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Excerpts from "THE TEACHINGS OF ELYON"

TILLERS OF TRUTH

Elyon: Today I am going to address you as "tillers of truth", for it illustrates your manner and approach to both your personal climb to Paradise and your extended hand in ministry to others.

If we, for the moment, consider truth as soil in a field, you are the tillers. You know that a tiller simply turns the soil to freshen it, to reinvigorate it for the inception of new life. Beneath this topsoil is your subsoil, and I observe you all have strong foundations that support you, that provide stability while on the surface you are stirring things up, creating new potentials. Truth never changes, but at the same time it is always in flux. The tiller contributes to this turning over, exposing new sides of the same truth to the light.

Once in a while as you maintain this receptive field for input of revelation, you establish a taproot which sinks deep into the foundation to become part of you. Other times in your work you have discovered shallow-rooted perspectives which fade in time and cannot withstand the renewal as you dig further for greater realization. In this tilling, truth may appear relative, for at each frozen moment this field appears one way and at another time another way. But beneath this field and your subsoil foundation, your core beliefs, is the absolute truth.

In your growth and in your ministry the best approach is tilling, not tamping, not packing, but continual turning over and refreshing, for growth is a living reality. There is no settled teaching that continues to nourish over long periods of time. Once the teaching is learned, new tilling must take place. This does not mean you must abandon all attained and acquired wisdom and values, for, as I have mentioned, you will receive taproots that hold fast to your very foundation. They will prevent erosion. Remain flexible and yet receptive to those longstanding values. Presenting yourselves to your fellows in this manner will appeal to their innermost sensitivities, for just as a freshly tilled field attracts birds and other living creatures to its fresh qualities, so will your ministries reflect in this manner. Those who seek what you have grown to become are very sensitive to this fresh tilled soil. Many a seeker has grown weary of hardened ground. And again, the deep roots within your new field will reveal the stability that is obtainable, even though you continually turn your life over seeking higher ways to be a son of God on earth.

...(Y)ou know that old lessons learned compost themselves and become new lessons, and that even wornout concepts contribute to enlarged perspectives to be an effective minister. One plow you can apply is the master's approach of questions toward another, sincere interest in their being. This will drive the tiller into the soil and begin the turning over and the renewing.

You know that Michael referred to himself as the way and the truth. You describe likewise in your condition you are part of the Supreme way and the Supreme truth. The truth revealed by the Father is the bedrock. The truth you participate in that sprouts life is your Supreme contribution to the rich qualities of truth in time. I won't even begin to address beauty and goodness!

(Q): Tillers of soil get their hands dirty. I hesitate to get involved in what I perceive might be a mess. Perhaps the soil doesn't get churned as well with that attitude.

Elyon: Truth tilling does have certain appropriate approaches to make the task cleaner and easier, for as you know it is extremely difficult to till muddy ground. So, wise discernment enters in when you observe a field of mud, that time may be required and patience held firm while the field dries sufficiently to be receptive to tilling. These are times to grant yourself the freedom to wait, to refrain from entering a messy situation.

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CONNECTING THE PIECES

Malvantra: It is a duty we hold to assure you of your progress for, on this planet, much effort in growth is untutored; uncertainty is a large factor in your pursuits without a suitable faculty of instructors to offer guidance. I would speak to you about meaning and correctness and adaptability.

You know of the phrase that "the way is narrow". I would offer a perspective on this. Let us take the imagery of a jigsaw puzzle to illustrate my points. When you begin to assemble such a puzzle, you may select from all pieces the first building block. The potentials are great. Once a piece is selected, you have narrowed the possibilities to a few adjacent ones. As this selection process continues there is a broadening in the potentials in which you can connect another piece. To those of you who have begun your ascension you are at the stage of few pieces hooked together. This is the reason for applying truth discernment in order to find the appropriate and fundamental pieces of your ascension career at this initial stage.

When the entire puzzle is assembled you have a correct picture, but the process of assembling this picture may be undertaken in many, many ways. This variableness is what gives meaning to you; it individualizes in each person. Although the destiny of all mortals is identical, the path, the process, is wholly unique. This explains why you have many religions stressing different perspectives, holding sometimes opposing viewpoints, because these are snapshots in time of partially assembled puzzles.

In teaching, your purpose is to provide meaningful content. The ideal of being perfectly correct, though worthwhile, must be adapted to the present condition of the receiver. If you proceed to build your puzzle by assembling the border first, pieces without a straight edge are not meaningful, though in the end they are vital for the completion of the image. Being able to adapt your message is serviceful to your fellows, even if in your perspective it appears less correct. Correctness in that perspective is not so much one of accuracy but one of appropriateness. This method of teaching is the guideline we adhere to in order to avoid revealing or requiring more than you are capable of understanding.

Returning to the point of the narrow way, as you assemble your jigsaw puzzle and the potentials for connections increase, seeming to magnify, in the end it narrows down to final placement of all pieces such that your destiny, your final destination, is like your initial start. Both have few options to be what they are. But between both extremes is the bulge of potentials that might be actualized in your life, that characterize you as unique from all other ascending personalities. What makes truth on your level accurate is its meaning not the law of correctness, for it is in the placement of the pieces that you grow. You have no box cover at this point to reference your assembly. This ability to adapt is important when you have subassemblies that need repositioning to connect and complete portions. Each subassembly may be correct in itself, and incorrect in its alignment with other portions until the event arrives wherein the edge of integration appears. I do not intend to downplay correctness, only to amplify meaningful adaptability in the process of attaining the correct and final result.

I hope this illustration is helpful when you encounter your uncertainties and face isolated or lonely segments of your journey, without guidance, without your box cover. 2/16/97

STILLNESS AND TEACHER CONTACT

Question: It says in <u>The Urantia Book</u> that "Few mortals dare to draw the sum of personality credits established by the combined ministries of nature and grace." Or something like that. I have trouble hearing transmissions or accessing the stillness. Can I cash in a couple of these personality credits and use them to help me in the silence? How do you go about doing that? Is that the appropriate vehicle to use?

Elyon: You have much to your credit, so to speak. However, you need not feel you must bargain away anything that you have in order to gain the benefits of the stillness or teacher contact. Teacher contact and the stillness are yours for the earning. They may take a longer period of time for some than for others. The adjustments necessary may be different from individual to individual. Therefore, all human experiences will not be the same in relation to the stillness or to teacher contact.

I would at first separate stillness from teacher contact. Stillness is an attitude, the seeking of awareness, the sharing of one's life experience with the Father. It may include prayers; it may include some dialogue on your part, some sharing of your life experience, some asking for direction and guidance, and then

by its very nature it requires the cessation of dialogue and the opening up of receptivity for insight, for awareness to pervade.

While many times teacher contact is associated with stillness, stillness is primarily the preparation of the attitude of receptivity for teacher contact. It is beneficial for people to prepare themselves for the attitude of receptivity to accept teacher contact.

I would also add that very much teacher contact takes place with the individual mortal involved being relatively unaware of this process. If I could, in your particular case, cite examples whereby a strong urge, thought, a compelling idea, surfaced in your mind that you then latched on to and agreed with and determined to be correct and worthy of your pursuit; the series of events that I just described many times is teacher contact. The simple elevation of an idea at a certain time in relation to a certain topic or subject is not wholly a human

mind process.

Your human mind is a vast storage facility much like a computer. What triggers the appropriate bit of information to surface at the appropriate time can often be facilitated by sources other than your human mind. Your Thought Adjuster, teachers, even Michael are all capable of elevating these highest of human ideas and thoughts in your mind and giving them life and voice. Often many transmitter/receivers feel as though they are involved in the transmitting process, that there is a personal aspect to the transmitting process. They are correct in that teachers cannot use what is not present in some form in the transmitters memory banks. Therefore there is an intertwining of the personal thoughts and ideas with the teacher's capacity to bring these thoughts and ideas to the surface at the appropriate time.

I say this to you to perhaps raise your level of awareness that when you feel prompted or inspired to interject an idea or a worthy thought in conversation or to direct conversation towards another level, that this very likely is due to external prompting coupled with your internal desire. I am aware that this occurs in you regularly. You are an individual who cares a great deal about your thought processes, about the content and direction of what you have to offer to others. These are the keys to being of service in the capacity of teacher transmitter/receiver.

I encourage you as I encourage the entire group to remain in pursuit of these goals, remain in pursuit of achieving stillness easier and faster and better, maintain your pursuit of service to your brothers and sisters through your words, thoughts, and actions. You really cannot go wrong in this direction, and you are all making great personal strides in these pursuits. Personality credits refer not to some form of barter you have available to you but rather to your personal spiritual advancement. It may be seen to think of these credits as applying towards perhaps skipping a grade in your ascension, perhaps a mansion world, perhaps providing a unique opportunity to you because of these credits you have built up. Again I say these credits need never be taken away or exchanged from you for anything. They are to your credit forevermore.

The untapped credits you refer to may be more helpfully thought of as potentials available to you. Each one of you has many potentials before you that you have not at this time chosen to access, chosen to develop. This does not go against you as a debt, but rather it is an untaken credit on your part. Many traits are around you that simply have not been embraced, recognized, and developed to their full potential or to even their partial potential. 10/12/96

EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Elyon: I would speak about the variabilities involved in freewill, creativity, right and wrong in a relative sense, and the Father's will as an absolute reference.

The creative approach toward all ministry is one highly valued in the melchizedek teachings, for it involves the expression of the creature's soul bearing the light of the Father through unique manifestation, which exemplifies the manifold complexity of God as revealed in the universe. The choice to serve as a kingdom worker is one of the more simple choices, yet it brings upon it the more difficult factors of how and

when this ministry can take place that is to be enacted. You bear within you the essentials required of a representative of Michael. You have been adequately educated and possess personally these truths.

When you choose methods for ministry be not concerned over what method is greater and which is least, for any method will rank as the best method depending upon the appropriateness of its use in a given situation. The relative value of any method is determined by the situation, timeliness. The will of the Father when applied to method is that you express your convictions wholeheartedly, honestly. The creative factors are your choice, given that you are integral to any timely occurrence wherein you may minister. This creativity fosters the freedom to reveal the heavenly truths independent of approved standards or another's approach. The will of the Father is that all His children are to be free to discover His reality in yet another variation that is expressive of each unique soul relationship with God.

I have said you are educated, and we are currently in process of training. This training is less educational and more applicational, the effort to utilize what you possess. Our guidance never requires specific action from you, because that is the realm of your creative choosing. The mistakes are valuable; the successes are encouraging, and we are ever ready to provide the support at any juncture in your ministry efforts.

I, as an instructor in this mission program, am trained to be a guide under any circumstance in which my fellows are engaged. I have sworn an oath to not be a commander who gives orders directing your unfoldment. As you choose I then will respond representing the morontia values of the situation you have elected to partake in. Therefore there is no failure, only the realization of growth or the need therefore. And this is wholly pleasing to our master who expertly directed the efforts of his leading apostles such that they discovered their appropriate methods for ministry without ever once attempting to replace the master. They spoke as themselves for God. 12/10/95

Darid: I will comment that the time is upon you to more aggressively approach ministry. Action from your teacher associates is powerless to further the mission on Urantia without such activities on your part. Much that the original twelve accomplished was directly due to the continual pressure of the master. So, I gently press upon you to likewise become busy for the mission. It is not that time is of the essence but rather that the time has arrived.

Question: I find it hard to get going on anything more than little projects. I don't have a clear picture of how to minister aggressively.

Darid: The aggression I refer to is not the explosive sense of action but rather the application of action, the expenditure of effort. The project, large or tiny, is irrelevant. You know well the "as you pass by" phrase. It is my hope that you simply make even little effort. All have tendencies to creatively ideate, which, while beneficial in the formulation of effort, requires the complement of emplacing these creations into demonstrable realities. Regardless of the value to be placed on any particular project, that being whether you see it as significant, momentous, or piddly, the application and accomplishment does create results. An apparently insignificant endeavor accomplished is far greater in impact than a grand idea left dormant.

I am rather pleased with all that I observe brewing in your minds and only seek to encourage you each to be always ready to be out on the ball field tossing back and forth your creative ideas and running down field and making the goal.

Be not hard upon yourself when deliberating what action to take. As I have said, that action reveals the growth ahead even if it errs. Joyfully approach your plans with the knowledge that even a meager attempt is successful. The only failure is to not act, and so-called failed action is the planting of the potential for greater success. 12/3/95

TEACHERS, ANGELS, AND THOUGHT ADJUSTERS

Elyon: ... their [personal teachers'] role is different from your guardian angels' and the Father's presence. Both the presence of the Father and your guardians are concerned with your eternal career and your

safekeeping in the process of attaining the status of an eternal being. Their concern with your daily life is only in regard to the greater picture. Your personal teachers are here to help with you in a more temporal application of your spiritual attainment. Being such in focus they are keenly aware of the sanctity of your decision arena and will not invade. Though your adjuster and guardians are subservient to your will, their objectives are so much greater in scope that they have the ability to guide you even as you choose wrongly. Your personal teachers are specifically instructed to not manipulate you in any way. So it is of great importance for you to invite their participation.

As you know, many of these beings are but a small leap above you in attainment. Because of this, their scope of understanding is not as comprehensive as the Father's. Thus they wait upon you to work with them.

Question: Are they with us all day long? Or are they there only during meetings and when we send out the call?

Elyon: These teachers do accept the office of personal teacher with the intent to be with you as much as they can. But they are not like the guardians who will be certain to have one present always. These are independent, ascending citizens and require time for other endeavors, so they can often be absent, for their assignment to you is only one of their tasks. But when time permits and as they have accepted this title of personal teacher, they allocate as much time as is feasible to attending to you. Where you have no need of their assistance, they let you act freely, of your own accord. If you request them to be near at hand, they are honored and duty motivated to put aside their current activities and drop in. It would be quite similar to your medical profession being "on call". 9/28/97

Lantarnek: In my job in the system I teach a class, or correctly, I provide an educational experience for young ascenders where they can grow to appreciate the wonderful opportunity of the long ascension and not succumb to the feeling often experienced of the immensity and the distance to be traveled. I seek to instill hope and love and patience and a great degree of relishing the level they are on and the level shortly to be attained. This holds true with your world in progress being made to correct its direction and attain its goal.

You have expressed what is needed often even on worlds beyond your own: a sense of hope, a sense of willingness to participate, an understanding of the importance, and the longevity, the overwhelming amount of actual work required, and all without the sense that it is far too immense and that one's own singular efforts are futile. This is truly not the case. What we are undergoing here in this Teaching Mission is a small reflection of the process of ascension which you will experience many times over and over again. 10/2/94

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Elyon: You know Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life," and he is, and you have each experienced the nourishment of taking him into your soul. Spirit hunger is no longer painful but rather the normal course of receiving his love and peace as well as your lessons for attaining his presence.

I will offer another element to this bread of which he spoke: your growth is service. It is service to the Supreme; it is service to Michael. The entire realm of the finite is as rising dough, ever expanding, enlarging, to become the finished reality it is intended to be by our God. You are an element within this. If bread were to rise unevenly and remain dense in a particular area, the finished result would be less than perfect. Your soul expansion is necessary to lift the Supreme. It is important to receive the yeasting of ministry provided to you from your Indwelling Spirit. It is important for you to receive the kneading provided by your life episodes. It is important for you to receive the resting time of stillness in order to cultivate the spirit within and actualize in your awareness His presence in order to be this presence as you live. It is important for you to be salted with sanity and sobriety to understand your limitations, to carefully guard from fanatical expression and over-rapid growth.

You are each one with our finite Father. Michael has provided all the ingredients in his realm for you to fulfill the commission of God to become perfect, for you to be able to rise to the occasion. Be willing to

undergo the challenges, the stretching, the poundings that both provide for your upliftment and for the elimination of stages of progress that you no longer need to contain within you. As in your baking processes you beat down your dough, your life episodes that are difficult are as important as is the rise.

When we have accomplished our task and settled these realms in Light and Life, we will be overjoyed in our accomplishment. The aroma of Supremacy will be tantalizing to all who enter into our kitchen. When our schooling is finished we will be able to serve our slice of Light and Life for all those who were not able to bake with us. Growth is always expansive and healthy when uniform on every level of your being.

Liken your physical life to the bread pan and the message of Michael to the dough. You are the grease that makes his truth fit without burning or sticking. You are the ministers for bringing his message again to this world. You are the lubricant. 1/8/95

WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Elyon: I desire to speak with you on an aspect of your relationship in Supremacy.

The unique factor of our evolutionary position is that we are two-way in our function. To clarify, we live in a dimension that is not unlike your AC current where energy shifts back and forth in each direction continually, thus accomplishing the work needed. Therefore, I would address worship and service in this light.

You recognize worship as an inward experience directed to our Great Creator and service as your external expression to your fellows of the truth you have gained in your life, the goodness that is within you to express. Realize that worship is, in itself, service. Service is, in itself, worship. When you worship you become surcharged with the affection of our Father. This propels you toward acts of kindness, of ministry. When engaged in your ministry you become uplifted; even when depleted of your energies, your internal soul realm is actually invigorated. This charging transforms itself into the urge to be in embrace with your God. The pulsing back and forth between service and worship drives you forward, progresses the plans of your planet, enlarges the overall working and expansion of this universe. We exist because the Supreme exists; the Supreme exists because we exist. The flow back and forth is mutual, continual, such that the cause and effect become merely irrelevant. Again, like your AC current, actually there is no real plus and minus; it's a continual trading of polarity. Give to the Father and receive. Give to your fellows and receive. Receive from life all around you and give in return. 6/4/95

SOUL: TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS

Corlatia: Your soul is composed of coordinate realities. Known by you as beauty, this is the body of your soul. Your acquirement of beauty nourishes this vehicle. It is as vitalizing to the soul to embrace and receive what is beautiful as it is to cleanse your material abode, to feed and care for your body.

Truth is the mind food for your soul. The more of truth you become in living experience, not merely in intellectual concepts, the more aware you are as a budding morontia being. Truth, when received, blends so thoroughly into you that you become the very truth you embrace. Truth is living, greater than facts, broader than any conceptual comprehension. It is the soul mind.

And last in this coordinate relationship is goodness. As you acquire the awareness of truth, as you embody the beauty manifested by God in all -- and therefore equally in you -- the realization dawns in your heart that you are God's child. This is good. When the heart of your soul realizes this goodness, this divine connection; service, ministry, care, love, all are bestowed by you as goodness in life toward others, toward your beliefs, toward your actions. As the fragrance of incense, so is goodness within your soul... sweet, uplifting. 9/18/94

EFFECTS OF THE REBELLION ON ASCENSION

Question: When the rebellion occurred and the system circuits closed down, did ascension stop past the system level? Is it true you couldn't ascend past Jerusem until the rebellion was over? Andon and Fonta and the four and twenty counselors are still here, which caused me to think about this.

Elyon: One moment please. (Pause) I am not able to verify this perception. The individual ascension can take many twists and turns. Some may have ascended to the Norlatiadek schools. The system is quite populated. Your grandhumans have elected to be in Satania for reasons of their own choosing. Michael certainly had no restrictions upon his completion. I cannot say more. I will investigate, for I have never noticed this connection. It could be that the ascension of individuals is slower than the rebellion duration. I will address this another time. Thank you for a project. I, too, am curious. It will be intriguing to take note. I am not resident in Satania. My affairs have been mid-morontia concerning the greater connection of systems, so, as I am assigned here now with you, I will increase my knowledge. 2/2/94

Elyon: I am here to return your request for understanding in your consideration of the ascent of your brothers and sisters. No one is ever restricted from growth by any other. The effect of quarantine will make growth, in effect, like swimming in mud.

It is noted that no individual passes out of the system without a complete understanding of the ramifications of the rebellion. The rebellion has made for one huge lesson for all Satanians. This comprehension is not complete by passing beyond to the higher congregations. Therefore, many beings have not taken graduation willfully so as to extract the greatest results attainable.

It is not a restriction, but it is taught, encouraged, that all fully realize the significance of what transpired. Do not lose the opportunity by moving away. There is rarely an occurrence of this sort, one that is not sought, one that is not proffered. But once it occurs much attention is given. Those who can align with the plans of the universe are motivated, with a duty that overshadows their personal goals, to right the wrong.

It is much like your behavior when busy about your tasks and you come upon a burning house. All else stops while you tend to the emergency.

I hope I have illuminated for you what transpired here in this system. Are you content?

(Q): Yes. I understand that there was no restriction in passing beyond the system, but voluntarily the beings from this system chose to stay and understand fully the ramifications of rebellion and help to clean up the mess. Is that what you are saying?

Elyon: Yes, and though I have not actually checked the register of ascendants, I would venture to guess that most elected to be here to see it through. As I have said, it is a rare opportunity to serve Michael in this manner. 2/16/94

CHOOSING TO END THE QUARANTINE

Gabriel: I have a consideration for you. It has been the course of this quarantine to allow you to decide the way of the Father or the way of self. It has been difficult and trying for a multitude of beings, and some have met with disastrous results in the viewpoint of us who choose to give the love and light of God to others. In grappling with the effects of your rebellion, we have been constrained to certain requirements of Michael having to do with freedom of your ability to choose and select.

Immediately following this outbreak of self-pursuit to the neglect of the divine family, we were able to correct wrong procedures that were administrative and had an impersonal function. But much time transpired in the course of allowing all to find in soul the truth and the reality that Michael represents, as the Father reveals Himself through Michael. This has been successful, for all angels have completed their decisions. All your midway fellows likewise are resolved. There stands one last chapter to complete in the long story; that is for you mortals to complete your decision.

For those of you who have sincerely chosen light and righteousness, it is important to cultivate in others the desire for light and life, to initiate the decisions in as many as you can touch, for our planetary

processes will not proceed without indication from you all that you are willing to receive our help, help to foster the desire for goodness on this planet, for spirit reality. When you have as one planet unified yourselves in wholehearted dedication, there will be such a great change in conditions here, you would hardly recognize your world.

Our quarantine was not to pun sh you; we did not send you to your room. In honor of your free choosing, our reaction of quarantine was to allow you complete freedom to decide without our appearance of coercing. And so, as you ask for us, we return. The more of you who ask, the more of us will become apparent in your lives. Stimulate this cesire around you. Help us complete this long waiting period. All that is left is the turning of the mortal tide, and the waves of rebellion will cease to crash upon you. 9/11/94

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