm not leaving with my presence, simply turning off the audible words. Thank you. (T/R: Leoma Sparer)

## FRIDAY EVENING

7/11/03

### SMALL GROUP SESSION 1 of 3

Aaron, Elyon, Daniel & Klarixiska

(Recording had background noise and was difficult to hear. Most of the lesson is intact, but the questions and a few lines are paraphrased based on the audible portions.)

**AARON:** Greetings to you all. I am Aaron. It is my pleasure to be with you tonight and speak with you. The importance of community is prevalent. With you all gathering here, you can see the value of your relationships to one another. The growth and development of relationships is truly the primary purpose you have in life, aside from the prime relationship with God. The relationships you hold to others in the Cosmic Family, spiritual and human, are the substance of your incorporation into the Supreme project of developing universal unity, an indivisible linking of all personality into one web of awareness, all parts knowledgeable of their role and function in the overall purpose.

My emphasis to you this evening is on the importance of individuality in developing universal unity. So often in your human attempts to feel unified with others you compromise your individuality to coexist peacefully with those around you, many, in an attempt to feel a sense of belonging. But true universal unity requires the maximum expression of individuality, not the selfish expression, not the sense of unbalanced focus on your needs at the expense of others, but the recognition that your individuality is as important as any other being's individuality. Trying to find your expression of your personality requires you to understand this idea. As you strive to create a growing sense of community, it is important for you, as individuals, to feel more comfortable finding ways to express yourself while at the same time making a conscious attempt to recognize and honor the individuality of others who are in your presence. Do not diminish who you are to please another, but blossom who you are to fulfill the universal requirement of absolute expression of personality which is the realization of the Supreme Being.

So I exhort you to find who you are. Express yourself in an attempt to understand who you are, even while maintaining an awareness of all those other personalities around you so that your expression isn't trampling on someone else's expression. This is my offering for you this evening. I will remain present for a few questions after my friend and colleague speaks with you. Good evening. (T/R: Bob Devine)

**ELYON:** Greetings, this is Elyon. It is a great pleasure to be among you tonight. Gatherings such as this are very fruitful in uniting kindred spirits, and they are beneficial for sharing life's spiritual experiences.

I would like to use the analogy of a grand puzzle. You have all come to this gathering with the pieces that you have acquired in your growth and in your personal outreach. Each of you brings part of the big picture. At a gathering such as this, you might say all of the edge pieces are already in place and defined. That would be the mission of students that are here with their individual pieces to place into the puzzle. As you relate to one another in loving association and as you move among one another sharing with the many diverse souls who have come to be a part of this, then it becomes easier for you to put pieces together that you previously could not see where they fit in. Experiencing the various pieces that others have with them show you relationships that you may not have been able to put together before. As you interrelate, you are all playing at putting together the puzzle and you begin to see what the picture looks like. Then another may come along and see where some of their pieces fit in, as well. As you lovingly share yourselves, your personalities, your paths, your goals, with each other the picture grows until you may stand back and see the bigger picture in its entirety. When you have finally recognized the puzzle and your pieces in it, you then realize when it is time to grow on beyond this particular environment. What looked like the outside pieces before open into a much larger picture. When you step

outside of this more friendly environment you can then take with you what you have learned and begin fitting them into the grand picture. You can step out in love in this same way with all of your brothers and sisters and it is an opportunity for them to begin adding their pieces and becoming part of the greater reality.

Indeed, as my brother Aaron shared with you, it is the unifying of the Supreme when all have shared their individuality and recognize that it has supreme value in the whole. Your relationship with God is unique to you. We each have our own personal friendship and relationship with our universal Father. No two of us in all of the vast universes has the same relationship and yet with the insight and wisdom that you acquire along your journey you recognize at some point that you are an extremely valuable component part of the infinite picture of our Father. You are of equal importance to any other. There are no small pieces to the puzzle. There are no insignificant pieces to the puzzle. All are of supreme and ultimate value, and it is a pleasure for those of us who watch and observe you to see how you will put those beautiful pieces into place. We do, indeed, have a slightly larger perspective than you are able to have, still being limited to material form, but remember, we, too, were there. We can see all of the pieces that you have brought with you and we may know where we think they should be placed, but often times you surprise us and we are delighted to see how it is that you come up with such unique beauty in your presentations.

I would retire at this point and sit back and enjoy your questions to Aaron. Thank you. (T/R: Daniel Megow)

**AARON:** This is Aaron, once again. I would like to open up to your questions or comments this evening. I would speak for a moment about our respective groups, so as to offer insight that we do not observe any formal means of communicating with our students. We can be humorous, serious, deep, light, responsive to your needs at the level of connection, whatever is required in the moment. So feel free to loosen up and engage the process to the extent that you feel comfortable sharing this evening. I am open.

**Q** I have a question about potential and finding your highest potential, or the manifestation of one's highest potential. I would be interested in hearing what you have to say about this. Thanks.

**A** Simply the willingness to do the Father's will, will manifest your highest potential. The method to gain that knowledge is the stillness, in worship time, seeking directly to the Father in communion. There are no requirements that we could put forth to guide one in manifesting the particulars, but this process of consistent connection with your Indweller will begin to open you up inside to recognize who you are, where you can achieve, where you may perceive weaknesses that may need adjustment. By taking these issues into your stillness and placing them there at the foot of the Almighty, you allow the cleansing process, the slow and gradual healing and the turning of your intent toward the highest source.

The healing that flows from that connection will begin to manifest and you will begin to notice the higher possibilities of achievement for yourself. You will begin to become a bigger risk taker, so to speak, someone who will try new things, who will test the waters to find if a particular path has some meaning or merit or worth for you. It no longer is a fear of being wrong in life, but instead a willingness to be wrong in the knowledge that what you are seeking for is right. By doing this you will open into the universal possibilities and potential. I hope this has offered you some insight tonight, my friend.

**Q** Yes it has, thank you.

**A** You are welcome.

**Q2** I believe you spoke tonight about the idea of not surrendering just to keep the peace. I've been struggling because I've been one of those who has kept myself in a shell, partly to keep the peace.

**A** You are not alone. (Group Laughter)

**Q2** I guess my question is twofold. One is, I've done some reading that tells me that women on this planet have, in general, surrendered their voices to keep quiet and that men have been somewhat disconnected from feminine energy. First, is that true? But then, on a personal level, how do I overcome that? Do you have suggestions on overcoming that? I don't want to continue to surrender my individuality, if that's what I'm doing. I want to keep my individuality, but I also want to keep the peace, so how do I learn to speak out?

**A** Yes, to some degree there is some relevancy to your initial question, that there is a disconnect in the way that women and men have interacted in society, obviously due to some of the evolutionary processes that have gone uncorrected due to rebellion and default and lack of proper role models as most planets would have. The root causes are a little more difficult to understand. It's not merely that men assumed control and women were pushed down. The societal progression has perpetuated this disparity in expression and the lack of balance between the emotional and the rational side of human beings. The general statement, that is often made, that men are one way and women are another way does not really fit, because there are many of both sexes who display characteristics often attributed to one or the other.

So it is a societal problem, which we aim to correct over a long period of time with an institution of insight that can slowly, on a generational level, adjust the perspectives of human beings to recognize the value of the balance. Many can see now the pioneering attempts of people to achieve this balance, more than previously. There will be greater strides in the future.

Regarding your own voice, my friend, and speaking out, it really comes from that same advice or insight I offered to our other friend here tonight, this manifesting of potential. This weekend I have witnessed your expression and your stepping out unsurely to offer your service for your friends here, where the space might be a little more comfortable. I applaud you for your efforts to be of service and would ask you to, in your stillness and seeking, recognize the positive nature and response to your stepping out. Your service was accepted and greeted with gratitude. As you recognize your efforts here getting this response, it can embolden you to recognize that by seeking the higher truth, by going into the stillness daily, for ten to twenty minutes even, you will clarify your thoughts and be able to see the opportunities for service rise and you will know when you should speak out and use your voice and when you can observe. I believe that by taking these steps there is no direction to go but up. There is no failure when you attach yourself to the service of the Father in Heaven and then seek to manifest what that guidance has given you. Is this answering what you asked?

**Q2** Thank you. I guess I didn't realize I was asking the question in that way. Does this apply in a similar way with relationships?

**A** Your sincerity will make a difference. And yet we can never have control over the other people. We cannot make them respond the way you would have them respond. But what you do have control over is your own decision process and by taking it within to the spirit inside you, it will clarify for you.

**Q3** I have a question. You opened by saying that being in groups such as this emphasize the desirability of living or being in a community. Did I hear that right? And then the second half of this is, if I heard that right, that it involves whole new things, to think of establishing a community, selling goods, who does what job, it seems it's a process that's going to take some time to plan, establish, and manifest. I'm wondering if there's any sense of urgency that we be about this?

**A** What I was intending to communicate this evening was the value in your developing a sense of community, this feeling of belonging to something greater than one's individual path, this sense of belonging to a cosmic family of God where every personality belongs, rather than talking about the establishment of particular communities, which have degrees of value depending upon the intentions and efforts of those participating, and the wisdom of those who would manifest such an endeavor. Does this clarify what I was intending to communicate with the lesson?

**Q3** Very well. It puts the rest in perspective for me. Thank you.

.... **TEACHER DANIEL:** This is Daniel ... "the other one". I too enjoy coming together with diverse spirits such as you all bring with you. As a part of the Northwestern teaching groups we each have a unique focus to our weekly lessons. They are evolved for the individual groups that we are assigned with, and yet we commune with one another, share our lessons and insights with one another, and though the individuals in the different groups are diverse, we find that our teaching always has opportunity to coincide. In truth, it is because our message is one of love and acceptance, one of growth, change, one of getting to know better our Universal Father, and of growing in personal relationships with one another.

We observe that all throughout this mission of our Sovereign Son Michael that the hunger for loving understanding among our classes of students is universal, and as we all sit in session with one another discussing our particular assignments, we,



just like yourselves, gain a much greater insight into how we may the better prepare our lessons and, indeed, ourselves to more closely align with the Father's will in presenting them. We realize that our lessons reach far beyond our immediate groups because they are sent out freely to a much larger audience of the TeaM, and so while we tailor our teachings for our individual groups, it is gratifying to see that the Father makes use of them in a far larger arena. We have begun to grow used to this because we are cognizant of so very many examples of the truth of it, and we would have you begin to realize that as you prepare yourselves for your individual lessons and relationships and outreaches, that you are touching far more people than you may be initially intending to. All that you do in love for the Father and in love for your siblings, in the cause of the greater goodness, reaches into the universe to touch beings even far beyond this little world. All that you do in goodness and love becomes a part of our Supreme Parent and becomes available to the ends of the grand universe as a manifestation of the Supreme.

Truly this is why each choice for goodness and each choice for seeking the will of our Divine Father has such incredible value. No good act goes unnoticed. Perhaps often it may seem this is so in this world of confusion, and yet be you assured that no act of love is ever wasted. Always does it serve the will of our Father and the cohesion of the brotherhood and sisterhood of all of his diverse children. Goodnight. Thank you for your attendance and thank you for all the love that each one of you truly are.  
(T/R: Daniel Megow)

**KLARIXISKA:** This is Klarixiska. A procedure we utilize in our group is to stand, hold hands, and pray to conclude our sessions. Can we do this now? (Pause as group stands and holds hands.)

*Dear Father, we are here for you as your children. We seek to know your will and to manifest that in our lives. Help us to see your light in the opportunities we are given each day. Give us the courage to follow. Enhance our understanding of your will, and give us the strength such that we can go forth joyfully spreading the good news. Amen.*

## SMALL GROUP SESSION 2 OF 3

### Teacher Tomas and Two Seraphim

(After adjusting the microphone, the chairs, etc., somebody in the audience struck a gentle gong, which pulled us immediately into focus.)

**TOMAS: (T/R 1)** What a nice touch! I am Tomas. I am glad to meet you, my friends old and new. I love being on the agenda. I have such a wonderful time when I am invited to participate with you in your lives. I have no concern about the circumstances, the setting, the lighting and the likes of that, but it makes it more convenient for you when you are comfortable and you can give your full attention to the subject at hand. In my case, the subject at hand has to do with your soul, has to do with your soul needs. This can be embellished by snippets of information or daubs of color, but it is always the essence to which I return, and when you have attained the point of sustaining that state of mind and being incessantly in your lives, it will be time for me to retire my position as your teacher, for you then will have mastered all I know and have come to offer you.

Well, let us get to know each other better. We have an hour to go. We have a tremendous array of associates in rapt attention to, I must say, not only your group but to the others, which are equally enthralling, as a theater in which we are delighting to attend. I might say, too, you in some regards represent to our minds' eye a three-ring circus! (Group laughter) And you are highly amusing (Further giggles) as you are also treasured.

My human associate, Tiahuan, has also transmitted me, and we have been effective on many occasions. I would suggest we add a bit of dimension to our gathering today, for I suggest I will join Tiahuan to transmit and allow a guest to visit with you through Gerdean, and thus we will expand our program. I cannot do that, however, without your full willingness and, certainly, the cooperation of Mr. [Rob] Davis.

**Tiahuan:** As you know, Tomas, I will voice no objection with this suggestion for I love you and I understand your devotion to your work and I am honored that you choose to use me in service in this way. I treasure the opportunity to work with you.

**TOMAS:** What a priceless child you are to me, my son. Have you any doubt, any of you, how our love can grow, even

between worlds? Truly we are citizens of the universe. What we must do then is adjust the amplifier, for I am accustomed to projecting through this equipment and your modulation is set much lower. I will need to speak more intimately when I speak through you.

Just so you know, I am gracious with my friend, Gerdean. We have always had a very cordial arrangement. When I work with her, which she appreciates fully, I tell her what I am going to do and then she has no surprises nor does anyone else. And since I often play the host, I will gladly play according to her wishes. I am going to transfer to Tiahuan and stay with him, then, throughout the rest of the hour while Gerdean remains open to be available to other entities who may like to come forward from the audience in the invisible realm and meet your needs. I am again glad to be in your midst. I hope you appreciate this very calibrated agenda. It is for the opportunity to be on the Program, and I am grateful.

**TOMAS:** (T/R 2) My friends, again, it is important in our lives together, in these expanding circumstances, to learn to follow the direction set in motion by following the leading of God, for He began an eternity of sharing a limitless love with everyone He meets, and such love is compelling. The invitation, over time, is to help to magnify this love in each of you, in all matters, in your own efforts, and within limitations such as are found in the material creatures of His creation.

This Teaching Mission is not a crusade. Yet it is a campaign. It is a campaign to win every heart and every mind. Not only to win every living being throughout this sector of Neadon, but all who have suffered, as you have suffered, this hole in your heart, wondering where this missing piece is. Missing not by any choice of yours, but by the circumstances of time, for which all conspire to elevate the amplitude of these waves of affection. And so we ask you to pay attention to lessons of divinity attainment in most infinitesimal beings over time and space which Our Father gives us to gather you and your fellows into His arms and into the arms of each other. Love is the greatest reality in all the universe

It is not a cause won by the use of swords or even words, so quickly are they exchanged one for the other – all to do battle, rather than to make peace. Your thoughts, your words, your actions spring from the choice. All flow in the presence of I Am / We Are. It is Our Father's will for you. Here again all of this, where we are in the end of our striving, is in this very peaceful place. Throughout your journeys, your adventures On High, this constancy of magnifying the joy, the love we will share together, you will so spawn. How might we use the sounds, the circuits at this moment? Would they distract you? These are opportunities to receive a greater range of affection. Can you dwell in this place at all? This eternal moment? Realize the Stillness and yet walk on the earth? Showering your fellows with love you have felt poured upon you?

Your challenge is not to build physical structures, though these have their place. Your challenge is not to produce manuscripts to allow your lives to be translated. *Your lives* compose the archives of Neadon. It is from these we draw our lessons. This soul we share in company, this soul of supremacy. Our friend, our Father/our Brother Michael, shows all, all this, to the Supreme as a Sovereign Creator Son. Each of you have your own sovereignties to attain. Every day of your lives, as by each of his life incarnations, you are earning your soul. We assist you, as we are part of you. And how happy we are to share this love! In this moment of history, we are making the effort. The records of your world may not reflect this change for some time. But you see it. You feel it. You know it. In the depth of your being. Share it like this In any heart that seems suited. Invite us to participate with your struggles. Share with us.

I will give this one a rest. Let us proceed.

**SERAPHIM:** Good evening. I am a seraphim. I'm not familiar with this T/R and she is not familiar with me, nor does she know what I'm doing here. This makes her nervous. You can imagine how that feels. I am here to greet you and visit with you. I am going to be alternate to Tomas's hosting. I would like to hear from you. I would like to hear your needs, your thoughts, your concerns, your opinions, your beliefs, your feelings. Who are you? Oh, yes, I recognize some of you, but I haven't heard from you all in a long time. How good it is to see you! You know, we don't get to see you up close like this very often. We see you from afar, through a veil, as it were, and when we have opportunity to come in and BE with you, it is like seeing you from a new perspective, a preferred perspective, but only for the occasion. You have questions?

**1<sup>st</sup> Student:** Is this your first visit to Urantia?

**SERAPHIM:** No. I've been around a little bit. I've made appearances here and there. I've spent some time with the ministers of healing. Indeed, I have spent time with the Life Carriers active here.

**1<sup>st</sup> Student:** How do you wish to be helpful to us?

**SERAPHIM:** I am a minister. I am also a minister among ministers, and I have access to them; therefore, if you have need of ministry, I have the power, the ability, the privilege, the opportunity ... I can turn around and ask my fellows who "specialize" in the field if they would like to respond.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Student:** Could you tell me if the Angels of Progress have recently received a change in their orders?

**SERAPHIM:** As of what date?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Student:** The year 2000.

**SERAPHIM:** I can tell you, yes, they have received new orders, but they are getting new orders all the time. They have a very busy division. The Progressives have very little down time. They work closely, in fact, with the midwayers who are very busy. Being nearer to you and denser, they scurry about speedily taking care of business. But this is necessary. This is an energy pattern. Think in terms of the Niagara Falls. Suggest to your astral body that you are a part of the integral chemistry of the region here, of that which is creating the power that provides goods and services to so many people: the water; the machinery that processes the power; the gears that must mesh to move the wheels. This is progress. It cannot stop. It gets many updates. But you who are active in your realm understand this is the nature of progress: if the gears stop, the machine does not work. This is different from other areas of energy application. Some are static. Some are fluid. Progress is progressive. They don't need one course per year; they have 250 short-term seminars. Why? Why do you ask?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Student:** [Indistinguishable, something about a dispensational change, that we must change directions] Is this true?

**SERAPHIM:** I need to ask you many questions. Your question is not adequately encapsulated to offer me an opportunity to focus on your needs. You must tell me more.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Student:** [Again, indistinguishable.]

**SERAPHIM:** Yes they are. They are in favor of that, for they see the good it can do. They see they will not be left behind. They will not be overlooked. They will not be pushed aside. But that was not so at first. The times have changed and, therefore, the mind adapts to the needs of the day and they are like the gears of progress, ever onwardly pressing ... albeit, some fields more slowly. The idea, too, of a dispensation as an event is over-dramatized in your minds. Because of your tendency toward short-term thinking (based on the fact you have only recently begun to acknowledge your are standing as universe citizens), your habitual perspective is short term. You will eventually and gradually expand that view and, of course, that will be marvelous because it will then offer you more opportunity for new adventure, which you love! But it, too, will give rise to more questions, more answers, and more mastery of the mechanical universe.

Dispensations ending and beginning is not like your Gregorian calendar, but rather is like an age, an era, an actuum, but there are very few projects in the universe which are undertaken to be done quickly. Again, think of the size of the universe and the lumbering machinery required to process the power of Paradise into infinity. The gears enmeshed infinitum cannot be stopped on a dime!

In your teachings you have heard it said that the Master was called forth from his remains, lifted up, whereupon he took care of business for a number of eternities before resuming the drama of the tomb. In your eyes, you would not have noticed his absence, but in the eyes of the eternal perspective, it was adequate time to administer to all these affairs of the universe which had been pending in his absence, including the inauguration of a dispensational roll call. And since we saw that happen in [snaps fingers] such a split second of your consciousness, you assume that a dispensational roll call or changeover is likewise accountable on your clock, but your clock is not big enough to count the time that attends on the greater universe. Your perception is only good for your existence here. And it's a terribly temporary point of view.

But you are right to wonder and speculate about the universe changes that are certainly on-going, and of which you are an integral part. It is only natural that awakened citizens should opt to look around and see where they are in terms of eternity and, wiping the dust from their shoes, take up their bag and walk on into the rest of eternity as Huckleberry Finn

and Tom Sawyer might have walked off to go fishing.

You are embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. An eternal lifetime. And you mark eternity by the way you perceive it. Give yourself a lot of time. Give yourself time to be children.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Student:** Do you think the celestials see humankind here on this planet evolved enough to make use of the ... systems of some kind ... extra terrestrials that have shown an interest in availing themselves to us ... giving us a new incentive to ... ?

**SERAPHIM:** Once again I find your question compounded, which gives me a broad range of response.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Student:** I guess what I really want to know is, I have heard the extra-terrestrials from far distant planets, have they given up on us? Or are they going to stay around, even though we are at war now, and are doing some pretty crazy things?

**SERAPHIM:** One moment. War will not be a deterrent, as long as they remain beyond range of earth warriors. All of your cosmic neighbors and other terrestrial cousins in those worlds that are able to be aware of intergalactic association, are aware of your condition as a world which has been in quarantine. And one thing you might realize is that in the more advanced stages of development, all the evolving worlds of Nebadon find mercy irresistible. It is your good fortune that this is the case! But there is a new administration – office if you will – established now, to curb the zeal of those neighbors who are volunteering to come over and help the new kids on the block straighten out their difficulty. These new kids on the block are sickly little waifs, at that, and so there are barricades up to keep the universe from smothering you with their attention (appreciative chortles) They are not permitted -- at this point, at least – to interfere.

Indeed. Your orb is very much a work of art. A great treasure. We have what you would consider reams of material in the archives about your orb. You can imagine ... how about the Taj Mahal? ... how important it is to your world culture. A palace in honor of his wife. Exquisite beyond compare. Compare that to our Master Son, our Creator. Exquisite beyond compare is his birthplace. “Sentimental shrine.”

Don't you know those ladies who put their cradle in the attic, the one in which they rocked their firstborn? They are not about to let it warp on the back porch and get thrown into the fire or the trash. They have blood, sweat and tears wrapped up in that monument to a meaningful event. You can understand that. Well, have I run out of time?

**4<sup>th</sup> Student:** I have a question.

**SERAPHIM:** I would love to hear your question, Daughter.

**4<sup>th</sup> Student:** This is kind of maybe a stupid question, but there's been somebody in my house ever since my husband died, and I've never been there by myself and I would like to know who it is. If they can...

**SERAPHIM:** I will ask you a couple of questions so that I understand your concern fully.

**4<sup>th</sup> Student:** Okay.

**SERAPHIM:** You have a house which you once lived in that you visit? And when you visit that house there is a spirit within? Is that the case?

**4<sup>th</sup> Student:** It's the house that my husband built. And I enjoy it. It's a lovely house. But I have never been by myself. I can feel the spirits of people there. And I wonder who it is. If there is any way of finding out.

**SERAPHIM:** They are eddies of energy embedded in the architecture of the time the place came into being. They are memories of persons and moments captured for eternity. Pictures of the Supreme posted on the hallowed walls of that edifice of love, of youth, of hope, of ideals, of faith. Of course, of sorrow, of loss, of fear, of want. But those are realities that have come into being because of your association there. You have made it a sacred place. You have given it life. And when you return, you hear the echo of the voice of your own mind embedded in the walls. This must endear you to the place. Why are you not there?



**4<sup>th</sup> Student:** Because I'm at this meeting.

**SERAPHIM:** Of course. And you have good company.

**4<sup>th</sup> Student:** How come I got the message that the midwayers were supposed to be honored here at this meeting? Three days before I came. So I made it on my T-shirt that there was a midwayer there. I'm sure.

**SERAPHIM:** I'm sure. We have several here right now. One is helping me with this communication, in fact. I have them under foot all the time! (Group laughter)

**5<sup>th</sup> Student:** Is there any teacher available who would like to talk a little bit more about the Magisterial Son's arrival? Any special words for us in this regard?

**SERAPHIM:** Inasmuch as this is beyond my authority as a seraphim, I will return the podium to our host, Tomas, and he can direct the question if he chooses.

**TOMAS:** My dear friend, the Son has visited me, is visiting at this moment, is a part of the assembled throng, with excitement mirroring your own. Timing is always a matter of degree. The increments of time with which you measure propriety is small, yet, I would encourage you and others to recognize you are now part of his labor. Do not wait to begin. He will assist you as you invite him. He asks those who he has visited to speak of his presence, to listen to him, to listen for him, that he learns from you, even as you will be learning much from him.

This is Tomas. I am happy to be a part of this effort in a while. In the meantime, he will speak. Many of you can hear him. All of you work even now. Set your minds at ease. The labor has begun. Very well. Are there other questions?

**6<sup>th</sup> Student:** Yes, I have a question on healing. I just want to know how we, being on this planet can experience a healing process from our past, growing from a child to an adult and healing through that process. We are told now to go back to visit that to understand how it got attached to us and how we heal that so we can be in the present, able to share, and I would like to understand that process more.

**TOMAS:** Many could answer this for you. Perhaps others will join me.

**7<sup>th</sup> Student:** I'd like to ask a question. Does the individual who asked the question have some teacher that is already ... on board to assist him?

**JESSONA:** I am Jessona. I can talk to you about healing. You are talking about correcting within those areas which are twisted and blocked because of the necessity to react in order to survive in an uncaring world – at least in those situations which were less than perfect, which, while lived, were imperfect and which now you would about face and iron the wrinkle, releasing the soul to advance in a healed condition.

Become as a child. Become as a little child. First. Allow your child to be. Talk to your child. Be there for your child. Let your child take the lead in the relationship. The wounded child. The lost child. The child is going to be angry with you. The child is going to be disappointed with you. You are going to love this child very deeply before you are finished because you will have apologized to it, through no fault of your own but because it is a child, and because no one did it for you when you were there. And you ask God if you could repair the rift by healing the wound and He is assisting in this healing ... but you no longer loathe yourself, nor your fellows who put you in this position, even God, for you have seen the end from the beginning. You have now seen the Alpha and the Omega. You have seen the life therein. You have seen the Father as a result. This is the healing process. This is the radiance of sonship that you have been missing. This is the boulder that has rested over you, crushing you. And you have risen up through the spirit and thrown it off. because you have been called forth, like Lazarus, from the grave.

You have been elevated into knowing who you are now. Having mercy. Having compassion. Having gained wisdom. Having forgiven. Having laughed! Having wept. Having loved. Having healed. Having slept. By and through the process of becoming a child. And so you – by and through being a child – begin to become the adult that you long to be, that you have always wanted to be, that they always said you could be. And more.

It is wonderful that no matter what you may have imagined it would be like to be “healed” -- the unimaginably wonderful and lovely -- it was nothing like what it was when it finally really happened. And it didn’t happen quickly. God’s light may wash over you like a floodlight. Washing out the reality of everything around you but Itself. But it was not quickly. It was done slowly and laboriously as you worked through the layers of feeling that render you blameless and effective. You will see this happen now. Not only in others. But in groups of others. In nations of others. It will happen to the world. The world will go through the same Correcting procedure, and Urantia will be born again. Into the light. Into Light and Life.

Yes, this is important work, healing. “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.” “Let me be an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is discord, let me bring harmony. Where there is darkness, let me bring light.” This is our song. This is our battle cry. Rejoice and be glad. Your teacher will go with you. Mother Nebadonia will comfort you. Father will lead you. Allow it to unfold naturally and as it should. You don’t have to push yourself to grow up too fast. Take your time. Savor your healing process. Nurture your wounds. Try out the new muscle that emerges from the healing process. Walk on it. Run with it. Become strong. But enjoy the process. Enjoy the grieving. Enjoy the sorrow. Enjoy the loss. Appreciate where the guilt comes from. Understand that about yourself. About humanity. And let it go.

You have such a rich inheritance. If you only knew how rich you are. I will tell it to you this way, and then I will depart. You are a candy bar, you see? You have marshmallows, caramel, nuts, chocolate and glitter all at once. And you are *nutritious*, to boot. You are so rich. Your lives are so filled with potential that only you can attain by reaching out for that gift, that talent, that allotment, that bestowal which is yours and yours alone. Thank you for your inquiry, your encouragement, your gracious hospitality. And thank you, Tomas.

**TOMAS:** It is my pleasure. We shall continue at another time.

### SMALL GROUP SESSION (3 of 3)

**TEACHER BOB:** Good evening, this is Bob. I am privileged to be here. It’s an honor. I am a new teacher. I’ve been in training a good deal of time. I was asked to be here today to present this lesson. It is a duplication of one I gave a few weeks ago in Colorado. I was graded on it, and my reward for its product was to be asked to provide this lesson tonight for you. So it is a privilege to be here. This lesson deals with the stillness and consciousness, in greeting the One, the Father Fragment within us. This is for myself, as well as you.

In the stillness we have cast away our tether to the material world. You cannot dissolve the sounds that come to you from the outside. You may pay attention to them, but in the stillness you would not think about them, give them value, or address them with a judgement. Simply hear them and let them pass through your mind. Your eyes are closed, but in your vision screen there is a blank. Often times in your vision screen in your imagination you see your daily work, children, friends, family, agendas, meeting with people, you see yourself in various situations. But here in the stillness all that is put away and you say to yourself I am still.

For purposes of this lesson I ask you now to examine your intentions for being here tonight at this lesson. State to yourself what your intention is for being here. Next, examine your sincerity. Is it a superfluous activity? Are you here for superficial reasons? Or are you here earnestly, deeply, sincerely, to learn. These two factors provide the qualitative and quanti-tative dimensions of your stillness. We have been taught that when we begin the stillness that we make a declaration for our intention. Institu-tions call this an invocation. You invoke the presence of an authority, a power, and you are there to engage that. You have read, “Be still and know that I am God,” and go to your closet and be still. There in the stillness you will meet your Father Fragment.

Continuing our meditative exercise, you have cast aside the moorings of the material plane and you are your own consciousness. Yes, you can feel the chair underneath you, and your hands together or apart on your lap, but as you withdraw from those planes, you come within, and soon you are floating without a tether to your body. You are entering the state of consciousness. You are aware of yourself being aware of yourself. You’ve come to that space in your consciousness that is as though you are in a closet without walls, ceiling, floor, or light, as large as a house, or an auditorium, or stadium, as though this closet were the size of the Grand Canyon, or the size of a world. These walls of

consciousness are infinite. This is the place or position where you come face to face, consciousness to consciousness, with the Father within.

Many of you have practiced this many hundreds, perhaps thousands of times. How many times have you gone to this space, this consciousness, and felt no one there? How many times have you gone to this space of your consciousness and realized as you probed this space of conscious-ness within your mind that you are not alone? With practice you will go to this space and realize, know, feel a presence there with you. It is not Bob, nor Rayson, but it will be your Thought-Adjuster, your Father Fragment, Christ Michael and Nebadonia.

When this occurs to you for the first time, you may ask, "Am I alone?" Having already felt the presence of someone or something within you, then, the words will return, "No, you are never alone." You ask again, "Who is here?" and the reply is invariably, "I AM. I AM here." And slowly, perhaps suddenly, the rush of awakening awareness washes over you and you realize that you are in the presence of the Creator. It is the "I AM that I AM," the never-failing, eternal, enduring presence within you. Let us take a few moments now to exercise, to feel this presence. (A few minutes pause.)

This is Bob. You begin to awaken to the realization that you have the capability, the capacity, to enter this state of consciousness, and at almost anytime during your daily life, any moment where you can possibly be still. Say you're walking along a sidewalk, come to a curb, and the stoplight says to stop. You close your eyes momentarily and you become aware of your self and you become aware that you are not alone. It is not the hundreds of people around you, but that one or two beings who are with you in the stillness of your consciousness. The light changes and you move on. This can occur many times during the day, with a brief respite at your desk, a time where you walk down the hall and look out a window, a time to refresh yourself. We are also taught that when we do this we may provide an invitation for the resolution of some issue through guidance, either immediately at the time or through a later situation. An insight might come to you later, when you most need it.

This is practicing the presence/practicing the stillness anytime anywhere in your life. Once you have achieved this skill, it will be with you for your life. And yes, many of you do not hear your Father speak to you, but most of you *do* feel the Father's presence. This state of conscious-ness provides you with that still moment where you two meet and you are open to all the universe's wisdom and guidance. And when that occurs, as it will occur frequently, be open to much good to come into your life.

This is Bob and I am ready to shift the focus of our discussion. Let me tell you a bit about my introduction to Colorado, which is a small micro-cosm of this planet. As you know, most of us volunteer for several options, for several openings. The Denver locale was one of them. I was grateful to receive this assignment. I have been at this post for many months. My supervising teacher, if I can use that term loosely, is Rayson, and I am very glad to be under his guidance. You would think that a huge metropolitan area as this would have many teachers. Several million people live there and yes, there are many teachers there, but they have yet to coordinate the efforts of the mortals, but this is going on.

As I said, the lesson tonight was a gift, so to speak, to me, and it is truly just a summary of what I gave several weeks ago. We have time for questions, if you wish. (Pause) Oh come now, I've been with you throughout these days and I know you are not bashful.

**Q** Bob, there's been talk that the Trinity originates the patterns used throughout the grand universe. What teaching patterns have been instilled by your supervisor, or cohorts?

**A** Not to embarrass myself, I hope, but it is to keep it simple and repeat it, basic fundamental teaching techniques for humans with humans. We have much to teach, but the principles are simple. The principles involve cooperation, coordination. We do not even strive yet to teach you to love your enemies, but to begin to work among your-selves in those places of differences, where you can make progress that is visible. The principle is that you live on a very complex world with complex relationships, ancient, dissonant, feelings among your tribes, and the larger patterns of peace and cooperation are being developed by those who are working within the Correcting Time, as we know that your world is incapable of doing so now. So our teaching is to individuals and to groups, to teach healthier relationships, the primary of which is the relationship with God within you, and the recognition that you are not alone, the awareness that you have a plan, that there is a plan for your life, that your world is not abandoned or without hope. Neither are you alone as an

individual and neither are you alone as a planet. Yes, there are patterns. At my level and at yours it is always very simple. Teach the simple lessons, teach the simple principles.

We are very pleased and grateful for not only the camaraderie that you feel among yourselves at conferences such as this, but for the sense of community, a feeling and awareness of oneness, that you truly are one people with one God. And yes, we acknowledge that you do speak of divisions at your dinner tables and in conversation, but the glow and the light that comes from you among yourselves, with your fellows and sisters, is wonderful. I come from a very coordinated world, so I am quite amazed at the progress that is being made on your planet and I feel privileged to be a part of that. Another question?

**Q2** I have a technical question regarding the Celestial Overseers, and wonder if the Teaching Mission or Correcting Time is in any way involved with them?

**A** Yes. That is a short and blunt question and a short and blunt answer. I apologize for the brevity of my answer. I have not completed all the schools of the mansion worlds, but volunteered early when I qualified. I assure you that distant, seeming administratively distant bodies and individuals may not seem directly related to the Correcting Time, but all are contributing to the welfare of all the planets that were in quarantine.

**Q3** Bob, I was wondering, are there any planets in Neadon, which are now in light and life?

**A** Yes.

**Q3** Could you tell us how many? More than one?

**A** Yes, more than one. I am not aware of the answer myself, but I do know that there are planets in light and life.

**Q3** That's encouraging.

**Q4** Bob, I have a question about some statements made by Machiventa in your group not long ago, encouraging us to create centers of worship of some sort or projects of that kind as a means of outreach. Do you have commentary for those interested in that prospect?

**A** Yes, most definitely. This is part of my basic training to be a part of a vision for an opening community, as the metropolitan area where I work. The centers of worship would look and operate quite differently from the solemn edifices that you have seen and where you have worshiped in times past. Centers of worship can be without a building. It may be that a group of you and your friends would like to meet on an ocean beach or cliff overlooking an ocean, near a lake, on the side of the mountain, in an open field of wheat. The worship begins first within the individual and continues in association with those who wish to join this presence and to participate in the acknowledgement of the divine which is so near them. You may call it a celebration, an ecstatic awareness of the presence that is so close to each of you. The worship may be in a community hall of a retirement center. You will find among the elderly those who are still competent in thought, those who are so aware of the nearness of their passing. And some are hopeless and some are filled with hope. Worship would be a powerful opportunity to bring various religions or a religious individuals together into an awareness of the oneness that abides within them, around them, their Creator. We are not instructed to show you how to sing or have ritual, but we are instructed in how to assist you individually and in groups to come to the palpable awareness that you are living in holy ground and that more sacredly holy ground resides within each of you. Then worship becomes not an obligation, but a tremendous opportunity for excitement, oneness, within that presence. Thank you.

**Q5** Bob, for several years our planet has been gifted with a phenomenon of visual patterns placed around the planet, in pastures, on sand, and in snowfields, the phenomenon of crop circles. What can you say about the purpose of this phenomenon?

**A** The source is benign. The purpose is to awaken awareness that you live in a larger universe. This is a very simple answer, I know. But that is among the purposes for their existence. There is however, within those designs much wisdom, much knowledge, if you discern the difference. We are not privileged to reveal much about these phenomena. I know this does not answer your questions, but perhaps only whets it. I would appreciate your patience with that please.

**Q5** It's so nice to hear that they're benign.



**Q6** Bob, what can you tell us about the Magisterial Son and the talk of his physical manifestation and the Melchizedeks?

**A** I am privileged to reveal this to you, that yes, there are plans, have been plans developing for a good long time for the presence and arrival of one of these sons. Where and when is unknown to all but a very few in Nebadon. It is not a secret, but information that is released or provided on a need to know basis. As this involves the lineage of sons, these decisions are made very high in the administration of this local universe. Yes, there is a son coming to this planet. It will arrive at a time which is significant, timely, and appropriate. You may say, "My gosh, he should arrive today then." Perhaps so. Will he arrive in your lifetime. I do not know. I know that Michael will provide this as the time and events require.

**Q6** Have you met him?

**A** No, I have not met him.

**Q6** But is he present in spirit on the planet?

**A** I am not privileged to know that. I thank you for your time. This might seem a bit tedious to you, a new teacher presenting this material to you. However, I'm glad that you have borne through this. Thank you for your patience. I appreciate being here. I look forward to many decades and centuries of service with you and your children. Goodbye.

**NIGHT SESSION, 7/11/03**  
Opens with Bill Bryan Poem

Children of the human race  
    Offspring of your Mother Earth  
        Not alone in endless space  
            Has your planet given birth

Far across the cosmic skies  
    Countless suns of glory blaze  
        And from untold planets rise  
            Endless canticles of praise

Should some word of others reach  
    This lonely planet Earth  
        Differences of form and speech  
            Must not hide our common worth

When at last your souls are free  
    And the clouds of fear disperse  
        Then at last you'll learn to be  
            Children of the Universe

**MALVANTRA MELCHIZEDEK:** Valiant travelers on your ascension scheme, being washed by the vibrations of your creative musical endeavors, feeling the pleasure as your internal being vibrates with the joys of your brethren's song, so too does your divine essence titillate with the exquisite divine vibrations emanating through the Source Center of your central Being. You are connected in the most luxurious fashion with the endless Source of all creative energy. You rest in the heartland of the majestic Trinity who outpours in the most unified fashion waves of eternal love. When you gather for worship, your concerted and social grouping exemplifies the purpose of sharing in unison the beautiful unfolding of your gratitude in a welcoming fashion for the gifts bestowed instantly, constantly, forever.

The bridge of size is but a passage through the gateway of the immortal portal and entrance into a dimension that will fill you with awe, captivate your imagination and sustain and nurture with divine nutrients: the essence of all being, the ambrosia of living existence, the soma of infinite life. Your song vibrates as a reward for the honor

that's due your grouping as a result of the loyalty and your fidelity to your Sovereign who recognizes and acknowledges his children of light.

Let the rule of Michael commanding your mission be remembered through the age of the Supreme beyond the confines of your universe with a purposeful reputation as agondonters to impress and forever shatter a reputation that the Urantians are a weak race. Let the blood run strong and let your faith be fired and sparkle as you galvanize and proceed with your precious mission. (T/R: Stephen Mark)

**TEACHER ABRAHAM:** I am Abraham. Greetings, dear ones. I embrace you. I am weeping in joy and awe for you. In your lives today a new well has been drilled and this well of living water envelops your thirsting and quenches many longings you have had. The lessons you've taken in these past few days will bubble and rise within you, that you will desire to share with everyone, with others in your path. Is it not a beautiful day, my dear ones? You rise so high in this well of love, sharing this love with others without consciousness of its effect so far out to so many. Do you know how deeply loved you really are? I know you better than you know. My staff and I salute you and congratulate you all for your beautiful and truthful connections today. I leave you to another and send you my greetings. Shalom. (T/R: Mark Greer)

**ARTISAN ELISHA:** I don't know about you folks, but your artisans are having great fun here. Actually we see that you are, too. We are overjoyed with you. We are working on a song for you. Can we work on it together?

These hills of New York are green with peace  
And the truth bells everywhere ringing  
And as I look into each loving face  
How can I keep from singing?

In this renewal center we focus our lives  
Spiritual wisdom we all are bringing  
And in this place of joyous love  
We have not kept from singing.

We love you all and share your quest  
On the celestial side they're singing  
In joyous rhyming rhythmic ways  
True love we all are bringing...

... and sharing and giving and feeling the holy spirit that lives within us, and feeling an extra measure this night of the new things that Michael brought to Urantia -- amazing new concepts in a cruel land -- of mercy, peace, forgiveness, compassion, and caring, each man and woman melded together in a mystery that became a ministry that swept throughout the universe of Nebadon. You are not alone in sharing the great news of this world's resurrection into the light. These green hills and living waters remind us daily that God is reigning and as His waters wash us free and clean, how can we keep from singing? Peace to all of you, and joy, and love. Good night. (T/R: Jim Cleveland)

**MOST HIGHS:** We are an amalgam of the Most Highs, come to greet you in this place, this time of gathering. You have brought your energies together in this place of peace for a higher purpose. Of this, we rejoice. We applaud your efforts. We have joined our energies with yours to make this event a gathering of energies greater than the sum of your parts. The energy of this conference radiates outward, not only on your planet. You have little concept of the multitudes that surround you, watching, learning, rejoicing, joining in your efforts to raise this planet to light and life. It is true, no act of love goes unnoticed. We are, at times, in awe of how God's power and love works between all of us. We, too, are learning from your experiences. Through you, many planets are experiencing growth. You grow together with them, though to you it is unseen. We work between you, among you, to lift you, to connect you. It is now possible for much more to happen on your plane than we thought possible a short time ago.

The Magisterial Son will be appearing in a short period of your time. You can prepare by returning to your groups, however small, however active or inactive. Any small act that is shared in the name of God with the intent of light, with

the power of love, creates a ripple effect, of more than you are aware. Be at peace in what you do, where you are. Be at peace with the people in your life. Share with them your love. Share with them the feeling of light, the reality of light. Allow others to be in relationship with Christ, with the Magisterial Son, through you, through the way you live your lives. It needn't be a huge and showy act. It only needs to be love between you and another.

This night, before you slumber, and any time during your activities of the day, whenever you can, remember your connection. Think of it. Reconnect as often as you can, until you feel the reality of constant connection, of constant prayer, of never-ending light in your life. Be aware of our presence and the many celestials who over light you. We are doing all we can to pour love into your hearts, to help you to change the reality, which you now see into a new and grander design -- the plan God has set before you. All is well. Beauty, truth, goodness. These are the design, the patterns imprinted on your souls. Seek to awaken these patterns within you. Seek to remember your connection to the higher realms and allow these energies to expand in your life.

Again, we wish to applaud this gathering, the energies that are being shared; they will be carried with you when you depart and separate from this place. In reality you do not separate. Once connected, you are always connected. Good night, dear children. Good night. (T/R: Leoma Sparer)

**SERAPHIM SOLONIA:** Greetings, dear young ones. This is your sister Solonia. Truly you would be awestruck if you were able to visualize the numbers of my sisters, of teachers of all manners, of celestial personalities, who are here assisting in this wonderful gathering of souls. There have been no coincidences as of yet. We never put anything past our own notice.

We would like you to do an exercise tomorrow. Be aware of our seraphic ministry alongside of you during the day as you "by chance meet one another in the corridor, or outside, or in the elevator." Recognize that we have been playing. This is our special music. It is part of our function as seraphim and as guardians. When there are two or three of you together know that there are thirty or forty together there. Try to keep this in the forefront of your consciousness tomorrow and experience, see where you end up and be aware of all of the contacts along the way.

I believe that with this awareness of our presence as you go about your days, you will the easier be able to return to your every day tasks, ministries, lives, knowing better in your heart that indeed we are there then, too, and there are many who are dedicated to the service of each and every one of you. Wait upon the Father's time and all will unfold. Allow our work to be noticeable in your lives by your personal revelation of the Father's love. The love he gives to you, give to all, and we will get the right people together at the right time. Everyone you may chance to meet, even in your everyday lives, we are there, we are a part of the contacts. It is why you have so many opportunities every single day to share our Father's love, to share of yourself. In busy day lives it is very easy to overlook these things and we understand. It is the norm on this world indeed, and yet we go about our business and you do stop and talk to a person we have guided into your path whom, in fact, we have guided you both together. It could be anyone on the street. It need not be the brothers and sisters that you know and love.

Our Father works for the good of us all and we are all his willing servants. Those of us who have this supreme opportunity to work on this world of Urantia feel it is of the highest privilege, for nowhere else in the universe can we have these incredible difficult learning experiences. It is the greatest honor to be here among you all this evening. We very much love and care for you. You are like our little brothers and sisters, and though you may not be able to see it, to us you are truly adorable. I will part with you for now, realizing as is in our assignment for tomorrow. We are here among you and we are working with you for your highest good, with the guidance of your Father Fragments. Good night, dear ones.  
(T/R: Daniel Megow)

## **SATURDAY MORNING FOCUS**

July 12, 2003

**NEBADONIA:** Good Morning, this is Nebadonia, Mother Spirit of Nebadon. It is wonderful to see and feel the reflection of my presence in your minds, for you all carry that eminence within you. Just as Father's spirit, Christ Michael

is with you, I am with you as well. I pervade the very spaces of this planet and this local universe.

You have come together during this brief few days to spend time in social grace together, communing with your Father Fragments within, appealing to the Christ Spirit around you and within you. There are periods of time of silence and stillness and then episodes of frenetic activity. You are so excited to be a part of the universe, to become a part of the expanding spirit, healing spirit of this planet. We encourage you. You call this *love* which you feel from us. It is parental support, nurturance, care, and compassion for your arduous journey. We are ever present around you, and my dear cohort Christ Michael is so ever-present around you. Your appeals for his presence, for his intervention, for his intimate participation in your life is immediate.

You are beginning a new era on this planet which has not ever existed before. The era of darkness and quarantine is past, and some of the generations sitting here know of the way you and your parents were treated. It was aloof. Though there was the ever-present watch care of my guardian ministers among you, you felt alone. We are so joyful, so feeling of oneness with you now that these barriers are lifted so we can reach out to you and touch your hearts, and I touch your mind. Not to become a part of you, but to become one with you in those areas where you want to accept my presence, Christ Michael's presence, and the participation of his and my ministers among you and with you.

Our presence now is intimate and immediate. There are no causes, no issues, aside from selfish ones, which we will not participate in. We will participate in all efforts for your growth, for the assistance of others, for your children, for your aging parents, and those in need far away. Yes, we are also immediately there for all the well, all the healthy, all the eager, all the ones who want to know more, to expand truth even in material ways, that they might become aware that spirit is afoot on your planet and everywhere.

You have tales of elven infants, and small ones, those ethereal small spirit creatures. You have stories of those. Now you have the reality of spirits among you. You need not appeal to spirits of the land, but to spirits of the mind, and spirits of the heart, and of the Son and Father, and my spirits. We are with you. You need not cry out in pain and anguish seeking our assistance but simply sincerely in your consciousness, in that presence where you know you are with spirit, with Father, make your appeal. Your petitions and repetitions of petitions need not be made, but simply a true, deep, heartfelt, earnest and sincere appeal for assistance in areas you do not know how to solve. We are there.

You are seeing wonderful, miraculous, spontaneous coincidences, arrangements of meetings, arrangements of facilities, the arrangement of resources, which mysteriously, or not so mysteriously arrive when you need them. You wonder about the progress of this Teaching Mission, yet it is held within the palm of Christ Michael's hand in the Correcting Time. Through the Correcting Time there is the pervasive presence of spirit in association with Father, Son, and Spirit working actively for you and with you. Remember dear friends, dear children, that your planet will not be healed by us alone, but only cocreatively with you.

This, though difficult passage of work, is the most effective for you to learn it thoroughly, totally, completely as an ingrained part of your being. Were you to be fortunate to learn this before your transition to the morontia worlds, you will have gained an immense asset that morontial graduates have and know, an intrinsic knowledge that you are part of the universe, that you and your presence are known to all and you know all others. The separation which you feel on this planet is an illness. On the morontial and spiritual spheres separation will no longer exist.

My children, I bring you under my wing as a mother hen brings her children, her chicks, under her wings. Feel the oneness under this protective umbrella. Know that you are in and with the presence that pervades this local universe. Know that you are cared for. Know that there is no separation between us except that which you desire. Blessings to you during your journey. Blessings to you during this week. We are with you; we love you; and may the peace of God pervade all your hearts. Good day.  
(T/R: Daniel Raphael)

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**TEACHER THEMULIAH:** Hello my friends, I am Deborah's personal teacher, Themuliah. We have many talks



together and I am so happy to be addressing a larger group. God is so good. Doesn't it feel so good to experience his love in your life and that love that you express with one another? This is what we need; we need to be messengers of love to this world. So many people don't know what it feels like to be loved by God. They believe in God, but they haven't felt his love. We are those lights. We can send that love through us as a channel and give them an enhanced opportunity to experience this most exquisite reality in their life.

You remember the song, "What the World Needs Now is Love Sweet Love". It truly does need the love of our divine Father to be healed. And you have chosen yourselves to partake in this mission of love, of our Michael and we will support you more than a hundred percent. So trust in that. Trust in the process of your becoming. Allow your time to ripen as Jesus allowed his time to ripen. Don't be in a hurry, but let God lead the way. Thank you.  
(T/R: Deborah Goaldman)

**MALVANTRA MELCHIZEDEK:** Thank you for your magnificent courage. You are enabled to proceed, to spread the joy of the gospel through the interventions of your Sovereign Master. Your purpose in your mortal existence is to establish a well-balanced personality. Your physical, intellectual, and spiritual dimensions must be healthy and pure and balanced in synchronicity for the purpose of achieving the most open and consistent pathway to your Mystery Monitor, the divine gift. Its most precious essence should not be impinged upon by pollutants or by fear. Cleanse yourself.

In your traditions the body was viewed as a temple, housing the jewel of all creation. View yourself as a vessel of purity. In your thoughts, which you have been told can be weighed and measured, be careful of what you think about, for your thoughts have consequences. Be gentle in your speech, for your words can both harm and help. Be valiant in your expression, in your understanding of spiritual values, which are imported for the purpose of expressing the eternal ~ designed pattern promulgated by the Trinity ~ for the purpose of duplicating the glory from the infinite down to the finite. You will need to gather your courage to step forward with your committed belief that your thinking of Jesus' teachings needs to be applied in daily outpourings of love to the brethren that pass your way.

Your seraphic assistance is specifically assigned by Nebadonia to assist and to delegate, purposefully, opportunities for your personal growth and development. Be in tune with clear pure vision to accept the connections and the opportunities that are being presented to you. The future rests in the bosom of the Universal Father, not to cause any level of anxiety or apprehension on your part. You reside in the auspices of a Creator Son's majestic rule in concert with the maternal grace of a most sublime Creative Daughter.

As you intune to the circuitous atmosphere, you will have difficulty designating the categories from whence this energy comes. Do not be troubled by your inability to perceive "from what source does this exceptional feel come from?" Simply preserve your lessons by daily practice of meditative contemplation and afterwards retain the ability to reflectively consider your perceptions of the Divine Presence, which we need not mention, has been enhanced, and saturates your very meetings. Consider your role of leadership, couched and overshadowed by fraternal feelings of brotherhood and sisterhood, where you're obligated in a most honorable fashion to assist your comrades who struggle to reach the pool of eternal grace that you drink at.

Forever remember that the banner of Satania flies with the pride of the loyal sentient beings that refused to rebel and remained steadfast and resolute in their loyalty to the divine court of Salvington. Michael's intention is complete reclamation, complete rejuvenation, under the auspices of the guidance of the Universal Father in conjunction with the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit in existential splendor. Waves and force fields are spreading out of Havona earmarked specifically for Orvonton. Ancients of Days meditate with a vision of your improved world. Forget not that your good shepherd, wandering over green pastures by still waters, will not neglect the lost sheep. (T/R: Stephen Mark)

**NEBADONIA:** Good afternoon dear friends, this is Nebadonia. I send all my love to you, dear children. You don't realize how the love spreads in a place like this that almost explodes. Continue with all your love for one another and try to reach out for everyone that you meet. This is your mother, Nebadonia. (T/R: Lucille Kettell)

**TEACHER RAYSON:** Good afternoon, this is Rayson. Thank you for your patience, participation, for being here, both in body, in mind, and in spirit. You've made wonderful decisions in your life and many hardships have been incurred for many of you to be here. I have two issues to address to you today, the first being a continuing discussion about the

development of community. The second involves a discussion about the ministerial Avonal Son who is to come.

In the development of community, nothing will occur unless you make plans. Still, nothing will occur unless you make decisions, and then still nothing will occur until you take action that is in concert with those plans and those decisions. For many of you, you have participated in the Teaching Mission as active participants. Yet this has been passive in some ways, as it only required your participation to act as students. The decisions you made helped you appear every two weeks, or week, or month at the TEAM session and you listened and you learned and you came to conferences.

The Teaching Mission is in one respect a creative effort, an extension of the Correcting Time. It is a creative extension in that Michael created it, extended and initiated its extension into the very communities in which you live. Yet overall, it is a cocreative program where nothing will occur without your active participation to cocreate the healing of this planet. You recall that there was reference this morning to Machiventa's program of community building and what would that require? That would require the cocreative active participation by mortals with celestials. This is something that you're not used to yet. This is something which requires skills for participation with celestials on a regular basis. We have begun that in several Teaching Mission groups.

You perhaps have read in a prior transcript from the Northern Colorado Teaching Mission group where the group is now at a standstill. The group must meet on its own and devise a suggested format to the celestials as to how they would like to proceed. It is far too doctrinaire for us to speak directly to you all the time. Now it is time for participation. It is time to think, to plan, to make decisions and take action. We are not necessarily talking about social activism. Simply in the beginning just devise a format whereby mortals can cocreatively work with celestials in your groups. Some groups, of course, are not ready. And that is fine. This is developmental and evolutionary. However, some groups yearn to move forward. The development and devising of spiritual centers is one evidence of this necessity that people have to take action in fellowship with celestials. This is simply a recommendation to that group and to other groups. How would you like to interact with your celestial teacher? Do you have issues or programs you would like to address? Perhaps some of these issues would take ten months, meeting twice a week, or every two weeks to resolve, to come to completion. Time is not relevant, but is a significant aspect of mortal life. But the completion and full term development of ideas and issues, so that they become resolved fully and completely this year or a hundred years from now, careful thought is required but exploration is more that is needed now.

You say, "Well what could this be, what could we talk about, for instance?" Let me give you an example, and this is only an example. One of you might say you would like to start a day care center, and of course there are many models for that in your society. You could simply advertise, have mothers with children come by your address, drop them off and be on their way. You would feed them, clean them, nurture them and let them play. You would hold them and nap them and you would care for them as your own. But as Urantians, Teaching Mission participants, perhaps there is an overlay that you would be interested in. Perhaps you would be interested in talking to celestials to discuss what overlay you would like to apply to a day care center, and how would you address small children. We are now talking about the development of internal policies of treatment towards children. Yes, that sounds very institutional doesn't it? But this is where the future lies. When you go from a full heart, a full heart must then share. And how do you share and when do you share? These are the questions. And we say, "Wherever you go, whatever business you are in or whatever business you plan, there is perhaps an overlay that can be applied that looks like the future." The future will not arrive in peace, in harmony and order *unless you begin preparing for it now and begin to apply the basic fundamentals of a new society.*

Let us continue with the daycare center idea. Let us say you do have a day care center and you studied the Urantia Book and the archives of the Teaching Mission to learn new input about how to care for children in a new society, the spiritual ways that helps these little souls grow so that when they reach the age of first moral decision, it's the right decision. And what kind of materials would you send along to parents when they go home, not necessarily as proselytizing material, but simply stating these are our policies and this material would go forth from their hands to other hands? Soon you'd have more adults, parents with children, who come to your facility wanting the same kind of care.

And no, we are not suggesting that you give away these services, for your time is valuable, it is worth your hire and you should be rewarded financially and materially in ways that complement your life so that you can be a complement to these small lives. And in your advertising, what overlay would you apply to it? When you advertise day care for your facility what overlay would you apply to it? And not knowing what to do, you would go to your Teaching Mission center to a

session and ask your teacher. Perhaps that teacher is not an expert, but they have resources in all the teachers throughout this planet to bring to you in this forum to assist you. This is initiating a new level, a new forum for interacting with your Teaching Mission teachers. It may not be applicable to all groups, but if your group has advanced, developed, and is seemingly in a stayed and static position, perhaps it is time to look at these things.

And no, we are not necessarily looking for you to go out and do good deed work, social activism that applies to others and then you can go home and forget about it. We are talking about the application of these principles of Michael through the Teaching Mission in your lives and in your work that affects other people, that you take home and you live and wrestle with these issues.

And yes, you must practice what you preach. Apply the same principles in your own home with your children, your grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as you do with the day care children. Do you see the point? This is just one example. It was spoken one time by a teacher some years ago about cocreative working teams. This is what these could become. They could approach many issues, for many lives, and affect many, many people in your communities.

Concerning the second issue, yes there are plans afoot for a Magisterial Avonal Son to visit the planet and be here in perpetuity, but we advise you not to sink into a messianic complex waiting for healing, and peace, and good times and the Aquarian Age. I assure you, my friends, this will not occur. And should an Avonal Son walk through these doors at this moment your world would not change. You would still have terrorists, murderers, arsons, kidnappings, and such. And do you think you would be disappointed? Even the most stout-hearted of you would be disappointed. And this Son will be here to cocreatively heal your planet with you. No, he will not heal the planet alone. It will simply be evidence that you are the last agondonters, and your children and grandchildren will see this individual and know that he is from another realm, now made material. How long will it take even after this Son arrives to heal your planet? A year? Maybe a week? No, my friends, it will be centuries, centuries even after his arrival. There are pockets of resistance on your planet, of ego, yes, individuals who hold their esteem and their image above all others. Will they submit? Will they relent? Many will not. Many will live out their days until their demise in that state.

This may not be the message you wanted to hear, but I wanted you to face this new reality which will come into your world. The presence of this Son is hope, visual hope, that the Father is active, that there is a plan for healing your world, that there is peace on the horizon, even if it is long after your deaths. You may think this will be a time of jubilation. It will be a time of great disappointment. It will be a time of personal responsibility, living with both your feet in both worlds. You Teaching Mission activists, Urantia Book readers, you will have one foot on one side and live in this material plane at the same time. Personal responsibility for the course of your life will be even more heavy upon your shoulders and it will be upon your mind constantly.

This is not a warning. It's simply an advisement. I do not want you to despair when this occurs. I do not want you to be disappointed and go back to old ways. You may say, "How could that be?" But my friend when you are disappointed and you see your friends disappointed and dismayed that havoc still reigns in some parts of your world, you will despair. Yet, there is visible evidence, living hope that the realm you have not seen is now in your world. Then you must live moment to moment, responsible for your decisions, knowing that this is not an ethereal ideation, a machination of your mind, a hope that is useless, but truly evidence that God exists in your world. Your faith will not be disappointed. Your vision of clarity, the feeling of Nabadonia with you, of the companionship of Michael, is not false, but real, made more real and evident by the arrival of this special individual. We are the Messiah, so to speak, of a new age, future age, a new era on this planet, but perhaps not today.

Be at peace. Know that God loves you. Know that the peace you feel in your heart and the companionship that you know with the one is true. There is no falseness even in that evident disappointment. It is true, Michael is here. His dispensation as Jesus was not wasted and will never be wasted, but is a living true archive of wisdom for other planets throughout his kingdom. You are the living teachers of generations to come. May all your lessons be received well and dispersed equally. We love you so much. We're here immediately, evidently, passionately, with you. Good day.

(T/R: Daniel Raphael)

## SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

7/12/03

**MONJORONSON:** Hail to you, the people of Urantia. Let it be known, the coming mission, which is to unfold. As my missionaries I ask of you, are you ready to serve? Are you ready to serve the one God of all Gods, the Almighty, the Host of hosts, the Lord God, your Father? For it is He who commissions this mission. Behold, I see you before me, my students. For those that have ears to hear, let them hear, and those who have hearts to know, let them know of the coming Son. As I am one in the Father, so I shall bring the Father to you, his children.

Be not swayed by missions of grandeur, for the mission is hard work at hand. Let you be known On High as the workers of the light, those who chose to dig in their heels and work in the trenches, for this is the real work of the realm. Just as your Creator Son worked and toiled and loved men, so shall you. Whosoever shall hear the call will be welcome. I leave you with my blessings, with my love and understanding of the trials ahead. Be not weary, but gird up your loins for the time to come. I leave you now. Amen.  
(T/R: Wendy Creel)

**PORSHUNTA:** This is Porshunta (speaking for the Counsel of 24). Greetings my fellow mortals. We commend you for your great works this weekend, for you have made great morontial strides in your decisions to come together and work toward a common goal, for your furtherance into the arena of your Father. I wish to remind you that we were once mortals on this planet. Dare to step out and be courageous in the name of your Father and this mission of Michael of Nebadon. Be courageous. Step forth, and you shall look back with awe. You shall be rewarded On High. Learn to look with an infinite eye. Your career is vast and it starts here. I tell you the Father has gone before you in your life. We are up here watching you and encouraging you and guiding you in specific directions. Have the ear to listen and learn that we are working with you under Father's hand. This is all. I just wish you words of encouragement and know that we have walked this earth and we lived to carry the love of our heavenly Father. Be at peace. (T/R Wendy Creel)

**BERTRAM:** I am Bertram. I am a teacher from this area. It is wonderful to be here at this gathering. It has been our pleasure to open our arms and open our hearts and have you with us. It has surely been our pleasure to know and receive you, to share with you, to frolic with you, to love with you, to dance with you, to have this joyous time. May the living waters flow over and around you, cleansing you deeply and renewing you to your core, rededicating you for this wonderful work that you have all been called to.

This is what it's all about, loving one another, being a loving example of light and life. Now as you spread out from this core of renewal, take with you renewed hearts, filled with love for one another. Do the will of the Father. And may you all rededicate yourselves to the work of our Master Son, of our Mother Nebadonia, of our loving Heavenly Father, of the Eternal Son, and Infinite Spirit. We are all one great cosmic family.

We must make this show world wide, in all endeavors, whether it's with the Women's Corps, whatever your calling, whatever direction you're led. Do it with a full heart, a renewed heart, and as you leave this renewal center go out and let's renew the world. Make it a place as wonderful and beautiful as this, and leave a legacy to our children, our grandchildren. Light and life is coming, a Son is coming, please rejoice and be glad. Thank you so much for coming to our area. We love you all.  
(T/R: Tara Logan)

**MANTOUBE MELCHIZEDEK:** Greetings fellow servants in this mission. I am Mantouba, a Melchizedek. I am assigned to this sphere to enhance the work of the Correcting Time. In cohesion with many of my colleagues I sometimes am aligned with this willing vessel in order to bring his enterprises to fuller fruition and as such, commingle with you, his many associations, to expand this work to each of you. I simply come to pledge to you that your Melchizedek Teachers, now many in number, are determined to rebuild and reestablish spiritually viable educational institutions and systems in the correcting worlds, yours among them, numbering three score and more depending upon your measurement of relative reality. It is certain that your beleaguered world is in this number.

We are pleased with what we see to be rapid progress made possible by the quickening spiritual energies being brought forth by many in cohesion: life carriers, energy directors, administrators of many kinds, and personalities working together along with neighbors from other parts of this grand local universe. It is a privilege to be here. We will work with you cocreatively to manifest light and life upon all of these troubled worlds, each having somewhat complex and individual



problems of its own. Each sphere is populated by unique personalities at various stages of rebellion disruption. This greatly magnifies the undertaking of this Correcting Time, which is not your world alone as you see. All of these planets are receiving the watch care and ministry of all of us on the celestial side and all those countless mortals who join with us on all these spheres. Once again, you must broaden your thinking to universe realities. You are doing so nicely.

My second reason for speaking is to tell you how enormously impressed we are at the enlightened rapport and camaraderie that we have seen emanate so brightly from this gathering, for most gatherings of mortals upon Urantia spawns a cacophony of resentments, phoniness, role playings, desperate agendas, cries of, "I am someone, listen to me." The many celestials gathered here find your behavior toward one another to be exhilarating. We see in this our own success and it brings us great joy to see you interacting in the spirit, sharing the joys of the spirit with a bare minimum of personality discord. We applaud you. You are our good friends.

As we influence you to the light we take great pride in this service and I assure you the pride is felt by the highest personages of this Correcting Time all the way to those who are, shall we say, in the trenches working with individuals each day as individual teachers, our beautiful morontian children who have seen the light and come back to share it, as many of you will do one day, reaching back to help those along the path. We applaud you because you are the ones who have taken our very fine inspirations, I must say, and made them happen. You are the hearts, the minds, the hands, the feet, the souls on Urantia.

We are not the citizens of your world. We are not the guardians. We are not the protectors. We are not here to save you. You will save yourself. We will work together and this will be our triumph together. This is the cooperative way of the universe. Droplets are weak. Living water is strong and flows surely into the ocean of the universal Father's bound-less infinite and unparalleled love for each of you, who so loved you that you are indwelt with this glorious spark of light that shines ever brightly.

As the years roll forward you will see profound things. You will be part of profound things. And we will make a profound and glorious future for Urantia and for these other worlds of the rebellion. So far, so good. On behalf of the Melchizedeks, thank you. Goodnight. (T/R: Jim Cleveland)

**TEACHER TOMAS:** How happy I am to have you in my embrace, dear pupils, friends, brothers, sisters, comrades. I am Tomas, a teacher. I am inclined to thank the efforts of the Teaching Mission for coming into this quadrant of the nation. This pathway to stand up and be ... bordering international is a good expansion into new territory and I know you are of a race of people who can appreciate the value of conquest.

You are winning the battle of faith and overtaking the enemy. The enemy is simply that which is not. For we love to see divinity, order, and patterns in all things. The spread of your movement, having a clear single vantage point, proves the point of our reality for as I am known to say, "we are nothing without you." We so enjoy helping you to become more like us and then sending you out to be all that you can be by practicing the art of living in the safe company of ... of fellow believers, siblings in the family of God.

We are privileged to be a part of your progression. We owe everything to the tireless midwayer corps who carry our bags, wipe our brow, occasionally kiss our ring and keep the water fresh and cold. And they do all this between their service among you and your consignees ...

There is no finer profession, in my opinion, than being a teacher. There is no doubt that we can see the results of our efforts. We can see them by the evolution of you and your world. We don't have to wait lifetimes to see your eager grasp of the concepts. Cherish one another and cherish these memories which you build in these galleries and in the treasured ... that will endure throughout eternity. This is just the beginning of a long march we will make together in unison toward Paradise. We will be fellow travelers forever ... What a joy and privilege it is to be with you in your burgeoning experiences in love. The Father's family, Mother's kids, ... Thank you for letting me be part of our experience with you and our eternal experience as well. Good night. (T/R: Gerdean)

## SUNDAY MORNING CLOSING SESSION

7/13/03

**NEBADONIA:** Good morning, my children. This is Nebadonia, your mother. How I delight in each one of you. You cannot possibly fathom the joy in my heart as I see how you have all responded and rejoiced in one another's company this weekend. Truly you are the light bearers on this planet and we have much work to do together you and I and I ask you to prepare yourselves for a life of increased service under the banner of our beloved Michael.

And so I ask you, are you interested, are you ready, are you willing to walk out even farther in faith than you already have? This is not a journey that you will be doing on your own. No, my children, you are never alone and you never have been alone. You are accompanied by a cotillion of angels and guides and helpers and the Father's love to encourage you, inspire you, and lead you into increasingly more wondrous paths of service and expression of the God self through you.

And so I ask you, are you willing to go the distance? We need you. We invite you. Spend a few moments searching your heart. It is perfectly acceptable if you sense doubt, if you sense a feeling of, "What does this mean? What will I be doing? How shall I comport myself?" All of your doubts and fears are known to your Father and to me and they are not important. We only ask that you consider this invitation to expand your faith, to grow your beauty, to become as Father conscious and Father expressive as you can be. So find that place within you, that duality that desires this but yet does not know how it will unfold. And your Father and I will minister to you. (Pause)

Let my softness envelop you. Let my breath rest gently upon every doubt, every whisper of resistance within you and melt that away into the sweetness of being one with our Creator. (pause) Breathe into me. I am the womb of life and in me you have new life, life eternal. Feel my softness envelop you and drink in the sweetness of being in safety, the comfort and security of my womb, your home, your rest. (Pause) And receive now the presence of your Father.  
(T/R: Donna D'Ingillo)

**MICHAEL:** Beloved children, I am Michael, your Father. Receive my truth, my being, into your body. Your Mother weaves you into my being, my eternal life essence of truth, and this is the substance for your soul to be nourished. Every thought, every idea, every feeling that you have ever experienced throughout the course of your lifetime can receive this living truth. Now during this time of correction my truth light is shining down on Urantia to free you from the spiritual bondage of the past. And so your Mother and I extend an invitation to you. How much truth light do you wish to ingest? How much of me do you want in your being? That we are coming into your mind and making certain necessary corrections is fundamental for you to perceive the higher level of the goodness and the beauty that awaits you. And we extend this invitation to you to go deeper into the cocreative mystery as we enjoin with you now to bring light and life on Urantia.

We need you, my children. We need each and every one of you, freed from all of the legacy of the past, the evil, the sin, the iniquity that has been perpetuated on Urantia may no longer reside here. It is your Mother and I who will free you from this enslavement, but I ask you now, how much truth do you want? You will not always understand the ways in which your Mother and I administer to you. It is not so much your understanding that we require. It is your faith. And this is what I ask of you now. Do you trust me, my little ones? Can you fully trust me to lead you into those green pastures of living spiritual refreshment that is my truth? I know what is in your hearts, but the limitations of the human mind do yield much resistance. I am here to help you overcome that and to be, in me, alive, a new vibration of truth, a new expression of beauty, and a delicious fragrance of goodness.

Find that place now within you that wants to trust in me and your Mother and I will add something new and creative within you. I ask you in the coming days, my children, to receive more of me in your time of still-ness, to ask your Mother to encircuit you in my living truth. That will literally free you from all of the bondage that still contains this planet in the legacy of the Lucifer rebellion. For you are the harbingers of the spiritual renaissance on Urantia and your minds and your bodies must be totally free of any shadow of the past so that you can bring the resurrection and the rebirth to my world.

Will you do this for me? Will you come to me as I came to my Father in heaven in trust? Will you come to me with that same child like innocence and ask for me to uplift you and to feed you with my truth? And I know your answers my

children and I thank you. I ask for your patience as you allow this new truth substance to emerge in your mind and to be gentle and non-judgmental with yourselves when you see some of the shadows emerge into your consciousness. It is not who you are. It is a soul distortion. And my truth will free you from all of the past. And your body will be emblazoned with light, reverberating with the glorious vibrancy of the love of the Father in Paradise.

Let your hearts open to this love, my children. Receive it fully. This is your birthright. The healing time is here. You are bringing the healing to Urantia. Bestow unto yourselves the time and the place necessary to heal, to come to me and to your Mother in innocent trust, asking us to free you. One by one we will remove all of the shackles, all of the bonds, tethering you only to that which your soul desires.

My blessings, my peace, my love, my truth shines upon you now. Receive it and rejoice. Celebrate your beauty. Revel in the wonder of being a child. Satisfy yourself in being in your Mother and me as we enjoy so, delighting so, loving so in being with you. (Pause)

In the coming days you will notice a quickening within you, an upstepping of certain vibrational frequencies. Relax and receive these my children, and know it is the hand of your Mother working within you, opening you, preparing you to receive more of me within you. Rejoice. A time of healing is upon you. You are the lights on Urantia. As you spend each day in stillness with your Mother and me in conjunction with your Thought-Adjusters, find that desire. Ask yourself that question: How much truth do I wish to ingest? Ask us into your mind and into your body and we will be there. Each moment you have access to us. Each moment is sacred and divine. Love your lives, children, and thus show forth the Spirit Within you. There shall be no doubt that you have been with me, and that together we shall see God. (T/R Donna D'Ingillo)

**The Teaching Mission** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other through their individual and group relationships with members of the spiritual Teacher Corps and myriad other invisible celestial personalities who are in service to Jesus of Nazareth/Christ Michael of Nebadon for the uplift of our world.

**The Correcting Time** is the era launched to reclaim the Master's world of nativity from the legacy of Lucifer and atone for the default of Adam and Eve, to return the focus of humanity to the love of our Eternal Parents and their plan for us, their children, into light and life for this material world and for other inhabited worlds beyond.

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## **LOVING CIRCLES thoughts from Sybil Morgan**

In the field of evolutionary biology, enlightened self-interest refers to the fact that species with a higher degree of cooperation are more likely to survive. In our own lives, enlightened self-interest means shifting from an attitude of "what's right for me" to "what's right for all of us". How do you exhibit enlightened self-interest in your life? - Mary Manin Morrissey

### **What You're Becoming**

"Your actual achievement is not so important as the fact that the direction of your progress is Godward. What you are becoming day by day is of infinitely more importance than what you are today." - Jesus, The Urantia Book, Page 1217 (147:5.7)

Without circulation, our bodies would die. The same holds true for our spiritual lives. Circulation means that we are receptive to and follow the leading of God. We circulate by giving our best at work, regardless of what we're paid. We circulate compassion and kindness to a spouse who may be in a bad mood. By circulating love, approval and all that is ours to give, we move into a realm in which we receive the inspiration and resources of a greater life. - Mary Manin Morrissey

To treat someone differently than you want to be treated requires you to move into separation. You have to create a greater "us" and a lesser "them" to justify disparate treatment. But this separation never brings what we truly desire. It is only when we remember that there is only one of us here – that God manifests in different appearances and beliefs – that we find what we were really seeking all along: closeness, connection and Divine security. - Mary Manin Morrissey

From the Universal Gathering ...

# The First Correcting Time Awards

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Local Universe of Nebadon

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**Master of Ceremonies/Producer**

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DARK FIRE CLOUD

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*Script of the presentation at the Universal Gathering  
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Narrator: "Jim Bob"

GOOD EVENING, NEBADON!

Welcome Spirits, Morontians, Midwayers and Mortals to the very first system-wide broadcast of the **UBIE Awards**. We're live all across Nebadon.

Tonight, we present the first Dazzling Dozen UBIE award winners from the Urantia Brotherhood of Integrated Evolution. The 12 will be honored for outstanding service in the first dozen years of the Correcting Time on your very own planet of ... Urantia!

Thanks for being in our studio audience. I'm Jim Bob, your host for the evening.

*(MUSIC OVER: One Tongue, Hothouse Flowers)*

Let's get rolling with a reminder of what the Correcting Time is all about; broadcasting direct from Oz, here are the fabulous Hothouse Flowers.

ONE TONGUE

*What in the world caused the distance?  
And what in the world hurt our hearts?  
And what are we to do about it?  
And what are we to start?*

*We have an answer and it is language  
It might be silence, it might be words  
And it includes some understanding  
And it includes the will to learn  
To be talking, talking, talking One Tongue*

*And give us the strength to look straight at you.  
Let doubt be the furthest from our minds  
So we can continue to be and know that we should be here  
And we can see the light inside  
And as it gets more complicated, simplicity must arise  
So we can follow in this feeling  
And we can keep this song alive  
To be talking, talking, talking One Tongue  
Talking, talking, talking One Tongue*

*Yes, there are many, many questions  
Yes there is red tape on the ground  
Yes the simple mind can cut through anything  
Just touch base and make this sound  
I said yes there are too many questions  
Yes there is red tape on the ground  
Yes, the simple truth can cut through anything  
Talking, talking, talking One Tongue*

Take it away, Hothouse Flowers, from the 1993 early Correcting Time CD, "Songs from the Rain."

One tongue, one people – children of the Most Highs. Welcome to the UBIE Awards, honoring our most outstanding worker teams 12 years into the Correcting Time.



I can tell you that there has been some exciting progress in the Correcting Time throughout Nebadon, but none more poignant and powerful than the events right here on your very special home planet, well known as the World of the Cross.

It almost brings a tear to the eye to recall your history. But talk about a spin.

Amazingly, our quite amazing Creator Son, Michael, turned his incarnation here into a cosmic triumph – the end of the Lucifer Rebellion, which he miraculously transformed into a major learning experience for all of Nebadonia. So many new wisdoms! Proving resurrection for the righteous for one thing, eternal life, the great values of the mortal ascension plan.

All one people under God, forgive your enemies, service above all, turning a dynamic other cheek, God as a Father ... so many illuminations! And he engineered this great triumph as an incarnated HUMAN. A wonderful validation for the evolutionary time and space plan ... for the spiritual ascension plan we all experience.

Of course, it wasn't just the Nebadonian worlds that learned lessons; the humans right here on Urantia learned too, for instance that God is not a tyrant but a merciful and compassionate parent – just like Jesus reflected him to be. He effectively reflected God to humanity and humanity to God. Wow! Son of God and Son of Man in one incarnation!

And ... so are we!

Well, you know about all that. Enough big talk. We're here to have a small celebration.

We are just a couple of centuries after that epochal-changing event, and the planet Urantia is well on the way to recovery. Here ... in these envelopes ... are the first Dazzling Dozen – a dozen winners for a dozen years of Correcting Time on Urantia.

These are working teams, sometimes not even knowing they are working teams .... which have spearheaded progress toward Light and Life on this beleaguered but very blessed planet.

Our winners will receive a genuine White Light

Obelisk with the very newest Reflectivity and Broadcasting features, a gift from the beautiful citizens of Havona – given in Love to the Correcting Time in the Time and Space Worlds.

I will open these awards as we go. The winners have been kept in utmost secrecy since being selected by a panel of celestial administrators last week, then sealed hermetically in a Blue Plate mayonnaise jar and buried in Allene Vick's backyard, with the help of a neighborhood dog named Cosmos.

Actually, they smell a little like mayonnaise .. and Cosmos ... but .... Here we go! First Award – in the category of URANTIA HEALTH. (opens envelope) The winners are the Correcting Time team that calls itself .....

### **THE NICOTINE KNOCKERS!** (*Applause*)

Give them a hand! ... Okay, this is the team that targeted this serious health problem more than a decade ago. We all recall when tobacco usage was much more common and even appreciated in social circles. Not any more, with lots of wins over the past decade to redirect smokers, the health of multitudes has been improved so far, and a heavily belabored health care system has had some pressure removed.

Congratulations out there to the Nico-Knockers. I can hear them all celebrating through the circuits. The suspense is over folks; you can relax and light up a smoke ..... no, just kidding ...

Next step, I'm told, is to uncover the various beneficial uses of nicotine so that it can be used properly. In the field of entomology, I've heard it might be an effective directed spray against fruit flies. Doesn't actually kill them, of course. That would be pretty violent. It just makes them stagger and fall down dizzy so you can go around and pick them up with little tweezers ... maybe take them to a shelter somewhere. May not catch on.

Second Award. This time in the PEACE category, the very first UBIE goes to (opens envelope):

### **THE SOVIET SMACKOVERS!**

Well, everyone knows what this award is about. When we arrived, superpowers were facing each other down

with the threat of complete annihilation from massive nuclear and germ weapons, I mean, the whole planet. The Soviet Union was officially atheistic too. Whew! That really irritated the Midwayers, I understand.

Next thing you know, the Correcting Time hits. The Soviet is bankrupt and kablooey and that ludicrous Berlin Wall comes crashing down. Thanks, folks. Nice work.

Of course, we have to remind these winners and all the others that there is lots of work ahead. This mission is just getting underway. Disintegration, as my teacher, Tarkas, said, comes before new growth.

Okay, most of that team has joined the United Midwayers for a big awards day celebration deep in Siberia. They're pulling out the stops to have fun there tonight, and since they're in one of the remote Midwayer compounds, they won't get much interference from the humans. Have fun, guys and girls. Should have plenty of salt for those Margaritas over there in Siberia, huh? ..... No Margaritas there? Vodka, huh? Better take it easy on that stuff. Remember what happened to Khrushchev and Yeltsin.

Moving along ... Third Award ... this one is in the RELIGIONS category. Let's take a peek here. (opens)

Well, yes, of course. Is it possible that any part of our lives hasn't been touched by angels over the last decade? They're working everywhere, inspiring people to be their best and do their best. Part of the angel explosion has included movies, TV shows, hundreds of books and calendars and art pieces, all with the power to focus our lives on truth, beauty and goodness.

Our third UBIE goes to all of these perfect and beautiful beings who served and have served on Urantia. We will call them

**THE ANGEL ARMADA.** (applause)

All right. Angels are everywhere and so they are celebrating everywhere. Since they are perfect, they are, in fact, always in a state of celebration. Keep up the good work A-Team!

Now .... On to award no. 4. Think I'll check this one too .....(opens envelope)

Okay then ... Remember the conference in 1992 where we outlined the pedophile and celibacy problems. It was decided that certain remedies would be applied ... with increasing pressure based on the response. The pressure has gotten .... appropriately heavy. Get this problem on the table ... or the pulpit as it were.

And this has opened discussion on larger issues of human sexuality – which is, of course, one of the greatest gifts of the Universal Father. Whether one accepts the gift or not.

So our award goes to a wonderful family of passionate, compassionate and gifted workers with a long but appropriate name and a dual mission. The winners are:

### **THE SAVE PURE CHILDREN/SAVE PURE SEXUALITY Task Force!**

This beautiful team of spiritual messengers is watching the awards show together tonight from their headquarters in the basement of St. Peter's Basilica. Congratulations on the progress so far.

And certainly we all know that the work is just beginning in this area. In the end, we will enhance and re-spiritualize the Catholic Church. Apostle Peter, one of the founders, will be happy, and, in fact, I'm told now that Peter is indeed a consultant to this Task Force. All right! How's that for Walking on Water!?

Yes! The Correcting Time is not about destroying, it's about Rebuilding Righteously in Redemption in keeping with spiritual verities. The three R's.

Now, to our fifth award, in the category of URANTIA HEALTH again. Another sneak preview. (*opens award*)

Well, okay ... Remember how everyone used to be in the grip of allopathic medicine and their limited resources - drugs and scalpels, treating the symptoms? That's all changed; today, holistic health centers are even growing out of mainstream hospitals and new healing modalities are coming at an amazingly rapid pace to unite and keep healthy ... You! You, as a whole person. People in health care are beginning to work together for holistic healing.

We all know about the work of our winners in bringing these concepts forward, and you in this audience have each been part of it as well. The winner, no surprise ...

## **THE HOLY WHOLENESS!**

This award is being shared throughout the planet by this Supernia-based organization and a myriad of inspired human and midwayer healers that represent a spiritual rainbow. Together, they are changing the face of human health by integration and assimilation with cosmic wisdoms, as well as massive and successful development of the Mind-Body-Spirit concept, leading to healthy lifestyles.

Kind of evaporates the Fear Factor and the Guilt Trip all at the same time. Nice to get rid of those two monkeys, huh?

And how do you get to the Holy Wholeness inside us all. It's truly a "Journey Without Distance," and here's a spiritual troubadour from Texas to tell us how to get that – from the Mar Austin Band of Dallas. Here is .... Mark Austin!

*(LIVE PERFORMANCE: Journey Without Distance)*

Thank you, Mark. And congratulations to the Holy Wholeness team. By way of further explanation about this team, humans are really spearheading this program from here. And who inspires these humans? The Holy Wholeness celestial coordinating team of Mansonia, which is being chaired this century by artists and thinkers who have lived here as mortals, and now send back their illuminating knowledge to help those behind them on the Ascension Path. That's right ... You again!

The Holy Wholeness, by the way, has scheduled a massive MBS Fusion tonight on Edentia to celebrate, I understand. They are pretty much scattered over the ascension worlds at this moment.

Moving along ... Award number six is in the COMMUNICATIONS category. Let's jump into this one. (opens envelope) Our winner is – you guessed it ..... Many of you have been a part of it ...

## **THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

All right! The planet needed a fast and efficient

communications system and a level playing field for publishing the spiritual good news, and it's here. The team known as the World Wide Web inspired countless human thinkers and entrepreneurs to work together and develop this network – and even managed to get it all named after them. Congratulations all, celestials, humans and the vital Midwayers who, as usual, did a ton of the actual connectivity work.

So .... publish and share what you wish as we move forward into a new stream of 21<sup>st</sup> century publishing. The digital technologies that have come from all this have revolutionized a number of other related industries such as entertainment media of all kinds, book publishing, periodicals, printing, and the marketing of .... Everything.

Thanks again Celestial Nerds! ... ooops, no, just kidding.

Maybe a couple of you guys could drop by the house later. I have a kind of old computer, I guess. I keep getting this question on the screen. Do I want Abort? Retry? Or Fail? Wow, tough choice. Maybe we could install another button: None of the Above, or something? Wait .... I'm getting a message. What's that, you say? Reboot the machine. Yes, I've heard that one.

We're going to take a break all across this Reflectivity network right now for station identifications and breaking Nebadonian news. Since you are all still quarantined on Urantia, we've got an alternate treat for you right here in the studio. Here's another musical selection from the new CD, *Correcting Times; Connecting Times*, with its star-studded family of Urantian musical expressions. It'll be available at Celestial Sound Shops everywhere in just a few days.

From the Celestial Disk, here is the dynamic Dark Fire Cloud, one of the first Urantians to discover that Jesus isn't coming back any more. He's already here.

*(Music: Dark Fire Cloud – Jesus is Back)*

## **JESUS IS BACK**

*Jesus is back, judgment resurrection roll call  
Set the whole world right!*

*He's not taking no 'jack,' as money could never rule as*

*mammon can buy into The Book of Life  
Put all sin in a sack and drop it in the ocean for  
The Kingdom of Heaven is on Earth.*

*As Jesus descends on clouds in glory, the full moon is  
sapphire red  
Earthquakes shaking the graveyards, waking the  
sleeping, raising the dead.*

*Look the sky is black, Jesus on the clouds in glory  
Crucified earlier in the same story  
Oh, it's a heart attack for Lucifer, Caligastia,  
Beelzebub, Satan and that whole gang under evil's  
command  
He's not cutting the wicked no slack, putting the whole  
world back on track  
From the scene of spiritual quarantine  
He's back!  
**He's back!***

All right! Thanks, Dark. Ummm. Mr. Cloud.  
Ummm. By whatever name, one of the fine artists  
at peacemakerrecords.com in Vancouver, British  
Columbia, Canada, North America, Urantia, Nebadon,  
etc. etc. You don't have to remember the whole  
address; just get them on the world wide web.

Now back to the show:

Award number seven is in the RELIGIONS category  
again, (*opens envelope*)

It's a celebration of the advent of personal religion on  
Urantia via a Stillness-driven personal relationship  
with God. Literally millions are adopting this  
philosophy and reaching beyond scripture, dogma  
and narrow-mindedness into an understanding of  
this concept, which can effect a very strong spiritual  
embrace. Many more are discovering the Stillness  
with each passing day, and beginning to develop that  
personal relationship with Father, which is the saving  
elixir of all life. Our award, of course, goes to:

### **THE STILLNESS SOCIETY of NEBADON**

As you know, this organization is based on Salvington  
and, even before the Correcting Time, was laying a  
strong furrow for these seeds to be sown. Meditation  
joined with Worship, Prayer, Forgiveness and Love.  
You've been a big part of the success here too, studio

audience. Your ACTION ... for the STILLNESS!  
What a combination!

Now, moving on .... Award no. 8 is not in a specific  
category since it encompasses all of them. (Opens  
envelope) As you know the Universal Father's plan is  
to bring the worlds into an era of Light of Life. These  
next winners have been working for this over many  
generations, and it's no surprise that their greatly  
accelerated efforts over the past 12 years have moved  
along this process. This planet is indeed quickening,  
and quivering on the brink and it's moving at an  
accelerated pace because of these winners:

Our award goes to the team that has been there  
through the generations and stronger than ever ....

### **THE LIGHT AND LIFE SOCIETY of Mansonia.**

Okay, this is an organization near and dear to the  
heart of our leader, Machiventa Melchizedek, since  
his order founded this society soon after the arrival of  
Grandfanda, ascension mortal number 1.

As you know, Light and Life is about All One People,  
a common language and government, a unifying  
wholeness promoting Truth, Beauty and Goodness in  
every way.

Long way to go still, but solid progress has been  
seen in recent years, especially in personal religion,  
GodInside awareness, ethnicity appreciations, spiritual  
insightfulness, intercontinental business commerce,  
and rising disgust with the corruption at hand.  
Remember the axiom: Revulsion leads to Redemption.  
The three R's – Revulsion, Redemption, Renaissance.

Here's a brother who has long worked for Light and  
Life with daily ministry and music that touches the  
heart and the soul. Here, in real material form, is Light  
and Life worker exatradinaire ... Richard Knox.

*(Richard, Live, intro, and "Well, Whaddy Know?"*

Thank you, Richard and the entire Light and Life  
Society, celebrating now, right here in this room and  
throughout the Mansion Worlds.

What's that (listens) ... Lester transmits a short  
message: Let's Boogie! Thanks, Lester.



As you may know, Lester is hoping to graduate from Mansonia number 1 in a few centuries and ... No ... just kidding, Lester. Party on! But you gotta get up for school tomorrow.

Now: Award no. 9: This one is in the URANTIAN PEACE category again, (*opens envelope*) and it goes to a team that calls itself:

### **THE WAR ZONE!** (applause)

So ... why in the world are we applauding? Isn't this place in a real mess?

Okay, remember a dozen years ago when wars, large and small, publicized and ignored, were raging about the planet, scores of them? Over these past years, this team has worked painstakingly through many obstacles to materially reduce the number of conflicts and their attendant killings and destructions.

You wouldn't know it by looking at the media, since a number of wars are not covered, but the numbers are down significantly. And this is despite the necessary dissolution of the Soviet and its tightly-wound ethnic constituencies, which complicated the challenge.

While there are still too many serious conflicts in the world, we can note that the Serbian aggressors are out of business and their leaders being tried for war crimes ... terrorist networks are identified and on the run across the world ... Iraq's evil and oppressive regime has been replaced by a myriad of Iraqis struggling to learn to govern themselves ... and other regimes that violate human rights are increasingly in the spotlight.

Also ... importantly ... Afghanistan has been freed from the vicious and ignorant Taliban. No more amputations for stealing a loaf of bread. Pubs aren't being blow up in Northern Ireland. Stout sales are up.

Look at these other less publicized events over the past year alone.

- Angola: a 27-year old bloodbath civil war; ended when rebel leader Jonas Savimba got whacked in an ambush. Goodbye Jonas, I'd hate to be facing your rehabilitation, fellow.
- Congo – peace agreement after 2 million deaths. Six foreign armies have gone home.

Good riddance.

- Sri Lanka – a negotiated end after 19 years of devastating war.
- Indonesia – a peace agreement ends a horrible 26-year war.
- Burundi – peace agreement between the Tutsi and Hutu tribes after massive slaughters. Precarious but hopeful.
- Sudan – After 33 years of fighting and 2 million deaths, the war is finally subsiding with hopes for peace.
- From 15 wars in Africa five years ago, there are now 3 or 4 depending on whether you count Sudan. Unfortunately new conflicts must be dealt with in Nepal and Ivory Coast and dangerous situations exist all over the world that could get ugly.

But ... make no mistake. In December 2002, the world was a more peaceful place than at any time since 1939.

What of the Middle East? Same old scenario of hatred and killing. While the numbers of dead and suffering here don't compare with some other parts of the world, this media-spotlighted clash of ancient animosities between Israel and Palestine will surely be dealt with at some point. In the meantime, it serves as an educational museum in the Melchizedek Schools and offers an illustrative antithesis to the values that we teach. A learning and growing experience, a poignant field trip for morontian students.

I have heard speculation that Michael will come back later and take care of that problem personally since he was involved in it. That would be fun to watch.

By the way, the War Zone is celebrating their award today with Candle Energizings in several of their global locations, including The Hague in Switzerland, their planetary headquarters, as well as in Belfast, Sarajevo, Beirut, Addis Ababa, Caracas and a refugee camp bordering Burma, where, by the way, the rapacious military rulers have finally released democratic icon Aung Sang Suu Kyi from prison and may be ready to make a deal.

War Zoner celebrations often take on a greater reverential nature than some, you may know, with empathetic candlelight ceremonies and other homages to the victims with whom they empathize strongly, and

with whom they work every day. Tough job, Zoners. Great work so far!

Okay, moving on. It's time to present UBIE no. 9, in the URANTIA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY category. (*Opens envelope*)

Well .... All rightly, then.

By way of introduction, twelve years ago, corporate corruption in the United States was hardly noticed and many blindly appreciated and followed the advice and profit-driven, competitive philosophy of major companies, since they provided employment and kept the economy rolling. At one point, many were raping the environment, cheating their workers, bribing and corrupting government officials, and producing shoddy goods that fall apart by design, all while outrageously inflating their own executive incomes and rigging "golden parachutes," and all the while fighting against any minimum wage increase.

These people are now under the fire of whistle blowers and other inspired humans who are uncovering deep corruption and demanding big change. Goodbye Enron. Goodbye huge crooked accounting firms. Goodbye unscrupulous greed. You're on the way out.

Well, okay it's still here, but just look at the revelations and progress of the past 12 years. Our award goes to:

### **THE CORRUPTION DISRUPTION!** (*Applause*)

Who are these personalities? Interestingly, this band of former mortal businessmen had been working on a class project on Mansonia #7. Their ideas were so good that they were submitted to the Correcting Time and they got the job here on Urantia. This is a first-class Morontian student organization that's being co-chaired by .... Mahatma Gandhi and ..... Sam Walton. Okay, then, let's give them another hand.

Yes, and I understand Mr. Walton has already sold Mr. Ghandi a pair of flip-flops .... Which proved to be a little cheaper than the sandals on aisle 11.

Let's move on: Award no. 11, in the category of URANTIAN ART. (*Opens envelope*)

Here they are, we've enjoyed their poignant and passionate renderings for all these years. The award goes to:

### **THE CELESTIAL ARTISANS, Urantian Colony,** (applause)

All right. We know them well. These effervescent personalities, sometimes called The Muse, are chaired by the fabulous Bakim and co-chaired by the wondrous Andrea and the scintillatingly seductive sentence structuring stylist, the voluminous Veronica.

Well ... We can all see that artistic expressions have taken a higher road in recent years. Some artists picture perversions ripe for correction; others present ethereal visions of higher values. The artisans have inspired vast numbers to create and share their expressions in many ways, from eloquent oratory to classy cartoonsmanship. We see a new wave of spiritual books of many kinds sweeping through the publishing industry. We see films and other popular entertainments stressing soulful redemption. Poetry is pouring out of millions. Melodies are in the air for plucking. Poignancy in the mind's eye for deliverance, to increasingly receptive audiences.

New means of expression have been created for us. Computer artists are turning out amazing creations that have become a virtual reality. As this alternate reality is explored, humankind will begin to see what kind of realities are best and begin to shape them holistically into the mold of Truth, Beauty and Goodness. It's all happening. Thanks Artisans!

As usual, the artisans are on the job in many locations today. Bakim and Andrea send their heartfelt thanks remotely from the Shakespeare Festival, which they are attending this week along with a morontian class at McGill University near Montreal.

Oh, wait, now I'm hearing that Mr. Shakespeare actually came along on this field trip ... a guest lecturer all the way from Mansonia 7. Wow! What a field trip for these Morontian kids, huh? That's much ado about SOMETHING.

Before we come to our final Dazzling Dozen winner tonight, the UBIES would like to make a very special presentation at this, our first gathering. This is the

Lifetime Achievement Award. Given for longtime service to the ideals of Light and Life. Here to make this presentation tonight is Urantian Culinary Artist and worldwide missionary, the fabulous Judicella.

*(Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation)*

*Recipient: GOD  
(live presentation)*

And now, we come to our final award, number 12, and one that we know will touch a special harmonic chord for you wonderful humans, morontians and spirits with us today.

(Opens envelope) Something like 12 years ago, the human personalities who share this award tonight took the bold step to begin a stream of conversational contact with invisible entities. They had no text, no mandate, no guidelines, no agenda, and no plan. They simply began listening, evaluating and applying the lessons in their lives. They decided to type them up ... and they began sharing them with the world, just about one person at a time.

Now .. The celestial team members we honor along with them tonight came mostly from worlds settled in Light and Life. From this ideal environment, they faced the daunting challenge of making contact with mortals in these dysfunctional, evil-influenced worlds, to teach them well, while learning to endure and overcome horrors which they hardly knew existed before coming here.

Coming to our troubled worlds for these gentle and beautiful teachers would appear to be like humans going down to visit and teach in Dante's Inferno. Which never existed, of course, but no matter. The idea sure hung around. Some humans here seem to want to emulate it.

And so, even with no formal organization at all for these many years, by design, this collaborative human and celestial team have done just about everything that needed to be done in the Correcting Time to this point. It is a family that spans several countries. It has provided the spiritual basics that have launched many ships of service.

And so ... We honor you today with the 12<sup>th</sup> and final

UBIE. It goes to:

**THE TEACHING MISSION** *(applause)*

Check out this gallery of heroes – they're all around - and listen to Van Morrison celebrate what they're bringing ... Urantia's Brand New Day.

*(Picture series of Team participants)*  
(Music: **BRAND NEW DAY** – Van Morrison)

*When all the dark clouds roll away  
And the sun begins to shine  
I see my freedom from across the way  
And it comes right in on time.  
Well, it shines so bright and it gives so much light  
And it comes from the sky above.  
Makes me feel so free, makes me feel like me  
And lights my life with love.*

*And it seems like and it feels like  
And it seems like, yes, it feels like  
A brand new day, yeah  
A brand new day, oh*

*I was lost and double-crossed  
With my hands behind my back  
I was longtime hurt and thrown in the dirt  
Shoved out on the railroad track  
I've been used, abused and so confused  
And I had nowhere to run  
But I stood and looked  
And my eyes got hooked  
On that beautiful morning sun*

*And it seems like and it feels like  
And it seems like, yes, it feels like  
A brand new day, yeah  
A brand new day, oh*

*And the sun shines down all on the ground  
Yeah, and the grass is oh so green  
And my heart is still, and I've got the will  
And I don't really feel so mean  
Here it comes; here it comes  
Here it comes right now  
And it comes right in on time  
Well it eases me and it pleases me  
And it satisfies my mind  
And it seems like and it feels like*

*And it seems like, yes, it feels like  
A brand new day, yeah  
A brand new day, oh*

Well, there you are. Congratulations, Teaching Mission. Congratulations to all the winners today.

The Nico-Knockers  
The Soviet Smackovers  
The Angel Armada  
The Save Pure Children/Save Pure Sexuality Task Force  
The Holy Wholeness  
The World Wide Web  
The Stillness Society of Nebadonia  
The Light and Life Society of Mansonia  
The War Zone  
The Corruption Disruption  
The Celestial Artisans  
The Teaching Mission

Seraphim have just departed Havona with the magical obelisks and they will be arriving soon.

In the meantime, rejoice everyone at what we've achieved in the Correcting Time, while keeping in mind the challenges and opportunities of the decade ahead. How much better can we make your world 12 years from now? We will see.

What will be the greatest challenges and triumphs in the years ahead? Where will we see breakthroughs? Here are some ideas.

Cancer  
AIDS  
The Military-Industrial Complex  
The Arms Trade  
Drug Abuse/Addictions  
Rehabilitation over Punishment  
Judicial Reform  
Education Reform  
Religious Fundamentalism  
Religious Fanaticism  
Religious Disinterest  
Alienation  
Lies  
Poverty/The Welfare State  
Racial Animosity  
Shortage of Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Spiritedness  
Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men  
Awards Programs That Run Way Too Long

Thanks for being here, everyone.

This is Jim Bob. Let's ring it out with more celebration ... honoring the ... Glad Tidings that surround and immerse us in love and the holy spirit.

Let's feel that Holy Spirit! Come in Mother Nebadonia and send us out in full-flowing powerful spiritual energy, with help again from Van the Man.

*(Musical Wrap-Up-show beauty pictures)*

**GLAD TIDINGS** – Van Morrison

*And they'll lay you down low and easy  
And it looks like you kids will stay Christmas  
It demands that you travel the distance*

*So believe no lies, dry your eyes and realize  
That surprise  
La la la la, la, la, la la la la la...*

*And the businessmen will shake hands and talk in numbers  
And the princess will wake up from her slumber  
Then all the knights will step forth with their armbands  
And ev'ry stranger you meet in the street will make demands*

*So believe no lies, dry your eyes and realize  
That surprise  
La la la la, la, la, la la la la la ...*

*And we'll send you glad tidings from New York  
Open up your eyes so you may see  
Ask you not to read between the lines  
Hope that you will come in right on time*

*And they'll talk to you while you're in trances  
And you'll visualize not taking any chances  
But meet them halfway with love, peace and persuasion  
And expect them to rise to the occasion.*

*Don't it gratify when you see it materialize*



*Right in front of your eyes*

*That surprise.*

*La La La La, La La, La, La, La, La, La, La*

*And they'll lay you down low and easy.*

*On the screen: CANDLE PIX and ...*

*The single mission ... to light the candles of love from within - Rondel*

*(Multi-Media show produced and presented by Light and Life Publications)*

## ***The UBIES:***

### ***Champions of the Correcting Time on the Planet of Urantia, 1992-2003***

#### **THE NICOTINE KNOCKERS**

No longer considered a benign pastime, nicotine is now exposed as a killer and major threat to health care systems.

#### **THE SOVIET SMACKOVERS**

A huge Godless military power disintegrates, easing the threat of nuclear annihilation and opening the challenges of self-government to millions.

#### **THE ANGEL ARMADA**

Angel activity has greatly accelerated in recent years, touching and inspiring people in many ways in many venues.

#### **THE SAVE PURE CHILDREN/SAVE PURE SEXUALITY TASK FORCE**

While exposing the evils of pedophiles in a powerful church, there has simultaneously been a growing enlightenment of the beauty and goodness inherent in sexuality.

#### **THE HOLY WHOLENESS**

A boom in holistic health care for mind-body-spirit is complemented by a greater awareness of our indwelling spirits that guide us toward health and holy light.

#### **THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

Our world now has quick, easy access between individuals across the planet, along with an array of new technologies that will open to us all of the knowledge of the world.

#### **THE STILLNESS SOCIETY OF NEBADONIA**

By one name or another, there is a massive new interest in daily time with God, to build a personal relationship and open the support and guidance of spiritual forces in our lives.

#### **THE LIGHT AND LIFE SOCIETY OF MANSONIA**

While an era of Light and Life has long been a dream, our progress toward this enlightened world society has greatly accelerated during the Correcting Time.

#### **THE WAR ZONE**

The planet is plagued with far fewer wars, slowing the killings of millions across the continents, with hostilities reduced in such places as Bosnia, Congo, Angola, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Sri Lanka, tyrannical regimes overthrown in Afghanistan and Iraq, and terrorist groups under siege.

#### **THE CORRUPTION DISRUPTION**

Corruption within corporate, industrial and accounting organizations was exposed to all, and is now targeted for greater surveillance and reform.

#### **THE CELESTIAL ARTISANS**

A proliferation of spiritual topics in book publishing and the creative arts has inspired many to see religion in a whole new light, as a personal experience and relationship with God.

#### **THE TEACHING MISSION**

Humans have learned to converse and interact with celestial teachers in these amazing times, receiving both wisdom and inspiration to become oracles of love in their lives.

# If the Buddha Came to Dinner

*How to Nourish Your Body to Awaken Your Spirit*

By Halé Sofia Schatz with Shira Shaiman  
Published by Hyperion

If the Buddha came to dinner at your home, what would you serve? Fast food? A frozen meal quickly reheated in the microwave? Chances are you'd feed your honored guest a delicious meal prepared with love and care. But the next time you have dinner, what will you eat?

With so much processed food in the marketplace, obesity in adults and children dramatically on the rise, and digestive problems increasingly more common, it's clear that we're facing a serious food crisis in this country. The answer isn't just to go on a diet. Reducing the intake of refined and processed foods and increasing whole foods certainly can improve one's health. But we need more. We need to feed ourselves with a sense of purpose, self-respect, love, and passion for our lives. We need to nourish our spirits.

Nourishment isn't a fad diet but a lifelong journey, and Halé Sofia Schatz is the ideal guide. Gentle, wise, and humorous, she shows us the way to the heart of nourishment -- our own inner wisdom that knows exactly how to feed our whole self. A perfect blend of inspiration and practical suggestions, *If the Buddha Came to Dinner* includes guidelines for selecting vital foods, ideas for keeping your energy balanced throughout the day, a cleanse program, and over 60 recipes to awaken your palate.

Open this book and nurture yourself as never before. You'll be fed in a whole new way.

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## 21 THOUGHT MORSELS FOR SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Copied and sent from Sybil Morgan, Loving Circles.

1. The best way to get even is to forget...
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death...
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts...
4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight...
5. Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth...
6. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, Then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea!
7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up...
8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
9. Words are windows to the heart.
10. A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
11. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a mole-hill, just add a little dirt.
12. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person; it's being the right person.
13. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
14. Too many people offer God prayers with claw marks all over them.
15. The tongue must be heavy, indeed, because so few people can hold it.
16. To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.
17. You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
19. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck...
20. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.
21. You are richer today if you have laughed, given, or forgiven.

# THE FACE OF JESUS

by Micki

Thought I'd share my latest blog of some heartfelt thoughts, with much love.

**A half truth is a dangerous thing**, worse than an out and out lie. It takes things out of context, and if it is powerfully delivered, can cause immense suffering, bloodshed, and further the cause of ignorance in the world.

For the record, I believe that over two millennia ago, a Gallilean Jew, who at various times of his life was a carpenter, a fisherman, a caravan driver, a scribe, a tutor who widely traveled, who had all the qualifications if not the credentials of a Rabbi, and who taught with power and authority the radical and revolutionary teaching that God loved us and we were all God's children who must learn to love one another in spite of race or religious affiliation or gender.

He was put to death by the Romans in their chosen form of execution reserved for terrorists. So I guess he was also considered a terrorist by some. If it had been the Jews, he would have been stoned to death.

At this point someone might quote the part in the bible where it says "let his blood be on us and on our children." Hey, we're talking about things that weren't even written down until almost 100 years after the fact. Sorry but a lot of stuff can get lost or added in that amount of time.

Ever play the game "telephone"? By the time the whispered message gets to you, it can be worlds apart from what was originally said.

Now try playing "telephone" for 100 years! Anti-semitism is not remotely a new concept. Cultural context and bias takes place even in the case of what some consider "sacred," maybe especially so. If the story was to end with the crucifixion, then it would have been a half truth, just another tragic occurrence in the bloody history of the rise and fall of another bloody so-called civilization. To leave out the Resurrection and make the age-old mistake of pointing a finger at the Jews (even if only implied) is not only fostering a

half truth, but a hateful and destructive one at that.

Ever since the middle ages, this very hateful half truth has been propagated in the many "passion plays" that played out all over Europe. Hitler was very fond of the Passion Play. They even staged one especially for him during a time when it was not normally enacted.

Even Paul, who I'm not very fond of because I think he was an astute and canny politician who usurped the church and altered the teachings for his own agenda, not forgetting that he wasn't very fond of women either; even Paul said that without the Resurrection, our faith is in vain.

I believe in the Resurrection, because I believe that miracles can and do happen. It's the Resurrection, not the crucifixion, that proves who Jesus was and is. Lots of people were crucified. The Romans lined the road to Jerusalem with crosses as a deterrent to rebellion and a tool to demoralize people. Rome was not one to bother with the extended detention of enemy combatants. Many died, but only one I know of came back.

If you've read this far, I'm sure you're getting my gist. You'd be right if you guessed that I will not be subjecting myself to the violence of Mel Gibson's film.

I believe that the inordinate focus on suffering borders on neurosis, if not totally crossing the line over into a kind of sado-masochism. What's this about? A kind of "hurts so good" religion? The very graphic details of the movie, just on paper, were enough to deter me from ever going to see such a spectacle.

If suffering is to be equated with holiness, I could point you in the right direction. It's not in a movie. We are re-crucifying Christ every day with what we do to each other. The face of the suffering Christ can be found in a lot of REAL people.

Jesus is looking out at us from the face of an Iraqi child who has lost his arms and has burns all over his body. He's looking at us from the face of an African orphan whose mother has died of AIDS and who will follow her because she also has the virus, and we don't want to allow inexpensive generic drugs into her country to alleviate some of her suffering.

Jesus is looking at us from the eyes of a “detainee” at Guantanamo, who has little hope of seeing his family or even a lawyer in the near future. He’s looking at us through the eyes of an elderly person who is not eating just so she can afford prescription drugs to keep her alive.

Jesus looks at us from the body of Matthew Shepard beaten, stretched out on a fence and left to die in the cold, murdered in hatred because he was gay.

Jesus is looking at us from the face of a unemployed person who has just given up hope of finding a job and isn’t even looking anymore.

He’s looking at us from the face of a woman who is in prison in Pakistan for her own protection, possibly for the rest of her life, because she was gang raped and now her own family wants to kill her to regain their “honor.”

I could go on, but I think some people would prefer to pay the bucks to see the blood and guts on the screen, rather than see the real thing happening all over the world.

The whole point of the crucifixion and RESURRECTION was to change the direction the world was going in. To turn the Light on; to show us that a different world is possible. We haven’t learned it yet. We’re stuck in a quagmire of dogma and rationalizations that allow us to continue in our ignorance and intolerance.

The eight or more dollars spent on seeing the movie would be better spent helping someone in need. At least that’s where my money’s going.

## **ELECTIONS: WIN THE GAME, THEN CHANGE THE RULE BOOK**

by TOM ATLEE

The Co-Intelligence Institute

If you are actively engaged with the US Presidential election, I invite you to consider what our efforts today will mean for elections four, eight, twelve years from now.

Here is one vision worthy of some reflection by Democrats and progressives: The next President will inherit the Bush legacy of Iraq, anti-Americanism, deficits, global warming, polarization, and all the rest. If Bush wins, he will use all these things to move ahead with his agenda (in order to win, he will have figured out how to do that). But if Kerry wins, he will have to counter or solve these problems to remain legitimate.

Is it realistic to think he can do this in four years, especially if he does not control all branches of government as Bush’s Republicans did? If he fails, it is virtually inevitable that a Republican -- perhaps Bush himself (since he’s only served one term), or someone progressives like even less -- will become President in 2009.

In any case, it seems likely that overall conditions will get worse for several decades at least. We who inhabit industrial/technological cultures, and American culture in particular, have been spending down our natural and social capital pretty intensively, all the while finding ever-more-brilliant ways to collectively ignore what is happening around us. Some pretty big bills are coming due, which will likely take the form of some serious crises.

Crises tend to call forth the best and the worst leaders. Which will become Presidents of the United States -- to say nothing of Senators, Representatives, Governors? That depends largely on the nature of our political and electoral systems.

Our current campaign and electoral systems are riddled with interrelated problems, including

- \* Control by big money
- \* Professional media and PR manipulation
- \* Cynical commentators focusing public attention on trivia (especially horse-race “who’s ahead” polls and commentaries), shallow stereotypes and fear
- \* Little productive public deliberation about issues, values, and solutions
- \* Massive alienation among youth and other potential voters
- \* Dubious, dangerous voting machines made by partisan companies
- \* A winner-take-all voting method that discounts large minorities
- \* A national debate system that marginalizes non-



mainstream voices -- even within the mainstream parties

\* A general preference for numbers over quality, and appearance over substance and numerous other faults that make it nearly impossible for us citizens to exercise thoughtful control of our politics, or for creative politicians to rise to visibility and power.

Given what we've seen so far, and given how our electoral systems are biased towards manipulation and lack of substance, what kind of politician do we expect to become President in the next several elections?

\* Will the public return over and over to innocuously mainstream politicians -- even as social, economic and environmental conditions deteriorate?

\* Will most of us gravitate to brilliantly creative, participatory leaders who invite us to engage with the fullness of the challenges we face?

\* Will masses of people flock to the fear-full oversimplifications of fascism, supported by corporate money and media and ever-greater technologies of control, manipulation and division?

\* Might our elections become so degraded and empty that they become meaningless charades for passing power from elite to elite, as they have been in so many other countries that we claim to detest -- and as some believe is already happening in the US?

What do we see when we seriously reflect -- from a systems perspective -- on what happened in the most recent primaries? Who got weeded out, and how? What do the dynamics of the 2000 elections tell us about our electoral systems. (Note that Sen. John McCain was the most popular candidate among Republicans and Democrats combined, but did not have enough support among Republicans alone to get the Republican nomination. What does that tell us about the SYSTEM we use to choose candidates?)

What evidence do we see that the current system is capable of inaugurating Presidents who could actually lead us with the level of moral vision and competence we need to see us through these difficult times?

If Kerry wins and his supporters go back to their lives or their issue activism -- and he then fails as President -- what then? Do we realistically expect the existing system will produce someone better next time? And the next?

Elections entrain us into a manipulated trance dance of Villain and Hero, into which we pour our time, money, care and creativity in a desperate attempt to have our Hero win. It becomes hard to attend to anything else -- especially (ironically) to the systems that put us in the trance in the first place, and produce such poor results.

Can we who care about democracy free our minds from the dance long enough to change the music we are dancing to? Are we ready to spend at least as much of our precious life energy changing OUR ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS as we spend on changing Presidents?

I'm not saying we should drop The Good Fight. I'm saying that more of us might wisely focus on changing the field of engagement so that Life and The People decide who shows up for the contest, how the contest unfolds, and who is empowered to win.

I'm saying we would be wise to get this transformational job done as a priority in the next few years, and not let ourselves be distracted or subside into business as usual when the electoral energetics subside.

There are many approaches for action. Below are my own favorites, accompanied by helpful URLs. But the main point is to make sure we persist in changing the systems and not just electing candidates and returning to business as usual. We can:

1. Make sure VOTING MACHINES use open source code and leave a paper trail -- or else are replaced by hand-filled, hand-counted ballots. During the last century both Democrats and Republicans have committed voter fraud. Unverifiable electronic voting machines enables greater election fraud than we've ever seen before. <<http://www.verifiedvoting.org/>>

2. Get special interest MONEY out of elections -- in every way possible. Pay-offs to candidates used to be called bribery. Let's call it that and end it. <[http://www.publicagenda.org/issues/frontdoor.cfm?issue\\_type=campaign\\_finance](http://www.publicagenda.org/issues/frontdoor.cfm?issue_type=campaign_finance)>

3. Arrange for OFFICIAL CITIZEN PANELS of randomly selected ordinary people to freely interview and review candidates and then deliberate together on what they find. Make sure everyone

knows about the results. <<http://co-intelligence.org/CDCUsesAndPotency.html>>

4. Stimulate a nationwide debate about ALTERNATIVE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS like instant runoff voting <<http://www.fairvote.org/irv/index.html>>, proportional representation <<http://www.fairvote.org/pr/index.html>>, “none of the above” options <<http://www.nota.org/bnota.htm>> and other ways to increase the prospects for alternative voices to get heard and elected. OFFICIALLY EMPOWERED British Columbian citizens are doing this right now <<http://www.citizensassembly.bc.ca/public>>.

Ultimately, this is about more than elections. We need a democracy that works for the current and long-term benefit of ordinary people and the larger world, that taps into the wisdom and vitality of citizens and their communities, and that helps us collectively make the wisest choices we can, every step of the way. For more approaches to this, see <<http://www.democracyinnovations.org>>.

So by all means, fight the Good Fight this election year. But keep in mind that candidates -- even when they win -- even when they are good -- last only so long.

We've all seen Presidents and Congresspeople who truly frighten us. We've seen politicians that inspire us change in disappointing ways or die in disturbing circumstances. Given the likelihood that future candidates are likely to be far better and far worse than what we have ever seen before, let's make sure that our political and electoral systems are designed to select the best possible candidates the US has to offer. Over and over and over again.

Coheartedly,  
Tom

*“Bringing in a better bunch [through this year's election] is not enough. The fundamental issues of corporate power still remain, and while it may have a kinder, gentler face, the issue is still about reclaiming our democracy.”*

-- Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simons, founders of The Bioneers <http://www.bioneers.org>

## *Can God Use You?*

The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk  
Abraham was too old  
Isaac was a daydreamer  
Jacob was a liar  
Leah was ugly  
Joseph was abused  
Moses had a stuttering problem  
Gideon was afraid  
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer  
Rahab was a prostitute  
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young  
David had an affair and was a murderer  
Elijah was suicidal  
Isaiah preached naked  
Jonah ran from God  
Naomi was a widow  
Job went bankrupt  
John the Baptist ate bugs  
Peter denied Christ  
The Disciples fell asleep while praying  
Martha worried about everything  
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once  
Zaccheus was too small  
Paul was too religious  
Timothy had an ulcer...AND  
Lazarus was dead!

...no more excuses now. God can use you to your full potential.

Besides you aren't the message, you are just the messenger.

## CELESTIALS OVER CINCINNATI

(continued)

suggest to you that you are not recognizing your own beauty, that you are not recognizing your own selves. I would suggest that each day you go to the mirror and look into this mirror and look into your eyes and know yourself at a deeper level. There is nothing I could tell you or advise you beyond this, for it will be quite apparent when you conduct his exercise that you will find many questions and many answers.

Each day that you do this you will encounter a somewhat different countenance and you will begin to see yourself and understand yourself in different ways. And so do this and know yourself.

Our comrade, Nero, has often admonished us to know our mind, for too many times humans seem to not trust their minds and feel that they would be playing tricks on themselves because they don't trust their mind to discern what is true, what contains beauty, what contains goodness. They do not trust themselves to use the great endowment of mind.

And so, you must know your mind and trust your mind. This is a mission. This is a quest. You must know yourselves, and when you know yourselves you will be able to apply yourselves fully in growing your soul and helping in the soul growth of others by being there for them with full knowledge of yourself and your mission, full knowledge of them and their missions and their selves, in empathy. They are fellow humans. They are your brothers and sisters, Yes, they are your species. They are beautiful as you are, for they are God's creation as you are.

It's a contract to love them. God created you in love. You are here to create in love. Create in love. You were given the power to create life - co-create life - do so in love. And love all creation and love your brothers and sisters as I love you. Thank you for listening. I will see you soon.

Question: (Personal, about why she wants to do good to people, but lately has been reprimanded for that: reprimanded and "bitched at" for that.

OLFANA (T/R Jim) Are your associates complaining that you are...

Questioner: Probably too bossy, or too domineering. They say I scare them. I'm scary. I keep looking in the mirror, too, and I say "Can't anybody see that beauty within me? Do you have any suggestion, Olfana? I'm open.

OLFANA (T/R Jim): Each of you have traits that are annoying to other people. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice your sense of humor, because each of you are so precious - such children - and you all mean so well.

Irritations are almost like anecdotes; they can make people more beloved to others. When you truly have a sense of spiritual joy within you then these irritations fall away. But, so many in the

world are struggling, hassled, and quite self contained in their defensive postures and self knowing and are often irritated by those who seem to be telling them something that they think they already know. And, it becomes somewhat of a threat to them.

But, such a conversation as this can sink into a morass of misunderstandings, for truly, each of you is a different, unique, personality with your own styles and behaviors. You are so beloved to us that we look beyond minor irritants that, of course, will bother those of your brothers and sisters who are truly troubled and hassled and struggling just to make it through the day.

Be not deterred but consider a soft approach, a loving approach, a graceful approach with humility and sympathy. and, Jesus, of course, is the perfect example. In the re-reading of your text you find numerous situations. You could perhaps close the book and close your eyes and look within yourself and say "How would I respond? My blossom is partly open; I'm a growing flower; I'm a child of the universe. How would I have responded?" And it would be perhaps instructive practice to develop your own responses to situations that Jesus faced, situations that you face, and try to find the parallel and to blend your actions to what the Master would have done or said.

Truly, this is the pattern example which Jesus' life presents to you. And, by emulating this manner of strength and power enraptured in graciousness and gentleness. Truly, it is a remarkable set of characteristics to which you can aspire. I would not worry too much, Dear --, about those who feel your personality is too hard edged, for your commitment is getting across to these people, nonetheless. as you continue to soften and mature and blend your teaching, your guidance style, you will be better and better and better at loving and teaching and inspiring.

You are doing so well. Do not be detracted by small comments of insignificant complaints. You are doing well and you are developing your personality constantly so that you are approaching those who need your help with greater maturity, greater balance, greater reason, and in greater knowing of what Jesus would have said, for truly you are empowered - as each of you are in this room to do good service and love your brothers in profound and meaningful ways. Thank you.

Questioner: Thank you. You're my angel today. Thank you.

Student: I would like to ask a pedantic question.

Student: I don't know what that is. Is it dirty?

Jim: Pedantic is not here tonight. (Much laughter)

Student: (Question about how the Teaching Mission teachers work together with Christ Michael and other celestials.)

Questioner wants to "flesh out my understanding of the Melchizedek University a little more."

MALVANTRA: The Melchizedeks are universal teachers under the auspices of Divine Rule and their Father Melchizedek. They are assigned throughout the universe of Nebadon under

emergency orders in urgent circumstances through rebellion and default. They are assigned to rebellion worlds.

Their missions are varied. Their assignment as instructors, as educators, as explainers, to enhance, to counsel, to preserve the light of truth, as vicegerent to administer and to assist Michael's mission is not fraught with danger, but is assisted by able bodied Melchizedeks as a crucial element in the leadership of the teaching mission in Norlatiadek. They are assigned in a counselor capacity. Melchizedek Universities are administered by Melchizedeks in various parts of Nebadon. They are a corps, tried and tested. Rebellion has not tainted their numbers. They remain steadfast, their loyalties unquestionable. Their wisdom is respected beyond the bounds of Nebadon. They have a divine strain through their beings but they are localized. They remain in Nebadon.

Michael's return to Urantia is a secret known only to Him. Melchizedeks are not privy to the sovereign's internal secret agenda. Gabriel would be notified of a transportation or appearance. Michael would naturally coordinate with the Nebadon Melchizedeks who all support and assist in such an enterprise.

Gabriel has no knowledge, and does not presume to predict. However, the Melchizedeks teach Michael's promise to return to Urantia is a fact in the waiting, potential to happen.

In terms of time sequence, identity unknown. In terms of fact, the fact of Michael's return is the assurance of His word and the belief in His good will. The Melchizedeks of Michael's reign reveal nothing of His personal plans, and assist Him in the teaching mission, as is His wont.

Eduentia is rife with Melchizedeks. Jerusem has frequent visitations. Urantia, as rightly delineated, has a contingent of Melchizedek teachers whose purpose is direct coordination with the midwayers, with angelic liaison administrations, in coordination with celestial visitors under the auspices, remember, of the Vicegerency of Machiventa Melchizedek, present on your world, unknown to many, but transmitting messages, and revealed to some.

Your attunement with your personal Monitor is the key to your questionable mystery. The more intuned you become to the divine leadings, similarly, you will increase your awareness and your capability to receive and to respond to spiritual energies that occur in your path and that are available on the planet.

Melchizedeks are powerful beings that emit tremendous amounts of spiritual energy. By your attunement to your own Adjuster, you improve your machinations and your capacity to receive, and your receptivity of their field of energy. Do not tarry in hesitancy to determine which pattern of incarnations would be applied to your troubled world. These are divine designations that rarely are revealed prior to occurrence to beings of a nature not equalized with the authority that is legislated. That is a judicial determination. Forthwith, confused yourself, it's a quandary that perplexes us. We bask in uncertainty.

We are unsure of the incarnation plan, however, it is incumbent upon us to reveal your planet is flooded with the receivership of celestial teachers under the loyal rule of Michael. I bid you a fond farewell and a sweet repose for your time and the gratitude we feel in your golden hearts as you attune to the messages. The glow of your faith is a blessing. Receive the love.

Student: Thank you, Dear Malvantra. How wonderful.

Student: Olfana, I have a question for you. The teaching mission is bigger. You're touching all different kinds of people. I haven't been with the Urantia group here for awhile and I feel kind of disconnected. I'm wondering if the teachers are still watching us or able to be in contact with us. I feel like I've been in the stillness more and I'm still a block of wood at times. I'm wondering what your connection is? As a matter of fact, what you told me ... Somebody must have been sitting behind me at my computer today because your answer was exactly what I was typing in a personal growth project for myself - it's a balance of activities in mind, body and spirit. What you said couldn't have been said without having someone standing behind me. Was someone there with me today? Are you still with me?

OLFANA (t/R Jim): Your sense of humor serves you well. Yes, we look at things from very different perspectives, so that we wonder sometimes at the questions you ask. There are many movements on Urantia. This is one of them and they emanate from the hearts and souls of individuals and through all of their organizations: churches, spiritual organizations, corporations, schools, everywhere. The Correcting Time is all encompassing. It is effecting every heart, every soul, every mind of people who are yearning for deeper levels of spirituality and knowingness of God. And so, yes, there are many, many servants to this correcting time here who are anxious to give their love and support and inspiration and we are with you constantly. We have our favorites, and you are one of mine, so I check in very frequently.

Sussi: Do you really?

OLFANA: It is much easier than you can imagine, for, we actually can broadcast here from far-flung worlds as if we were in the room. Mastery of Universal broadcasts and circuitry will be a profound achievement which you're probably a great distance from, realizing that these initial openings of celestial contact through this very simple means of transmitting, channeling, receiving, and presenting information which is common on many worlds is a beginning here. But there is much, much, much to be done here. There is so much widespread suffering and torment. There are so many - not thousands, but millions - millions of you are suffering from the ravages of hunger, disease, bombs, murder.

And, it is true that the Melchizedeks are strong in purpose, strong in commitment, their mission is going strongly in every way, commemorated by the universe broadcasts from Naperville on Machiventa's ascendancy here to employ Urantia as headquarters world in the reclamation of these many planets. So, Machiventa is here, but the advent of the Melchizedeks does not bring peace and good will on earth, just as the grand incarnation of Jesus did not, for many things must come to violent, and even a tumultuous



head on Urantia for old grievances to be submerged in a new aura of love and brotherhood. And, you are seeing profound conflict and change all about you which will challenge you to bring forth a higher realization of you civilization.

And so, these tumultuous times will bring forth great spiritual awakening, but not for some time, as the world works through these many problems - serious ethnic hatreds which have worsened through the centuries. These must come to a head and must be healed, and they will.

In these momentous times you must be steadfast in love, compassion, and centeredness with God so that you can respond in your aura with the lessons that you can teach, the inspiration you can give, and the love which you can bring forth like a magnet to those suffering about you.

As your numbers increase by scores, by hundreds, by thousands, by millions, people will clamor for a better world and people will build a better world. And we will do this all together in glory to the Father and to bring forth the great return of Michael to this troubled world - to bring forth the final resurrection into the joyous era of light and life - a long journey, and we are all privileged to be part of it. Thank you so much.

Sussi: I'm glad to know that you check in.

OLFANA (T/R Jim) We are notorious eavesdroppers.

Gina: Are you checking in on all of us?

OLFANA (T/R Jim): We enjoy you so.

TARKAS (T/R Jim): I am Tarkas. Just to squeeze in a few words and syllables - it's been wonderful being with you tonight and we look forward to continuing our frequent visits in the future. We will come back and we will bring our entire retinue again. Good night.

All: Thank you. Thank you. We love you teachers. We really enjoy it.

## **THE CURE FOR WAR by Deepak Chopra** (Continued)

its genesis in fear. True security comes from an expanded sense of self, where greed is replaced by sharing; arrogance by humility; aggression by nurturing; demand by conciliation. It will happen, if and when our leaders emphasize service and not profit making; cooperation and not competition; open hearts and not open markets and when violence and fear will be replaced by compassion, humility, peace, and social justice and we will identify with the human family instead of focusing on nationalism and tribalism.

Art can play a role in our collective healing and it must assume responsibility. Art is a raid on the inarticulate because art allows us to get in touch with what real reality is. And real reality is, is to look at things as they are - not to camouflage them - not to have reality TV where we do not see the bloodshed, we do not see the gore, we do not see the anguish of mothers, we do not see innocent children dying.

What do we see? We see a Nintendo game being played out as reality TV. And, of course, advertisers are rushing to see which one is doing a better job so that they can see the ratings and make money out of it.

And, as long as we think like that, there is no solution.

I think the reality is that if we join forces together then maybe it is not so naive to hope that we can change things.

If the news networks, if the media, if the entertainment industry, if the educational institutions start to put attention on peace consciousness that will make military power irrelevant, that will make the merchants of death and destruction in this world the pariahs of society so that it will be considered obscene to associate with them, that is the power that we have in the media; in the entertainment industry through the news networks and through the educational institutions of our time to create a critical mass of peace consciousness.

And peace conscious, once again, - is not angry activism against war. It is the ability to nurture human beings; nurture the chain of being; nurture the web of

life; nurture the ecology, the extended environment which is our physical body - those trees are our lungs - these rivers and waters are our circulation and our blood - and the earth is our very body. If we cannot feel this at a deep level, if we cannot feel the pain that the world is having right now - then there is no possibility for compassion.

Compassion cannot be legislated. Morality cannot be legislated. It has to be felt from a deep level of soul where our identity is our inter-beingness, our inseparability.

Perhaps we can create an environment where nationalism itself becomes an out-motivated idea. The philosopher Krishnamurti said 50 years ago, "Nationalism is tribalism. Einstein said, "Nationalism is an infantile disease; it is the measles of humanity." Eric Fromm said, "Nationalism is our form of incest - it is our idolatry and patriotism is its cult."

These are dangerous things to say in today's environment but the fact is I am quoting people that have been held in high-esteem by society and civilization.

Perhaps we can create a consciousness where to tell the truth is to be a true humanitarian where we can go beyond nationalistic identity and see ourselves as members of the human race and children of this planet, where we don't see all these different nationalities and tribes but an inseparable eco-system; a web of life; a chain of being where everything is interdependently co-arising and inseparably woven into everything else. Then perhaps we will know that the way we treat others is the way we treat ourselves.

So let us create Cinema For Peace, Art for Peace, Music for Peace, Lyrics for Peace. I think it is now time for the artists, for the philosophers, and the poets, and the filmmakers to take some responsibility and share their anguish and their pain, because if they share their anguish and their pain, there is a possibility that we will all feel compassion.

Compassion is nothing but the sharing of pain and suffering, and when there is compassion then there is a possibility for love. And when there is love there is a possibility for healing.

Let us do what has never been done in history - Ma-

hatma Gandhi didn't have the internet - Jesus Christ didn't have all the communication networks that we have today.

Let the artists, poets, and philosophers of today, collaborate to create that critical mass of peace consciousness and change world consciousness so that the very idea of a violent solution to problems becomes abhorrent becomes obscene become disgusting becomes shameful becomes disgraceful!

As human beings we have intuition, creativity, vision and a sense of connection to the sacred powers of this planet. This is the next phase of our evolution and if we don't take a quantum leap of creativity together we could face extinction!

I was talking to an anthropologist friend of mine and he said that if insects and ants disappeared from this planet - all life on this planet would cease in five years; but if human beings disappeared from this planet - life would flourish on this planet in five years.

So Mother might be saying, "You know, this human being, it was an interesting experiment, but it didn't work. Let's move on."

Maybe that is our fate or maybe not. The world waits, with bated breath, for the artists and lovers to lead us out from this nightmare.

*"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed."*

- President Abraham Lincoln (R)  
November 21, 1864

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