

The Teaching Mission

Lessons from Cincinnati

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From December, 1996: Anatalia*, Tarkas

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ANATALIA (TR: mp) I have recently come to your world as part of what you call the Teacher Mission. It is a great privilege for me and a great opportunity to learn and, most importantly, a great opportunity to serve. It is so difficult at times. I wish that I could pull back the curtain for all of you to see what it is that I see each day, for the universe that I see is so utterly beautiful. It is filled with so many loving beings. I spend my day learning, finding ways to serve, spending time with Our Father, and, for the most part truly enjoying every moment of my life.

As I look upon you here and I see the life that you live, it strikes me that it is obviously more difficult for you to live at the moment in such a way, and beyond the obvious disease and war and other things that plague your planet, just the physical struggle of your life, spending so much time to earn the living, spending so much time in the daily chores. This is why the other teachers, and now I join them, in encouraging you to take some time each day to spend with The Father.

It is most important. It is what will help you remain in balance and not let you lose perspective, for if you are not careful, some-times you become so absorbed in these daily problems that you lose sight of who you truly are and what your destiny truly is. It will not always be like this. You will not always struggle so. Yes, there will be problems; yes, there will be new challenges, but I refer more to your physical level of trouble.

You see, I and my friends no longer worry about what we will have to eat. We no longer have to work jobs to earn money. All these kinds of burdens or struggles have been removed. Now we spend our day learning. Mostly we spend our day finding ways to share the love that we have so graciously been given, for you see, when you have been filled with that love of the Father, it is only natural that it overflows, and how do you want to share, how do you want to manifest that overflowing of that love? You want to find others to share it with.

When I look around at my brothers and sisters and my fellow teachers, I see them filled with great

knowledge, great wisdom, and great love of Our Father. And so the opportunity for me to serve them seems somewhat rare or somewhat small, but I look at you, and I look at your world, and as you look around, is there anyone here, is there anyone that you meet, at any time, who does not need your help, who does need a greater dose of love and caring?

Everyone needs love. You cannot, in one second, in one moment, fill that person with love. You can show them that, you can give them a brief experience of love, but for them to truly find it, where must they find it? In the place that all humans look last —within themselves. For it is within themselves that they will find Our Father waiting for them. They will find this Fragment of God who truly loves them, who is there to guide them.

How can you reveal this to them? First, if you have found Him in your own life, and if it has helped you, they will see this. Second, when they ask for help, do not spend so much time directing them and answering their questions, as guiding them and showing them how to find the answers from within. This is how you help someone the most, by showing them how to learn to help themselves. It is not easy to do this. It is so much easier to just say, "Do this and do that."

All of you who have raised children — is that not the case? When there are so many things to do, and you wish to delegate different chores and different responsibilities but others resist, and have you not found yourself in a position where we say, "Oh, I'll just do it all myself. It's so much easier. And then I'll know it will get done right." But you see, my friends, while this is a short-term solution, it does not truly help others in the long run.

The way you help them the most, again, is to help them to learn to help them self. Every day, whether it is a smile, a kind word, or listening for a half hour or an hour to someone else, taking someone to the grocery store, reading a book for someone who cannot see, there are endless opportunities for you to serve. I wish I had so many opportunities each day. So we are a potentially good team, are we not? For we each have something that the other desires.

I know of the love of the Father and I see the beauty of your destiny. What I need are opportunities in order to grow. You have abundant opportunities to serve, but you do not see your destiny. You do not see the true reality of this universe yet; therefore you must operate, you must rely on your faith every day, and I believe your text tells you that there is but one great struggle and that is the struggle of faith against doubt. We must keep that faith, and we must nourish it and we must encourage it with time with The Father each day.

So let us help each other. I will help you in any way that I can grow in faith. You help me by telling me how I can serve you so that you can better serve your brothers and sisters. All the universe is, in a way, a vast team. All of us on my side share responsibilities, share our efforts, share our knowledge, share our wisdom. There is no competition; why would there be competition? We want everyone to learn, to grow, to feel as much love as they can, as quickly as they can, for is this not the way your world will be changed most dramatically, and is this not what your world needs most to change?

That is why I have come. My specific mission at this point is that I have been assigned to the group in Columbus, Ohio. I am your teacher if you wish me to be your teacher. What does that mean? Several of you have come to groups in Cincinnati and you have listened to the T/Rs transmit differ-

ent teachers: Welmek, Tarkas, Bakim and others. I wish to provide that level of teaching for you. In order to do that, it will be necessary for one of you to be willing to serve in this role of the transmitter/receiver, the T/R.

First I want to say this is not a matter of putting pressure upon anyone, for in order for you to be effective, you must really want to do this, and you must truly want to do it for no other reason than to help your brothers and sisters. If that is your desire, call upon me and I will work with you and we will see what we can bring about, this team between the human and an unseen friend. If it does not happen, my life will go on and your life will go on and we will each continue to grow in Our Father's grace and Our Father's love. We will each continue to find other ways to serve. I say this again for I do not wish to place any pressure upon you. I simply come today to offer this to you as an opportunity. I will observe and I will be available for anyone who wishes to call upon me.

Many of you have come to these meetings before and you have listened to our brother Welmek. Welmek has currently been sent, on a temporary basis, to another of the worlds that have been a part of this confusion that you know. What is going on is far, far beyond what you can even imagine, but I can say to you that the spiritual energies, the love, the desire to serve is overwhelming. All of the spiritual reality of life is being enlivened, enriched, recharged, stimulated. It is manifesting in so, so many ways, many ways that you cannot see, many ways that you cannot understand, and yet each of you knows within your own experience as you look around the world, that the world is turning more, slowly but surely, to spirituality.

Not everyone will follow the same path as you. Not everyone will want to come to such meetings as this. But each in their own way, proofs in their own way, will listen to all kinds of beings who claim to be channeling information. People are reading more and more books; even your TV programs are beginning to show themes that relate more to spiritual things. It is a process; the awakening has begun. It will take time, for as you look around your world, there is so much to accomplish. There are still so many people on your world who live in almost utter darkness.

You do not realize how fortunate you truly are to live in such a country to have freedom, but because you cannot visualize, because you cannot see the goal or the end, should not discourage you, for within the deepest part of your mind, your heart and your soul, you know that what I say is true, for you feel the change, you sense the world beginning to change. It will take many, many generations but it has begun. It has always been in progress, but now it is increasing even ever more rapidly.

You are a part of this. This should be exciting to you. But, because you cannot see all of these changes and you cannot see the final goal, you may still struggle at times to believe it, but again, when you have questions, go deep within. Ask Our Father if he is there. Ask him to hold your hand. Ask him to guide you through this maze, and always you will feel his presence and you will hear his promise. Do not ever become discouraged, for evolution is a progress. Those greater than all of us are in charge, and they know what they are doing.

In our lifetimes we suffer from a disease called impatience. We want these changes to happen so quickly, tomorrow. What's wrong with right now? Let's just come down and wave a magic wand upon the earth and all disease and war will just vanish. It could be done, but it is not The Father's way, for The Father's way is to allow each child to make that choice within them self, to choose the better way. And in this way it becomes real, it becomes a part of that person's experience, it becomes

who they really are when they choose it from their own free will. It may not be the most expedient way, but it is the only real way.

I want to give you encouragement. I want to tell you that it is changing. I want to say to you, my friends, each of you has made a difference in your life. Each of you has made a difference in others' lives that you have touched. There is no one here who has not helped one of your brothers and sisters along this path. You may not always see the results, but all of you have climbed, all of you have reached out to others, and all of you are truly blessed for your efforts.

No matter what you see in the newspapers, no matter what you see as you watch your television news programs, rest assured that dictators are not in control of this world, that Our Father and those he has designated are in charge, and that heaven on earth is in progress and will someday be here. Don't ever doubt it. Don't ever stop trying to make it better. Don't ever let anyone tell you that it is futile. Stand your ground. Be courageous and continue to grow within yourself and continue to allow The Father's love to flow through you to your brothers and sisters.

Hate and anger repel; and love attracts. Love is manyfold more powerful than hate or anger, and when others see it, they are drawn to it. Once they taste it, they never wish to go back. Continue to share; continue to pour out to your brothers and sisters. Your reward will be great, not only in the next life, but also here, for what is your reward? You will grow more peaceful. You will find that peace that passes all understanding. You will more feel the presence of The Father with you everyday, and you will more feel that you are now becoming not just a citizen of this country and this planet, but of this universe.

I hail from a planet that is so far from you that you cannot even imagine it, and yet I look at you: you are my brothers and sisters and I am yours. You are part of a much larger universe than you can imagine. And you have a role to play, you have a responsibility, but do not see this responsibility as a burden. See it as one of joy, for when you feel love, or you have recognized truth, it is not so much your responsibility to share it as it is your joy to share it.

Service. Helping others, no matter how small, how large, how seemingly insignificant, whether on the material level, the mental level or the spiritual level, people need assistance, they need help on all of these planes. Reach out to them, share with them what you can, and then reach inward to The Father. Allow your cup to be refilled; allow your cup to overflow.

You can never give too much love; you can never receive too much love. It flows wherever a vessel opens to it. There is no shortage of love on this world. It is only that your brothers and sisters block it out. Help them learn to open themselves to this love of The Father. Help them feel this love within themselves as you go. If you do this, you will have served as the greatest of all, for there is nothing that I or the greatest could do for another that would be greater than to help them find the love of God within themselves.

I will pause now. If there are other teachers who wish to speak or if you have questions, I would be happy to entertain your questions.

QUESTION: Anatalia, you talk about faith. (Indistinguishable) It's not so much a faith in the Father. The faith that I seek now is to understand and accept the process by which you're coming to

us today. It's most difficult for myself, and for others. Can you address that? Can you help me in that area? so that we may have a relationship?

ANATALIA: Yes, I will try. What is faith? Faith is a living trust of God and of the universe. Do you believe that Our Father speaks to you in certain ways? I assume that you would say yes. Then, how is it that this happens? You say that you believe in this Urantia Book, but did you see the words dictated? Did you see the spiritual beings who dictated the words? Did you see any of the process occur? Is there anything in the material book itself that would indicate to you that it is in fact true? What is your answer?

RESPONSE: No. No, I did not see the process of The Urantia Book.

ANATALIA: So why is it that you believe this Book?

RESPONSE: With The Urantia Book, I had the patience to read it over a period of time until the truth that was in it was able to develop.

ANATALIA: And I ask you to just do the same for me. I do not ask you to make a commitment now, to say that I am real, to say that I am not real, to say what I have said today to you is true or not true, for in fact it is in struggle of faith. I have no right to ask any such thing of you, but what I am saying to you is that when you deal with this realm of faith, we deal with the realm where you must sense what is true, where it cannot be proven.

You say that you spend time with this Book and that over time its message gradually rang truer to you. Then I would say to you, give me this opportunity to speak with you. Give me more opportunities to speak with you, and over time you decide if I am real, if my message to you is true. I do not ask you to make a commitment to this truth at this time. I simply ask you to consider giving it a trial basis, you might say. It would be too much, it would be irresponsible of me, to expect you to make such a decision after only one meeting.

All of you have reached beyond where most of your brothers and sisters are willing to go. You are pioneers, you might say. You left your settlements and you crossed the mountains, you blazed new trails, and even this Book that you have found is on a plateau on the climb that many are afraid to strive for. And now you have striven and you have found this great source of truth and it has brought you great comfort and great vision for your future and deepened your faith in the reality of Our Father, in the reality of the universe, and in the reality of your own, personal spiritual universe.

Now we come to you, we teachers, and we say, "Well, you are now at a plateau and you have turned and you have looked down and you see so many of your brothers and sisters climbing their path up the mountain," so to speak, and now we say to you, "Are you comfortable or would you like to begin another climb to the next plateau?" If you say no, we do not look at you in any negative way, for we simply say, "This is your choice". It is completely up to you. How fast, how slow you wish to grow, is totally your choice. We do not wish you to try to grow too fast. We do not wish to imbalance your lives in any way.

All that we wish to do is to say to you that we believe that we can help you deepen your faith and continue to grow, and if you wish to do that, you can be of even greater service to your brothers and

sisters. You have already learned much; you are and have already been of great service to your brothers and sisters. We are simply saying, "Do you wish to continue? Can we help you continue?"

HUMAN: Thank you, Anatalia. I think, from what Scott is saying, is that it's more a trust in ourselves. (Indistinguishable) Yes, there is a plateau. (Indistinguishable)

ANATALIA: Thank you for your kind words.

TARKAS (TR: jc) This is Tarkas. I will speak but briefly, to welcome our friends in this network of the heart to our city and to welcome our sister Anatalia to our circle of friends. She has spoken eloquently of the cosmology that will bring you vision and peace and true perspectives in these epochal changing times in which you are all involved. I will speak on the coming year of now. As this new year approaches, the Teaching Mission in the Correcting Time will take on new layers of creative ways and the impetus for the growth that is needed at this time.

Many have grown personally through understanding of personal spiritual dynamics, the reality that comes with your personal relationship with the Universal Father and the assignment of a personal teacher. Many have healed and are healing and you are working to incorporate these new spiritual realities of this plateau into your everyday lives, and most of all, you are continuing to meet problems and challenges, turning them into learning and growing experiences en route to perfection.

In this coming year, there will be new emphasis, and I might number them through. First you see around you powerful and subtle changes of Correcting Time, and you see new technologies literally creating a web upon your shrinking planet. These technologies are inspired through your creative engineers for your benefit and for spiritual networking. The possibility looms for each of you to use these technologies, for electronic mail literally covers the world, can speak conversationally to someone upon the other side of this small place in the universe.

You can use a plethora of publishing broadcasting to project spiritual truths and pure, unconditional love, and so the networking of this coming year will be phenomenal and even beyond what you can see, openings of spiritual energies coming forth, and much to come will be powerfully inspiring, even disconcerting to many, and through these energies you will be called upon with opportunities for service to show true ways in a loving, comfortable stride, that you are developing your creative cohesion with the teachers and there will be a powerful phenomenon in all of your lives, and we ask you to learn and to utilize these technologies and these means of communication.

Secondly, your creativity can be developed far beyond what can be imagined, and so we ask you to tap into your own creativity to Universal Mind circuits, the installation of teachers, guides, angels, Michael himself, the curriculums of the Melchizedeks and even God, the Holy Father, all are available to you. Be creative. Understand that each of you has vast, untapped creative resources. Learn to create, communicate.

We would ask that you continue in the one great struggle that has been constant upon Urantia, learning to work together to cooperate, putting aside shallow egoistic animal growth tools to bring forth the true spiritual light of spiritual understandings. A difficult task. All of these tasks are, perhaps, difficult, and therefore supremely rewarding in the growth experiences for each of you and collectively.

The new year of 1997 is now the network of the heart, is in the full flower. Learn to navigate, learn to originate, learn to work together and the time is now.

Thank you, my friends. It is wonderful being with you as always. I look forward to many days of experiences in growth and fun in the months ahead. Peace to all of you.

GROUP: Thank you, Tarkas.

ANATALIA: Are there any other questions?

HUMAN: I have a question. I would like to know (paraphrased) how the teachers transmit to the receivers. There has been a great deal of insecurity on my part. (Indistinguishable) How are the teachers dealing with this? So, those of us who have been transmitting for years and years, it seems to come through in some ways a resting place. Is it time to jump forward? or retiring? I hope this is clear.

ANATALIA: I will say that your question is an excellent one, for it goes to the heart of what we discussed earlier, and that is, it is at last a question of faith — a question of faith for the person who is doing the transmitting, a question of faith for those who are listening. There is no special magic in the process for reflectivity. They are technology that are beyond your understanding. Thoughts may have little to do with the issue. When Jesus spoke to the multitudes, some heard his message and some did not. Is that not correct?

RESPONSE: Yes.

ANATALIA: And did he not have, if he so wished, access to reflectivity or probably even technology that might exist within his local universe if he so wished? It is not an issue, my friend, and I understand you might regard this as an issue, as a struggle to discern what is really true. The issue is: do your brothers and sisters wish to hear truth? Do they wish to grow spiritually? You, as a transmitter, have one responsibility only, and that responsibility is to clear your mind and to transmit the message that you believe you hear as accurately as possible.

Is that message real? It is for your listeners to decide. Just as it was for those who listened to the Master himself to decide. If Michael or Gabriel were to say, "I will set a broadcast on your radios at 11:00 p.m. this evening, and I wish all of you to hear it," and so you tell all of your friends and they all listened at 11:00, let me ask you, would they all believe what they heard? Would they all believe that it was truly Michael or Gabriel? Or would they all agree with everything, perhaps, that they heard? Do you think that that is even ... well, I should not say "a possibility", for almost everything is a possibility ... let me say, Do you think that would be a likelihood?

I assume your answer would be no. And so do you see, my friend, truth must be discerned from within the individual. It must be chosen by the individual. When you say or suggest that as the Teacher Mission struggle, or is a struggle, then I would say, Are the individuals who are listening struggling? (Tape turned)

As I come to your world and I have spoken with many, many teachers and I ask them about their

experience and their assessments and their understandings of this process, I would suggest to you that what was offered comes down to is that people are looking for new information about what the universe is really like, what are the effects of these circuits really like, when will the Melchizedeks materialize? They look to all these types of events and that is understandable because you are humans and you utilize the divine circuits and you are much more comfortable in the realm of mind and intellectual knowledge than you are in the realm of the spirit and in spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth has to do with deepening your awareness and your sense of the presence of The Father and opening yourself up to increased communication by His guidance. Now, in all of these conversations you have had with those who have been a part of this Mission, how many of the questions that are asked have to do with this? And how many questions have to do with all these other issues?

So you see, even with those who have attended these groups, and even those who have attended for years, do they practice the daily Stillness? Do they seek this communion with the Father daily? Do they talk about how they need to grow more in patience and tolerance and love and understanding? This is what spiritual growth is. Your progress in the universe is not measured so much by your intellectual knowledge. You can be sorted according to your interest in these areas, and given particular tasks or assignments based upon these natural propensities or interests, but your true ability to move, to progress within the universe, is your ability to work with others, to not grow intolerant of their different ideals, to not grow impatient with their different ideas, to seek to find a way to always be tolerant and loving, for you see, as you grow, there are those incremental children at those levels. If you have not learned to control those emotions, if you have not learned to be tolerant and loving, you simply do not reach either level.

But the problem is, this is difficult, very difficult for humans to understand. They want to see spiritual growth measured in knowledge of the universe, not in that inner sense of becoming more loving and more patient. This, I think, is what is at the heart of the struggle. It is an alteration of perception to determine what true spiritual growth is all about. And as that occurs, there would be no lack of interest or even expressed boredom with the meetings, would there? For you see, my friend, even at my level, which is somewhat beyond yours, but yet I am still just a toddler in a universe sense, issues of universe knowledge and information are only secondary and applied as needed, are sought as needed.

What I and my friends discuss is how to serve, how to share our love with others. How to cope with those who struggle with their faith, how to grow in their own faith. These are the issues of spiritual reality that are of The Father, and as long as your brothers and sisters read books and discuss the intellectual ideas but fail to see the true spiritual message, as long as they come to meetings such as this and listen to teachers but fail to see what true spiritual growth means, then there will always be confusion, and there will always be frustration and there will always be great numbers who ask, where is this going, or where is that going?

You see it is not about where the future Mission is going. It is about where each of you are going. We are here only to help you in your spiritual growth because we know that the fastest way for this planet to evolve is for each individual to be spiritually transformed; but the world is spiritually transformed not intellectually in life, while that is a factor and somewhat important, spiritually transformed is the more important mission. Does that help you understand?

HUMAN: Yes, thank you very much.

TARKAS: On the subject of faith, may I say that we have ultimate faith in the Universal Father and we should also consider having faith in that magnificent and miraculous and awesome creation of The Father — all the many, many worlds of time and faith.

Doubtlessly the Father has faith in his worlds of time and space, in the very concepts of time and space, which come from The Father, and so can we have no less faith in these worlds of evolutionary change. These worlds evolved and in the evolution provide countless learning and growing experiences for each of you, each unique creature of time and space that is you with the pilot light of The Father burning inside.

We would not bring forth miraculous materializations and visions and magic wands to change your evolution, for time and space worlds evolve. We consider the transmission process to be ideal for you at this time for it is unobtrusive, allows the involvement deeply of humans, allows a measure of co-creativity based on the Melchizedek curriculums in making these world changes.

Is it not truly profound and wonderful that each of you can be a part of planetary change, reclaiming the confusions of this world into the bosom of love, mercy and compassion of Christ Michael upon this second coming, to prepare the world for these great changes in the full knowledge that they require generations of humans cooperating and working together? Not only is it a powerful lesson to learn to create and work with others, this cooperation extends even beyond mortal lives into succeeding generations and in times to come you will be able to compare notes of those who worked to bring forth Light and Life to Urantia and preceding generations and in generations to come.

It is all a vast learning and discovery in growth to Light and Life. We have faith in this evolutionary plan, in your free will decisions can drive it and create your future each day. Time and space are tools; so is faith. Revelation of too much given to you at this stage of your evolution would literally destroy that faith. It is too beautiful, it is too magnificent to be destroyed by someone who comes with a magic wand to do the work that you are destined to, charged to do.

Happy evolution and peace to all of you. Perhaps if there are no other questions, we will move to other areas of camaraderie and sharing in this celebratory, glorious season. Peace to all of you.

HUMAN: I have another question. On this plateau up the mountain, (indistinguishable) we need to know the direction...

ANATALIA: I am not sure that I understand exactly your question, but I would say the process for anyone who is interested in serving as a transmitter/receiver would be to find some quiet time where there are no interruptions, still your mind, and call upon me and ask me to come in to speak through your mind. If you hear my words, no matter how faint, begin to speak them outloud.

It is helpful if you use a tape recorder so that you can listen back yourself to these words to help you discern if you think it is your own mind. There will be many times when you will be uncertain; this is understandable and I believe that if you talk with other transmitters, you will find this a common experience.

You must decide if you are willing to take that chance and to proceed. What will happen is that those who begin to listen to you as you transmit will be your sounding board and they will determine that what you are doing is real, for if it does not ring true, they will not come back. They will not wish to hear when you speak. It is almost as simple as that.

So you really need not have fear, for if it is really your own mind and not the teachers, others will sense it and if it is the teachers, they will want to come back and they will want to hear more. Allow time and allow experience to be the test. It is not a one time thing; it takes time to develop.

As far as the direction of the group that I would teach, I will teach the same as all others have taught. I will teach faith and love and hope and patience and tolerance and truth, all of the spiritual realities of the world. I will do my utmost to deepen your understanding of these realities, to help them be a greater part of your life, and I will help you learn the processes and techniques, such as the daily communion with God, that will be most helpful to you in your spiritual growth.

That is my goal; that is the goal of all the teachers here in the Father's Mission. Has that answered your question?

It is time. We have had a summary and a somewhat serious conversation. I do appreciate this opportunity. Any opportunity for me to serve fills me with great, great joy. And you have served me by being able to listen, and I thank you deeply, from the bottom of my heart, for that.

Your planet celebrates this time of year as the birth of Michael. Your text tells you it is a different time, but who cares? Let's hope that each culture celebrates it a different day so that we can celebrate it 365 days a year. That would be fine with all of us! We would be happy to enjoy the food (group laughter) and the love and all the wonderful things that somehow get more associated with this time of year than they do others. Whatever the reason, let's lighten up, and take the rest of your day now to enjoy.

You can think about these words later, and as you return home on your journeys you can discuss them, but let's now enjoy and refresh and love and be of good cheer. Good day.

GROUP: Thank you!

From November 22, 1996: Elisha, Tarkas, Bakim

TR: jc

May we enter into the stillness with you
And feel this joy of love through and through
In each fiber of our being,
In each heart, each mind that seeks the pure.
In this quiet room we feel the light
From Father, effervescent light,
And makes us feel the peace aright.

This is Elisha. In the quietness, may we say a prayer for the many who suffer. Choose one. Say a prayer. Each to yourself. Each from yourself. And I would offer my prayer for one of your sisters in isolation and despair who struggles to know what is reality and often fails and it is a heartache which each of you have failed and we fail with you, and there is need for love and outreach as there is in so many places in every minute of the day. Despair turned into challenge, turned into opportunity, turned into service.

May we on our side and you on yours think of a kindness to show each day. Think of who may need a kind word and give it each day. Think of who may be trapped and suffering in their own mind and find an insight that becomes a linkage, that becomes a thought, a word that helps to set them free. Sometimes just a word from you, sometimes just a small kindness from you. Thank you.

TARKAS: This is Tarkas.

GROUP: Hello, Tarkas.

TARKAS: We thank Elisha for her meditation. It is so good to be with you, for you are my friends. There is quite a stir on our side as we know you prepare for meetings, for in your coming together in openness, there is created a great openness which we may literally pour ourselves into. We come and share your space and your time in ways that are not possible in the bustle of the day. This openness we long for.

We come together with you and each time you understand a bit more of your unique personalities and the ways which you are inspired to serve, from within and without. We never cease to marvel at the innate inner goodness to be found in all of God's myriad of unique personalities. Think well of yourselves, as we do, for your struggle and challenges and adversities which plainly and simply help you grow, often in wondrous ways. You fill your days struggling to find the balance that gives productive service.

You are good buddies and you are our hands and feet and hearts. We are much like you. As morontians we have somewhat crossed an intersection, but the roads are always together and they carry us both in our paths and into these times when we may meet and share with you. Tonight I will carry forward some of our conversation about personality.

I trust that each of you read your homework on pages 1225 and forward to understand that personality cannot be completely and fully defined, and that personality is ever a permanent presence as all else changes. Even the molecules, the very atoms of existence, upon close exploration, have been found to contain churning dynamos of movement and energy. From microcosmic life to the universe of universes, all is changing. Time and space and texture, even meanings, even the truth, always growing, layer upon layer upon layer, perspective, giving it fuller meaning.

You like to be likened to the journey which you propel yourself with the life energies within you as one of the many great gifts bestowed. On this voyage across the landscape of life, you know that all is constantly changing, and yet when you arrive at the other side, your personality is essentially the same. You are you. On reading your homework, you put another layer of perspective on understanding your personality and what awaits you in the beyond, for you will be the very same personal-

ity in mansonia. Your environment will have changed and will continue to be ever changing throughout your ascension — your long and glorious ascension, I should say.

That being the case, does this not make your personality the very bastion of all of everything that you are? A storehouse? A record? Are you not making a record each day? each hour? each second? From your reading you know that there is this record of all that you have done and you know that your personality, upon that graduation, comes to reside in the soul. And you know that you will be reassembled into a new body, a new, more streamlined, later model, the newest model, in fact, for your sojourn in mansonia, and this body will undergo many subtle and not so subtle changes. Change upon change upon change, as you sing gloriously.

But the personality with which you are endowed tonight will continue in permanence from this night forward as it has proceeded in your few years of life to date. This would seem to make your personality quite an important foundation for growth and development, realizing that there is no miraculous transformation into some imagined perfection upon your graduation, but you continue to learn, much as you did in school, much as you have almost since birth itself, or even preceding birth.

This does not make your personality a thing of eminence, however. It does not mean that you, your personality is the center of the universe. Far from it! For in your readings you know of a cosmology that includes billions of personalities and more and each unique, and never before and nevermore will your personality reside on Urantia or mansonia or anywhere. In your uniqueness you join with countless brothers and sisters who in their uniqueness are likewise beautiful expressions of the Father.

If you could think of yourself in the role of the Universal Father, you can begin to understand why God would not be a solitary, stationary, all-powerful entity in singular oneness, for why would God be this only? Why would God not create other manifestations with which to experience? In your life you may develop a number of interests. You may have professional interests. You may enjoy films or sports or acting in stage productions or making music or visiting your friends. There are so many, many rich and diverse material experiences, a treasure chest that lies before you in this material world.

To carry this analogy to a higher level, perhaps God the Father could also wish to experience in different ways, create in different ways, and even create other personalities who would in turn create in many ways, and so you see the wonder, the wonder, the vast wonder of it all! and you, your unique personality, not an island but a part of a vast wholeness of individual and unique personalities learning, learning to become one, going back to the Father, going back to the First Source from whence they came.

In marveling at the wonderment of this exhalation of creation and this inhalation of return, is truly mind-boggling, even on our side. If there is a point to this impressionistic discussion, perhaps it is that you should love God above all, for these many wonderful gifts, and especially for thinking so well of you to give you a personality completely unique, and to love your company so much that you are indwelt with the Father's holy spirit, to share in unique experiences of unique personality in an ever-changing world. Multiply this through the universe of universes and you begin to see the vastness that lies before you.

It has been said by some that The Urantia Book does not present a case for heaven that they had expected, or perhaps the leisurely playing of music and lying on clouds is not exactly what it is like. It is to grow and ascend and eventually to become proficient, proficient in the administration of the universes. My friends and brothers and sisters, speaking to you as Tarkas, can you imagine that we will ever get there? We continue to strive and love on this side and we will continue to come together with you and offer these perspectives as we are invited and share this momentous journey with you.

There were things said earlier concerning difficult times coming to your sphere. Indeed, we have spoken of these things in the past and you may expect an accelerated period of learning and growth, for this opportunity has been opened to you from the adjudication and the incremental openings. This circuitry must be opened to bring Urantia into glorious reunion with the universe. That as these energies are activated, there is the great need for individual and group meditative worship and prayer. The energies that you can release through these activities, activate, in essence, the power of the Father's unfoldment as well.

As we have talked about, love given leads to love received. Steps of faith lead to rewards. So too will your conscious attuning to energies and sincere, loving outreach activate more energies to heal. We still will say to you that while there will be many difficulties, great catastrophes can be avoided, but only with the attunement of the faith and love of each, and many, many of you need to bring forth these energies and help in this planetary transformation.

Traveling to love and light, to Light and Life, is not an easy journey, for an easy journey provides no adversity, challenging and growing experiences that will make you strong, that will make you a fine, spiritual warrior for the Father, perhaps in even building new lives. Gain your strength while here on Urantia. Make each moment of material life be impactful for positive spiritual change, for the record you are making moment by moment builds your place in eternity.

There will be the need in coming years for each of you to act with calm and inspired spiritual deliberation, for people will come to you in anguish and suffering and misunderstanding. They will be confused as even to appear nonsensical, for many factors contribute to annoying thought line that cuts through logic, that cuts through common sense, and begins to take on a perverted unreality of its own. These things to an enlightened, spiritual mind can be seen in newspapers, in the evening news, in which you will ask yourself, "How can these things happen? How would someone act or think this way? Why would they take these actions?"

As you continue, you will come to spiritual truths, you will continue to gratefully lose that linkage with the madness that seems to run through society, and I believe, as do my fellow teachers, that this madness will grow, the frustration and violence, and some, as you have already seen, that the controlled energies of fusion within the earth will also react to these circuitry openings with some strange and unpredictable and sometimes destructive weather.

But I say to you that working together we are confident we can bring about the great healing of Urantia and we confidently feel that your destruction is not in the Father's plans or in the plans of Christ Michael who remains one of you, who incarnated here to live with you as brothers and sisters. We believe, in fact, there is a great time of enlightenment, Light and Life, coming to Urantia, and the challenges between now and then may be laborious and tragic for some, but together we will work

together to bring forth a great healing and enlightenment to all.

I have spoken, certainly, long enough this evening. We will pause now to see if there are others who will speak or if there are questions.

DORIS: You speak of things to come and I was wondering, do we need, in this area, do we need to put things away?

TARKAS: We remain confident that through teaching and healing and ministry of all kinds in this, what might be called a "battle against time", we will be fortuitous and victorious; but there are dangers. The planet remains highly unsettled.

Environmental excesses have damaged the aura around your planet and there are many areas, much toxic waste, in the water, in the soils. These threats, your water tables, are very real, but at the same time we see many evidences that the wakening is somewhat on schedule. Each day many people who have positions of influence and power become more and more enlightened to higher purpose. In fact, it will become a thriving business from the capitalistic sense, the environmental clean-up. This can be a growth industry, as you call it, when the right economic parameters are aligned and put in place.

The circuitry that will bring strange mental connections to people can cause disruptions of unknown kinds, for we are dealing with complements of people here who are widely divergent in resources and mind ability and opportunity of all kinds. Effects of circuitry openings can be a somewhat blanket occurrence, in that each will be affected who live here and each may be affected in different ways as befitting their personalities.

There is a great necessity to turn loose of the appeals of evil and violence and conflict which many still dote on in your so-called entertainments. In time these will become distasteful and many will savor instead a more enlightened outlook of stories of challenge, perseverance and triumph. You begin to see this in the media already. You begin to read surprisingly enlightened views of individuals like yourselves in many places, people who surprisingly will bring forth testimonies of love for God and their own feelings of connectedness.

Watch these enlightenments for they will be sweeping your world, as lights going on, sparkling ever brighter, and as you attune to daily meditation, you take in these energies for you are opening a conduit of this upreach and these energies manifest in many good ways, in many good feelings. Again, a lecture, dear Doris, from a only simple question — Should we save some bags of rice?

But I hope you have enjoyed my rambling. It would be good precaution to be aware of changing events, stay attuned through meditation and prayer, for there may be some startling and surprising openings in circuitry. We do not, frankly, know. There are higher powers driving this train across your landscape.

We are highly observant of what the next unfolding plans are for Urantia as we serve in this mission. We are often surprised at how things can change in short order, how views can change within staid structures that seem impervious to change, and true enlightenment from the minds that seem to be lost. Teachers here, and especially my class of beautiful young morontians who have joined me this

evening, are constantly amazed at the inner strengths that humans can call forth. At times they can dramatically change, as you would say, shift gears and effect beautiful acts of service where least expected. Your human capacity can be quite amazing at times and we are learning from it.

The climactic changes perhaps pose the greatest risk, for agricultural patterns can be severely disrupted and food shortages are a real possibility. The earth's food supply stands to carry us, at best, for many areas of the world can hardly support itself at all and critical growing areas can be highly disrupted by climate which in turn can strongly affect your commodity markets and financial footings. You can look for strong disruptions, in our opinion, that will not be beyond the capacity to overcome, learn from, and use as a means to heal and bring forth this higher consciousness.

We have said so many times that in lassitude and pleasure humankind will grow not at all, but in adversity you can begin to become molded in that fine crystal of perfection that the Father wishes for you, that the Father has confidence you can achieve. You are so worthwhile. When Jesus walked among you, he gave living testimony to the ascension plan and its great and positive contribution to the Father's divine and universal purpose.

It still would not hurt to put back some extra rice and beans. When the price of food gets very high, it is nice to have a supply on hand, and continue in your prayers and meditation to pray that the Father's light will shine brightly, and together we can bring Urantia back into the universal plan with minimal disruptions and maximum growth.

Are there other topics that you want to pursue this evening?

DORIS: (Indistinguishable. Something about the soul's purpose)

TARKAS: As morontia teachers, we are hardly conversant with such deep questions of the soul, but your guidance is very true, dear Doris, and you can ask for and receive these answers from within of your choosing. The guidance that you receive is part of a plan and purpose for you and you know this. Perhaps occasional confirmation is always good. These questions will be answered from within and in time, but after soul-searching of your own, which is the usual course of action.

The term soul-searching has great meaning, for the Father wishes that you search deeply within the soul that will be your eternal salvation, but ask and these answers will be given in time. Much learning is by discovery and time is a tool to carry forth in this discovery, and so answers must be arrived at in this time, in this discovery, by this method, by this soul-searching, and only when all of this comes to fruition.

Humans, all of you, are often hungry for answers that are within the realm of what real life discovery truly is. To ask a question and get an answer is hardly anything compared to having a question and living the life of discovery that eventually, in time, delivers you into that answer. And the answers can bring forth fruition when your personality for always sequential, cyclical, and require the outpouring of time to be derived.

This means that many questions teachers have encountered here have been questions that could not, would not, and should not be answered, for they are the essence of the discovery of your life here on Urantia. Hopefully there are many answers that we can provide. Your particular situation will be

brought forward as we will, in the events of time, dictate and only through this.

This vessel grows tired and begins to not find the words. I thank you for your attention to my ideas this evening. I will depart now, and Bakim would like to say a few words.

GROUP: Thank you, Tarkas.

BAKIM: Good evening, my friends. This is Bakim. Such a quiet gathering this evening, hanging on Tarkas' every word. Perhaps taking a bit of a nap? I have no message prepared this evening, but I want you to know that we will continue to be active in having you express your artistic intentions. From this Cincinnati base, our artisans are fully occupied, in many places, working with many individuals, many who know us by name and some who do not. As long as we can inspire beautiful thoughts and visions, ideas and insights, and see their work coming forth upon pages, upon other created material, we are quite happy.

I dare say you can expect more highly inspired work from your artists in the years ahead. We do not seek to take undue credit for this, for it is not the inspirers who whisper ideas in the ears of the artists who are to be praised; it is those artists who put pen or brush and create themselves, create yourselves, letting your creative juices flow. Who will provide mental pictures? Who will provide inspired lines of words to get you started? Who will provide visualizations to help you dramatize scenes for your pleasure? We will help to intensify your feelings of beauty.

Although, of course, to experience this each moment of the day, to be cognizant quickly in that moment of what lies before your eyes, when you see so many of your fellows who walk up and down the street in some sort of stupor or disgust, look at the ground, their thoughts a million miles away, worrying about this, plotting of losing each moment ... Losing it! It's gone! It will not be back. He lost the moment!

My friends, in time you will learn that each moment will take care of itself. You can look forward. You can organize your day. But DO it in the moment. Look around you. At ONCE you can see so much beauty, so much need, so much suffering, so much opportunity. So much litter to be picked up. So many people to smile and speak to. And all of these things — literally thousands — are in front of your material eyes at every second of the day. Just look around you. Does this inspire your creativity? Well, it certainly should!

There is a way to create your own expression of feeling and insight of literally all that you have seen. And all that you see and all that you have seen works together as experiences populating, burgeoning from your mind, through your voice, through your fingers. Creativity! The sum total of your experiences creates more experiences and more layers of experiences from which to create art.

Do it on easels, do it on the stage, do it in your teaching, do it in your one-on-one counseling. Do it in your gardens. Do it when you're sweeping the floor. All can be artistic. Appreciate your bodies and let them flow, let them move, let them glide. Feel, feel the energy within them. Our dear Doris brings forth these harmonies and these energies in her tireless service of love, often sacrifice, and always feeling, sharing in love. She is an artist, and dear Gina, you are an artist. And Ted, and Stephanie, and dear Mabel, you have been an artist in so many ways, in so much history of your fond reminiscences for Urantia.

You are Urantians! and the lifeblood of the universe is creativity. God knows this. God creates. God creates many manifestations of his divine Self: the Conjoint Actor to act, the Infinite Mother Spirit to nurture, the Creator Sons to create all of one with God, and you, you are all of one with God as well. You can access the universal mind of creativity. You are born with a part of this mind; the remainder is available to you, so I encourage you once again to savor the moment, appreciate the moment, intensify its feelings and observations and become artists.

Again, my grandmotherly pep talk to all of you as we approach this Christmas season. I love you very much. You are my pupils, my students, my fellow artists, and we are pleased to be among you. Good night.

GROUP: Good night, Bakim. We love you too.

HUMAN: May we close this evening with a prayer? "The power of God protects us. The love of God surrounds us. The ever presence of God inside gives us peace and harmony and purpose and joy and faith in the future. Light our path, dear Father, as we walk in peace. Amen."

From November 8, 1996: Olfana, Tarkas, Michael

TR: jc

OLFANA: Spirit Light, fill this room, fill each heart within. Father Light, help us feel Your presence, Your beautiful light upon everyone, reflecting back from within each day with the sun to go out and shine in kindnesses for our fellows. Help us to hold this light in day and night and all the seconds and moments and hours that make our lives.

Feel this energy infusing you, subtle but sure, swelling the heart, expanding the senses, illuminating the mind. The possibilities are vast! Spirit life, of which you are beginning to find gleaming nuggets.

We pray, Father, that we may work together with you and bring forth succulent fruits, beautiful flowers, inspiring foliage of beauty profuse, a glorious glimpse within and brought to fruition in a smile. May we love one another, and this will change the world.

This is Olfana. I have been pleased to share these thoughts with you.

TARKAS: This is Tarkas, my dear friends. (Greetings)

TARKAS: I am so pleased to again be with you for a short lesson, a short discussion and we have another who wishes to speak later.

Tonight I would ask you to bring your minds to focus for a few moments within this peaceful repose, for it is good for you to practice the calmness of a reasoned thought and compatibility with spiritual beingness. It too can co-exist fruitfully.

Think with me of the subject of my short lesson. It is a subject that is so close to each of you. It is a constant with each of you, for it is never changing. Each of you is imbued with this gift of the Universal Father. Each of you strives to truly bring this gift to fruition. Each of you finds it a boundless storehouse with which you cram all kinds of experiences. The gift, of course, is your personality.

You are a unique personality, of course. We have marveled in this room before that each of you is unique, a unique and most beloved child of the great First Source and Center, the great Father Source of life that ultimately created you and ultimately will bring you home, and we have marveled that no two personalities are, have been or yet will be exactly alike, but know that personality is not something easily defined. You may recall that even the authors of your text did not presume to fully define personality, this great and mysterious gift which each of you holds.

But in listing characteristics of personality, your text reveals that much is known, even as much of it is swathed in mystery. In coming weeks it has been decided that our curriculum will most closely, more closely, wed the text with our lessons, and so, my friends, your first lesson as we embark, almost, on a new year, is to read pages beginning 1225 on personality, and find yourself marveling, no doubt, at these sometimes baffling characteristics.

I truly believe it will be a stringent lesson to explore this topic of personality and especially how it can be truly that personality is constant and never-changing and how it is true that personalities cannot be combined but must always be considered in a oneness, and how it can be that the only thing that can be added to personality is spirit. And therein the journey rests for you as mortals, as for me and all mortal lives, to take upon this quest to spiritualize your personality.

The personality is vast enough to intake many, many experiences in this mortal life. You are building the value, the spiritual value of your personality each passing day with each critical, epochal and spiritual decision that brings you closer to God or disdains God, and so, children, you may look upon your personality in this mortal life as a great quest for spiritual fulfillment, or, since you are so inclined to put all spiritual values into a material framework, you could consider that your personality is your building, is like a building.

You are born, you begin constructing the first floors; there is a nursery. As you grow you are molded and shaped by those who in one way or another are able to mold and shape young and impressionable minds. You begin to create floors of your own, each with rooms. In which rooms do you apply yourself to the task, do you seek to achieve? Will these rooms you are constructing be of good workmanship? Will they be cleanly managed, will they be rooms of which you are proud to tell your Father?

And as you build these rooms and these floors of your personality, of your experiences, you invariably will do some rooms more poorly than others, but you will continue to make corrections, to change, to grow, and this building becomes larger and larger with the experiences that you place into each room and each floor, and all the people you meet and the way you treat them, whether with love or much less, will have bedrooms within your building and you will be accountable for those relationships as well.

Have you cared for your brothers and sisters? Have you reached out in kindness? Are they living

within the building that is your personality, your heart, your soul? Have you made the most of each relationship?

Each human will build human experiences and your buildings are not expected to be giant, beautiful, gleaming spires of eternal joy and righteousness, no. The Father gains pleasure in seeing you create, in seeing you struggle through these worlds of time and space, struggling with decisions of the mind, of the heart, even the animal-origin body, seeing you spiritualizing your experiences through insight and wisdom, as you attune to the Thought Adjuster, indwelling spirit, the general contractor for this job who lives within, who lives without, who lives everywhere.

Attune to the Father each day in the stillness and you will receive much help in forging your personality into a skyscraper that will reach almost into the heavens. While your personality is not changing, it is a constant and unique gift of beingness that is you. Everything around is always changing. Everything is changing. But know that your personality in the center of this is a constant and you are seeking to spiritualize your personality in fusion with the Spirit Light, the spark of God that lives inside.

Attune to this; you will be guided. You will build a beautiful edifice, and it will be uniquely you. Your personality is what survives; your personality is so special and so unique, if you make it so, and opportunities abound for loving service everywhere.

It has been rightly said that those who know the spirit, as you do, have greater expectations of themselves as we have greater expectations for you, to truly know the light and yet in lassitude not to share it is somewhat less desirable than one who knows not the light but constantly struggles for it. And so take what you know through learning and through knowingness, apply them in humility and grace; ask the Father for the clarity, the clairvoyance, the right words, the right thoughts, the right deeds to carry you through each day. Align your free will with God's will and you will find great peace.

HUMAN: Tarkas? Forgive me. I know you will. When you become aware that as a child of God you do carry this Thought Adjuster, that you do have personality and plus a fragment of Christ Michael within us, isn't the work we do with ourselves — I mean, we are trying to become aware of what we are. We are really trying to put it into practice in our daily lives. Yes! We still have an ego. I know I have an ego, but heck, you know, I'm trying to make the ego obey.

TARKAS: Ego is not an evil thing, but rather an evolutionary tool, much as time and space, much as personality, much as all material things of this garden. So many tools to use; tools are not best used when the user is fearful. Invariably this can cause mistakes and turmoil. Use the ego and be confident in using the ego that it will be put properly in its place, as a tool. It is not a hungry mouth to feed with self-importance and arrogant pride, for these things are quite empty and you have found them so, in this room.

To rise above these concerns are promoting one's self-worth. You know full well what God respects and loves in you. You know full well Jesus' example. We don't expect, however, for your egos to be completely shucked away, even in mansonia. We expect you to learn to use tools of evolutionary growth in their proper way, and this is what your education should be teaching.

When you depart this mortal life, we may carry our personality discussion one step further, one step beyond, you might say, for what do you think happens to your personality upon, shall we say, graduation? Would someone care to comment on this?

HUMAN: Since it's the one changeless constant, it would seem as though it — nothing happens to it.

HUMAN: Isn't that what will eventually fuse with the Thought Adjuster? And so, really, our personality is going to be our light or what we are recognized by. It will always be our personality. I think I remember reading that, that it will be the part that we are recognized by. Not by our names, but our personality that allows us to recognize each other.

TARKAS: Perhaps this would be the punch line to this discussion, in that, you will always be you. You will retain all of the beautiful lessons of your personality, of your spiritual growth, and you will take them with you. All that will be pared away will be those areas of poor workmanship that you wish you had done a better job, plied yourself more intently, had not done harm, had not brought harm on you and others.

These painful memories of what you failed to do, or what you did disastrously, will fade into an objective memory of recall, a lesson to know but not to feel in hurt and pain, and all those good things that your personality has experienced and brought to be part of itself and part of you, will be wrapped in the warmth of a cocoon of a beautiful soul and carried, carried beyond.

And you, dear friends, ascend personalities of honest trying, of sincere searching, of finding, of giving, of loving, of sharing, enough so that your personalities will be found to be the essence of the Father; the essence to which he implanted you has been grown manyfold; the personality you were bestowed has been glorified in many beautiful experiences in which you shared love, in which you did your best. Your building will be polished to gleaming, your personality will be gloriously restored, and you can work in the higher realms of mansonia to bring it to you in more glorious fruition.

Life here can be extremely difficult from time to time. These are opportunities for spirit growth. These are opportunities to embellish your personality with the one, sure, beautiful thing that you can always do in every circumstance, in every moment, with every one: give love, share love, and be of service. You will be held in a beautiful embrace by the Father, in gratitude for your being such a beautiful little glowing child of a personality in this farflung world.

I hope this is encouraging to you, for we are constantly embellished with these feelings in our worship each day, and often they spring forth profusely and very controllable and who would want to control the beautiful worship that comes daily in our lives and in time you will share this beautiful singing, glorious, musical worship with us. In the meantime, you are relegated to these mortal rooms to share and struggle awhile longer before graduation. Build your personalities well, your buildings will reach to the heavens and your personality, the one great constant, will carry on and on and on as you make it grow in the spirit.

I have most enjoyed being with you this evening.

GROUP: Thank you, Tarkas. We enjoyed having you.

TARKAS: We will perhaps have another speaker for a few moments. If you would go back into the Stillness while we replenish our energy.

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CHRIST MICHAEL: My children, I come to you from afar, but I yearn for you to share your consciousness with me for a few moments. Feel my love, feel my presence, and bring me forth. My children, my friends, my colleagues, my brothers and sisters when I was with you in the flesh, there are so many things that we share. Know that your faith is always rewarded. Know that I know each of you intimately. I know your troubles, I know your deepest concerns. I know that you will triumph over them, for as my spirit is joined with yours in an immersion with a beautiful and powerful benevolence of our Universal Father, there is no doubt that great changes will be made upon this troubled world.

I came to you once before and on that evening I felt very close to you as we talked about your individual goals and aspirations. Each of you in this room has felt my presence many times and in many ways, sometimes not defined as such. Each of you has been inspired to press forward, to plow the earth with your gleaming, shining shafts of truth and beauty and goodness, all that you can muster and bring to your mortal children—hearts, and all of this love and all of the things that you do on behalf of my mission, know that I love you, know that I bless you for these acts of kindness, those times that you have represented me so well.

The essence of my ministry was mercy and compassion. My essence remains so and these needs are still very great on Urantia. My mercy and compassion was poured to all of you and I left this gift with you as your inner Spirit of Truth and conviction. My mercy and compassion even extended to the dark prince, that even after he was struck from the sky, leaving himself alone and in disgrace, and still my mercy and my compassion was ever constant, is ever constant, is ever constant.

My children, the times before us will be of sweeping change. Many things will come to the public agenda that you will find nonsensical, wrought of madness, brought of such faulty logic, such twisted thinking that you, my enlightened children, will find them amazingly ludicrous. Know that the twisted minds that come from these expanding energies are temporary things in this planet's evolutionary growth to light and life, for you will carry the lights that will overcome and overwhelm and bring this madness to an eventual end, for when more and more and more can see the madness and when egos can be released and new growth can come, new ways of thinking, where molehills do not become mountains, where dirt does not become revered, when illogic does not become truth, but when truth and beauty and goodness can be seen more clearly by looking within and bringing them forth to reflect outward, the world will change one person at a time, one heart at a time, one mind at a time — each of you unchanging personalities that can change the world, constant in the faith, constant in love, willing and able to share all hardship, willing to suffer atrocity from madness, but also willing to realize greater heights of potential individually and in cohesive, cooperative, spirit-driven teams.

All of these exciting times lie before you, times of madness to be overcome with the power of love. So my children, my friends, my beautiful brothers and sisters, as Jesus I lived here in turbulent

times, incarnated to experience many things. You too are incarnated in tumultuous times; you will experience many things, and each of these experiences you will come to know as a nugget of understanding. You are a jewel of truth on a black obstruction to be cast away, discovering good over evil, truth over error, the power and glory of universal, unconditional love.

And this is what I offer again to you this evening. I give to you, I share with you, the mercy and compassion I feel for all in this sphere and all of the other spheres of my creation. I am in each of you; I live within you, and I suffer, at times, at the very little understanding that you seem to have of this. I will share with you, I will experience with you, I will be at your calling. I will always answer you. I am here. I am there. I am everywhere. I am the resurrection and the light and I will show you the way.

Good night, and peace, and shalom.

From December, 1993: Tarkas, Bakim

TR: jc

Prayer

FACILITATOR (DB): Draw in the white light of God, into your hand right now. Visualize your connection with God, with the white light, and allow that white light now to flow down through your body, down through your head to your eyes and relaxing your body, allowing that healing white light to heal every part of your body, every cell, every membrane. This is the God-energy.

Allow that healing white light now to flow down into the eyes, into the ears that we may hear the Word of God through the masters.

Allow that healing white light now to flow down into the jaws, into the throat, healing, setting free any disruptive energy. Allow the energy to just flow into the body now. God's healing energy. Feel it! Let it!

Allow that healing white light now to flow down into the shoulders, into your chest, letting go of hurt, letting go of anger and resentment, any guilt, any frustration, any stress that we're carrying in our body, freeing the body of emotions and the negative and drawing the healing white light of God down into the body, refreshing our body.

Allow the healing white light now to flow down to the waist, into the hips. Feel it. Feel the tingling. Feel the warmth. See it heal. Heal every part of the body. Organs. Tissues. Muscles and cells.

Allow that healing white light now to flow down from the hips into the legs, feeling your body getting heavy, relaxing, letting go, letting go of the day's stress, bringing light, bringing Christ into your body.

Allow the healing white light now to flow down to the ankles and even the feet and visualize this

flow, now, flowing from the head down to the feet and up and around the body, all white light, encompassing us, and now let that healing white light expand to the next person, expand into the entire room, that we be connected as one. Feel the unity. Feel it. Believe it.

And allow that peace now to flow through the community and through the nation, encircling the world with peace, with health, with joy and with happiness.

My mind is Christ. My body is Christ. Thank you, Father God.

TARKAS: Good evening, my children. This is Tarkas. It is so joyous to see you sharing love with one another. You should know that on these beautiful celebrations that you attract a great many personalities from our side, who find it quite invigorating to join with you in your camaraderie.

We have a special guest who will speak with you this evening, but I wanted to be the first to wish you a joyous holiday season. We have had a wonderful and most productive year together. If you will think back at your lives at the beginning of the year and through all the lessons and events and sharings that we have, I think you will agree that we have come a long way together and I assure you that this is only the beginning, for the Teaching Mission and the Correcting Time is becoming well established and we will be here for many years to come.

When you realize that many of our personalities trained for more than a thousand of your years here on Urantia to be ready for this mission, then you begin to see the breadth and scope and the grand adventure that we will share together.

I truly love you all, meeting with you has been a wonderful learning experience for me and for my associates as I hope it has been productive for you. As you go through this holiday season, keep the love of Christ Michael uppermost in your minds and in your hearts and be prepared for another year of high adventure.

Tonight did not seem appropriate for a lesson or for one of those lively question and answer sessions we enjoy so much. It seemed appropriate tonight, and as was promised at our last meeting, that we rather enjoy a celebration of love together. In this wonderful time we are all relaxed and feeling the joy of the Father's love. I will now turn you over to a visitor who is anxious to speak with you.

BAKIM: Good evening. My name is Bakim and I am a friend and close associate of your teacher, who has told me many wondrous things about you in the course of your adventure together. I am a member of the Celestial Artisans and we are here on your fascinating world creating what I believe to be some quite revolutionary art materials from the strange vibrations and energies that we find here. Indeed, it has been quite instructive and we have been pleased at the artistic presentations that have been made by members of my Corp who are even now close at hand. I hope that you can feel their presence, for indeed, they seek to be close to you and wish to be among your closest friends.

Tonight I would like to carry you through an exercise which has been reviewed with you on many occasions, and I refer to what your wondrous teacher asks you to do each day. Tonight I hope that we may do this together, and that is sharing the joy of worship and prayer, a directed and focused act of forgiveness, and, of course, to feel the white light of our service to one another.

Tarkas will be pleased that you are doing his homework and I think we will most enjoy this together. Perhaps others will be speaking as the evening progresses, and I would hope that you would maintain your relaxed state. Be restful in your repose, but open your heart and your mind to the open threshold that looms before you, for herein you may find this evening, the key to both visionary and deep-feeling exercises that could become part of your regular activity in the year ahead.

There will be moments of quietness, but these will not be empty moments, for indeed there is no such thing as nothingness in the universe, for every space has its responsibility and its role, and so relax, my dear friends, take a deep breath and we shall begin to listen to our hearts. I will lead the exercises with a few moments and then, should you feel the urge to speak, please do so, but this will not be necessary, for we know some of you will be more comfortable keeping your thoughts and your inspirations to yourselves.

Feel free to express and to share with one another, for this is a wonderful thing to do. But beyond all, we wish you to be comfortable and your minds completely at ease. There are no busses to catch, no children to fetch from school. There are no TV programs blaring in the background. We only have each other and we are here for awhile to enjoy this wonderful exercise and to feel the beauty and love of the heavenly Father and his legions of angels and personalities who gather with us.

Perhaps if you are visionary, you will begin to see the lights and begin to see the energy patterns forming about you, for in your quietness, imagine your experience to be a large canvas on which you are to paint your own masterpiece. In these first few moments, I would ask you to consider the idea of worship, and why do we worship the heavenly Father?

Indeed, I would say that my reason would be that the Father is responsible for all things. Nothing exists but in the Father and in his marvelous, inscrutable plan that encompasses all the worlds. Know, too, few are alike in any way. You are all a unique expression of the Father and miracle of miracles, the Father does live your life with you, each moment of each day, and this is by design as well. Such a miraculous creation, such a wondrous adventure, and you are on the very first part, almost the starting line of the great joys that will unfold to you as you ascend to perfection.

May we enjoy the quiet for a moment, and if you have a thought as to why you worship the Father, perhaps you will share.

STUDENT: This might be a little selfish, but I really enjoy the presence and the joy and the peace that I get from worship. In knowing that connection, I know that God and I are one. It's a beautiful feeling, and I like the connectedness.

STUDENT: I'm so thankful, so grateful to be part of a journey that goes on forever, to have that opportunity, the chance to live and grow and be with people I love and go toward God. I just think it's great. I'm very thankful.

STUDENT: A year or so ago I thought I'd just discovered that I was walking with God, until I realized that He's been walking with me all along. I felt really, really dumb and lucky at the same time.

BAKIM: It has been said that there are those who wonder if they will find God. Be assured that the

Father has already found each and every one of you, and trusts you to the point where He lives your life with you. It is a very real presence.

STUDENT: I thoroughly enjoy the love of God. I enjoy God as the source of all love and the source of all light, to be receiving the vibrations and the frequencies and the love and the energy from God directly, rather than from each other, in addition to receiving it from each other and to just be overcome from time to time with this incredible sense of bliss and ecstasy filled with love. It sort of goes beyond words. It's wonderful. I really appreciate God for that.

BAKIM: It is indeed an energizing relationship. I would say to you that, as has been said before, energy circuits are being changed periodically to your world, and in the days of December there are several typical times in which it is possible to reach up and achieve a higher level of energy receptivity within each of you, and so seek the stillness each day and you will find the reservoir of spiritual energy which will sustain you, strongly, and so we have ample reasons to worship the Father and we are asked to do this each day by Tarkas and the other teachers for very good reasons, reasons which, I am sure, I do not need to explain, but I would note that it requires only a minimum amount of time.

It might be a good habit to simply say, "Good morning" to all the personalities whom you sense and feel, and they most assuredly will be there to listen and to answer your requests for assistance, always in the form of higher revelations of truth and beauty and goodness. Your consciousness levels have markedly advanced over the past year, and I think that you are wise in understanding that each one, at his own pace and on his or her own path, and that knowledge can only come to you when you are ready to receive.

The wonderful, clear, living water of the Father quenches thirst, but there must be a time of receptivity for a person who is not thirsty will not seek this water, and I say to you that you must be patient, always patient, because you seek to spread this glorious message with enthusiasm and vigor and yet you find that certain people are not receptive at that time for that knowledge. If they have no thirst, then you cannot quench it. You must accept this, but you must continue to represent the Father in all that you do and simply work through and around those who are not so receptive. They will see the light in their time. Their vessel will be filled with knowledge and revelation when there is sufficient room and when the time arrives.

In the second part of our exercise this evening, we will pray to Christ Michael for some specific thing that we wish to petition our Creator and our Brother for, and I would begin this exercise by praying to Christ Michael that he be forever at the side of your devoted teachers in the year ahead. Tarkas takes much pride in the achievements of your group, but you must know that all the teachers have a difficult task for there are many parameters which they must follow. Your free will is immanent. You must make the decisions that move the Mission along and ever must you be mindful of the human's free will and it cannot be interfered with.

Our teachers also must concern themselves with the diversity of the group, for some come from traditional religious backgrounds, some from a metaphysical world, and from many points and junctures in between, each searching for pieces of the puzzle and for further revelations of the truth in their own way, and there is indeed truth in many sources. The teachers must plan their lessons and their personal guidance through divergent personalities who must be approached as pure individuals with their own God-given personalities.

There are other parameters which the teachers must follow, and theirs is what you would call a straight and narrow path of what can be revealed, what must be revealed and what cannot be revealed, for decisions have to be made based on prior knowledge which is sometimes difficult in a group setting. Through all these challenges your teachers are invigorated and find that it is quite an adventure to meet these parameters and bring forward the joy of the Father's love to each of you in a way that you can understand.

And so I pray for the continued support of the teachers as they move into a new year of challenges and adventures with each of you.

In the quietness I would now ask you to formulate your own prayer to Christ Michael during this, His symbolic season, and if you would like to share them with the group, please do so.

STUDENT: Well, Christ Michael, we thank you for giving each one of us of your spirit, the consoler, the conviction of truth, and we look forward to having you with us as on a glorious journey this coming year, and ask you to continue to guide and comfort us as we take advantage of every situation we find our self in, to love the Father, to worship the Father, commune with nature, commune with all other people, commune with all the wonderful teachers and super mortals and to give us the joy of doing this, which surpasses all other joys that the world can have.

STUDENT: Christ Michael, my creator, my brother, I would really be so thrilled if you would speak with us tonight. If you're available and it's possible for you to speak through someone here, I would so very much love for our group to hear from you. Thank you.

BAKIM: Your petition has been noted and is moving rapidly through channels. We shall see what we shall see. Your prayers are flowing upward.

For our next exercise we come to a part which is not too easy, for indeed Tarkas knows you all to be good students and so you may not have anyone on which you need to focus forgiveness, but you must know that we cannot come to the Father with anger and resentments in our heart for anyone, and you have spoken well on the matter of passing judgments upon your brothers and sisters which are not yours to make and hope that you would never have a sufficient provocation.

This is not a responsibility to judge your brothers and sisters, for they are in various levels of receptivity and progression which you can know nothing of, and so it is as if you were passing judgment on the Father's plan for these people. Each seeks along their own path and how many times have you judged someone, only to find out later that you knew too little of the situation to make a reasoned judgment, and I feel that you have all reached a level which you have turned loose of these rancorous things which poison your own spirit, a turning loose of these judgments that too many people make day by day and constantly against their fellows, questioning their motives, questioning their intentions with accusations and criticisms only creates bad vibrations and disrupts the harmonic convergencies that we strive so hard to put together for you.

"Bad vibes" is what it has been called most accurately by some of you, and so bad vibrations are not part of our joyous mix, but rather reaching out in friendship and understanding and as you feel yourself with the joy of the father each day through worship and prayer, you will begin to see people

in a much different light. Even those who may be dirty and vile, you will begin to see as lost and needful and suffering, and you are already reaching out to help these people. We are so proud, for we take note of what you do and it brings much happiness to Tarkas and his associates who are often representing you well with good reports.

If there is someone to whom you need to forgive, think about this now, and think about the purity in your heart, for when you hold harsh judgments, indeed you are hurting yourself as much as anyone else. I sense that you know this also, for I feel Tarkas has prepared you well, but where you have good thoughts and knowledge and intentions, we ask that you put them more into practice day by day in the year ahead, and what a joyous work that will be.

We will be quite for a moment in thoughts of forgiveness, and I as you will think of someone to whom I myself might choose to forgive, but I open the floor to any comments from you:

STUDENT: My sister, I bless you this night and I say to you that I have judged you and that I am very sorry. I seek the holy spirit and I bless you and I pray for the highest good that can lead to you and for the causes of all good for you in your life.

BAKIM: I would ask that those who criticize our teaching mission be forgiven from and enlightened as to our true intentions. We hold no grudges against those who try to reason and logically deduce their way to the heavenly Father, although it is very difficult to obtain spiritual joy in this manner, but analyzing and thinking and deducting is all part of the intellectual mind which you must develop in order to survive and prosper on your world, and so this intellect becomes an entrapment which can cause error in your thinking and failure to accept things which you do not understand and cannot explain.

Indeed, there is a vast amount of knowledge which you will never be able to understand and explain, and therein comes the role of faith, and so those who would dismiss the teaching mission by saying it leads people away from the Urantia Book are of course mistaken, but those who have made these charges, do not need to be despised and resented, but rather implored to open their hearts and minds to reality, for in the reading of the lessons of the teachers they would find that we not only encourage deep study of the Urantia Book and other wonderful texts as well and we arI have talked quite long enough. Perhaps there are some other thoughts that you would like to share on the subject of personality, for indeed, it is difficult to define and there are so many ways it can be expressed, as you will find out when you do your homework.

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