

DESTINY

Lessons for Spiritual Living by Celestial Teacher HAM

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Ham introduces his teachings:

“I am with you tonight to begin the teachings which have been prepared by our teacher Melchizedek on Urantia. One of the topics I wish to share about spiritual reality is difficult to put in your word forms.

The man Jesus, when he as God-made-flesh preached, used the term water. Spiritual water is real. It exists in the form of truth, of beauty, of goodness. It replenishes my soul, using your words. It rains on me, my soul, the soil of my heart, and awakens new growth.

You see, the soul grows almost as an organic living reality-entity. This growth must be nurtured in time as all living things require time for growth. A tree begins its life as a seed. It is not a tree at all. It has no characteristics of its later maturity ... and yes, from this small beginning, tiny beginning, magnificent beautiful and splendid results might occur.

Many times I have wondered about this, and yet, the ultimate secret lies, of course, with God, the ultimate truth of life and reality. On Edentia, I toiled in the gardens and thought on this subject deeply.”

GREETINGS CHILDREN, I AM HAM

“I would wish to express a few thoughts concerning questions that have been asked in the past. I wish to clarify and enlighten you as to position. There are many issues which cannot be discussed for the fear of intruding into the individual will pattern.

Each human being must decide for themselves many complex and perplexing questions in life, and it is not for us to interfere with these decisions. We have come to guide and sustain you in a purely spiritual manner and this spiritual food and water will sustain you in life.

We understand that there are needs, desires, and wants in each person, yet this understanding of past or future events must come to each person individually. Each must draw his and her lessons there from.”

1991 LESSONS:

CHANGE AND CORRECTION

We are in the early beginning stage of the vast, yet relatively short time frame of the period of correction. This is our duty and life purpose, to effect change and correction in many areas of human endeavor. We are primarily teachers of spirituality. The matters of the spirit are of highest importance for individuals, nations, races, and worlds. This is our primary objective: to raise the spiritual consciousness of all mankind.

You who have been called forth will engage in this effort. In learning, hearing, receiving my words, you are growing and changing, adjusting inwardly to spirit reality which is the only reality.

It is requiring many years for preparation in this work, and there will be many years of labor in the orchards. I am using symbolism that is most illustrative of our work. The ground requires tilling and moisture and fertilization. The small trees require uprooting and replanting. The larger trees require pruning and protection from their many small harmful effects from insects, from birds, from frost, from these calamities. Little do you realize the full extent of your superhuman watch care, even if you glimpse and acknowledge its effects.

All of you gathered here have searched and found God within. You have acknowledged your status of sonship and daughtership with him. You have received his love,

understanding, mercy, understanding guidance, friendship and indeed, salvation. Yes. I know whereof I speak. All gathering here have received eternal salvation.

In instructing you in the greater realities of the kingdom, it is helpful or well to remain in simplicity, for the essence or core of the kingdom is simplicity. Often we search in complex philosophy for expanded mental vision into reality. I say to you, it is not found there. Knowledge is essential for understanding. Yes, this is so, but comprehension of the essence of God is found in simplicity.

Have your hearts been opened to this wisdom? Do you see the divine plan working in this? Do you have the childlike attitude necessary for reception? Do you have the strength and courage of robust, forthright men and women who can grasp this understanding and make it your own?

OUR PURPOSE

I am delighted to be a part of this project and am delighted to have you all as my pupils. Love and truth are co-equal/dependent. These two immense realities serve in harmony together.

Truth, as you have perceived it, is not the fullness of its reality. Truth, you see, may perhaps be mentally degraded to the level of fact perception. You say this fact exists, therefore, it is true. No. This is not truth. This is not reality perception. This is mental logic level perception.

Truth is spiritual perception also. It entails and encompasses soul grasping, that is, morontia* level understanding of reality. It is indescribably, incredibly, wonderfully more than material level fact correlation. Truth, when perceived in reality, enlarges the soul and allows spiritual progression to occur and an advancement to be realized within a person's personality reality. This truth is amazing. This enlightenment is beyond mere mental cognition but reaches into the depths of soul perception.

Love, love, love is God. Love is a singular reality, a singular truth. It is experience, yet it is more. It is unfolding-ment, expansion, the opening of the soul to perception of reality and truth. Without love there is nothing. It is the path. The man Jesus told the better way: the path of truth and love. This must be spoken of. This must be perceived—that such a profound experience can be understood on your material level. It is not only the beginning of life, it is also the end; it is the goal, for it is he.

There is so much confusion in the world at this time. This confusion stems from the complicated and incorrect perception of reality. This confusion is terrible. It is the cause and the result of the perpetual misery of your planet. This pain makes it difficult to preserve simplicity and simple truth: small understandings that break way into understanding each other.

These small things, look for them. Look for them in people. Look for the gate, a gate. It needn't be much. There are between people openings and closings. Openings and closings constantly occur. When the smallest opening between strangers is there, there is friendship. Friendship where before there was nothing, they were strangers.

It needn't be a lot. These teachings are meant to go beyond, to fill the world. When people turn to God, to the Lord, to the path, to love, his guidance is there. His guidance will follow. His guidance will change and renew and restore this world. This is our purpose and your purpose, also.

**the realm existing between the purely material and the purely spiritual wherein these substances are mixed.*

YOUR DESTINY

Our lesson this evening concerns your interest in revelation and its effects. As our teaching mission gains ground in human understanding, its effect upon knowledge and culture is to come into reality. As this reality gains ground in depth and breadth, it contains the actualization of your individual and collective potentials.

Each person has a preordained destiny which unfolds according to your ability to comprehend truth and live righteously according to Father's will. Yet there is also a preordained destiny for your world which is furthered by individual potential realization.

Our understanding is that as each human gradually becomes aware of divine destiny encirclement, you knowingly or unknowingly compel those closely associated with you to recognize this reality also. To witness the efforts of one who walks in righteousness inspires everyone associated and shines the light of truth into dark corners. Even when individual circumstances look to be unfortunate, God in his infinite wisdom has chosen this time for that one to shine most brightly. Use the trying situations of your lives in order to spread the light of truth. As you do so, you will surely attain greater levels of awareness than you had before.

Upon each back are certain burdens that you are destined to bear. Each human mortal has the option of taking up your burden and carrying forward in life, while learning and teaching about your expanding understandings. Or you can reject this divine effort and attempt to run away from this God given responsibility, losing your burden and even losing your mortal life eventually. God requires that you carry his burden as you journey along your pathway home. Crying persists through the night, but gladness comes forth with the sun. Remember that even when you momentarily stumble under seemingly crushing burdens, you will gladly rise on the morrow to triumphantly carry them home.

Individual freedom paradoxically requires this carrying of the divine burden. As you increase in the spirit, these burdens become increasingly lighter and lighter. Soon you can easily shoulder misfortune and triumph over despair which surely would have devastated you in an earlier stage of growth. Require of yourselves that you will lighten your burdens as you increasingly understand the true nature of reality. Require of yourselves that you gracefully shoulder these burdens as an example of the living way.

Show an attitude of trust and good faith in the face of crushing disappointment or bitter defeat. Carry your individual burdens by the power in the spirit--which is all, and the only real power. Learn as you do so the true meaning of greatness and goodness. Learn also as you carry home your divine gifts that your efforts are always aided and balanced on all sides without your intervention.

Imagine a world in which all humans sought to uphold righteousness within their lives as their foremost and sacred duty. Where then is cruelty, injustice, or the inhumanity that reigns supreme now?

Mankind requires purpose. Individual, complete, wholehearted purpose and this will lead to understanding. Never can I truly portray the ultimate eternal design of the Lord. Always am I constrained to offer a partial glimpsing of his infinite care and love. I am only a teacher of partial truth, for ultimate truth is beyond my understanding. However, I continue on, attempting each meeting to broaden and to deepen your partial awareness of God and his creation. Neither great nor good am I, yet I know partially about these things and I can pursue their nature and source. Take up your burdens and follow the one who sent us. Follow the Christ, the man Jesus. Follow him alone.

INWARD SEARCHING

Our lesson is about learning to help your brethren learn to undertake the effort of searching inwardly. Here lies the secret of eternal growth: that every human being is an encapsulation of an infinite center or core. Ever more of our living path reaches inward toward infinity.

As you begin this path of infinite reality, your task of infinite growth in quality and depth of being consists entirely of relinquishing old patterns as you cling to new patterns of thought. Pattern, eternal source pattern, receives her reluctant children through their will effort. Forevermore will you exchange pattern for pattern, exchanging the complex and convoluted thought patterns for the simple and beautiful effortless ideas of true self discovery.

Adjacent to every thought or decision is the lower aspect and the higher aspect. As you develop your qualitative insight into reality, as you increasingly become aware of the higher adjacent aspect of thought, then can you forever increasingly seek this higher, more fitting, more noble, more moral thought pattern.

As humankind uses mentation with wisdom and higher purpose, does human civilization advance accordingly. Likewise, as humankind increasingly uses mentation solely for material comfort, greed, or the more advanced folly of pride, power, etc., does civilization increasingly falter and become immobilized and suddenly die. Only by directing mental work toward higher goals, even spiritual goals, does humanity flourish. Without this underpinning, hardship occurs unnecessarily. And the mental dictates of the fathers are imitated by the sons thereby increasing the folly exponentially.

Effort is required to reverse the trend toward lower thought. This effort should always be truth revealing and insight deepening for society never conceives its journey without lamps to light its way. The Urantia papers are such a lamp—showing the goals of civilization more clearly than ever before. As individuals strive toward individual spiritual goals then, as day follows night, does society advance toward greater goals of an advancing civilization.

Everyone needn't be spiritual saviors of the masses. Yet individual growth always contains spiritual drawing power and this helps create spiritual movements which can change history.

COURAGE

Your understanding of courage is limited by your social conditioning, so that your understanding needs widening. Human courage consists entirely of a heartfelt conviction of truth. Wonder not at courage exhibited through conviction, for your knowledge of courage is as deep as your conviction.

Truth is ever the basic motivator of will creatures. It hastens all moral growth as it creates character and true character strength. Life is, in essence, only meaningful as the relation between man and truth—as this relation is made real in the world. So then is meaning created.

All spiritual value resides as meaning becomes real. The value of man is in the relation between yourself and God, or God the ultimate truth. Faith is the process of increasing realization of these meanings as they grow into true values. Courage is that quality of spirit which is manifested as a result of awareness and appreciation of the value in ideals. Human acts of valor are valuable only as they enhance value.

Jesus lived a valiant existence revealing the value of life as he preached the human sonship/daughtership relation to the Father. Indeed, his life is, and always will be the epitome of valor. Courageous action always beckoned him forward and invigorated his moral teachings with genuine heartfelt conviction revealed to all. Jesus lived and loved a courageous life that stands forever as testimony to the Father's love. He courageously denounced sin and courageously lived a holy life. His followers and detractors alike were impressed by his courage and touched by his conviction.

As you continue in your human search for value and meaning, so shall you increasingly discover these spiritual realities and make them your own. As you discover the value of men, so must you discover your own true value, discover your true life's worth. As you continue on the path of true righteousness, the values you discover become your own.

Courage is fearlessness toward unreality. Courage is conviction of life's worth. Courage is gentleness toward creation and rock solidness toward faith. Courage exhibits love without the fear of rejection. Courage whispers truth through the eyes of a child. Courage shows hope to the hopeless and finds worth in the worthless. Courage gives all things needed. Courage pays all price required. Courage upholds true justice and denounces the unjust.

Give gratitude to God as you love his children fearlessly. Give love with courage. Let yourselves be channels for the Master's love and allow him to affect others through you. Pray increasingly for the courage to do so and to become one with him.

WHO ARE YOU?

Greetings, children. I am Ham and I am with you in order to assist in your individual self discovery and realization. I am always pleased and happy to see so many steadfast, seeking, earnest, and dutiful disciples. "Who am I?" is the most sought after question in the universe. "Who am I?" is the central question in our lives, here and beyond. "Who am I?" has deep meaning and significance in life. When this question is asked for the first time, it signals a spiritual awakening and continues throughout this life. The quest for your true selfhood identity is lifelong, even on to Paradise.

There are within each and every person personality seeds of potentiality, which when watered and nourished are given to sprout into actuality. Through life these potentials are given opportunity to sprout, as it were, to grow into actual selfhood. What was once only a thought of God becomes a steadfast universe reality within our existences. Through life there are many, many of these potentials which become real within.

Life is a process of making potentials into actuals, actuality into reality. For example, within a child who is frightened by the dark, there exists the potential of a truly courageous and dominant character. In a child, it is only potential, and it takes time and life experience for this potential to grow into reality, an actual character possession of the full grown human.

You may think of these potentials as boughs on a tree, branches. Each branch grows, sprouts new branches which grow and sprout new branches. In this way a mighty tree is grown over time from a seedling which on first sight resembles not a mighty tree. It is potential.

Many of the contrary, or what you consider negative influences in your lives are, in reality, bringing forth a potential character reality within. For example, a child may be a pest to an adult, crying, wanting attention, and so forth. When the adult grows from this experience a wiser way to handle a child, this is permanent and does not revert. One who has once acquired wisdom, through adversity or not, it is a permanent part of your selfhood. One who is truly wise finds the correct or most correct manner he or she can deal with in any given situation—and this may lead to more and more refinement. Like a branch on a tree sprouting, this branch is a permanent part of the tree.

Life is full of sorrow and joy, of heartache and happiness, of feelings of self-doubt and exuberant confidence. Life is a challenge and through this challenge you are to grow within. Grow those character aspects which enable you to more effectively live.

Life never ends. Life goes beyond this short existence into eternity. How great is this experience and how great is this soul who grows from it. Life is never stagnant. It is always moving, changing, growing, diversifying. A challenge—yes. But in life, if you discover defeat, are you truly defeated? No. Only temporarily blocked. We must learn to discover our true potential from these life situations. If you stumble, do you not arise again? In life, if you stumble, rise and walk on. These daily tests and toils and worries are all a part of your growth toward God. How insignificant they appear when seen in this true light.

“Who am I?” Each person is a unique and individual expression of God. “Who am I becoming?” Each person has the potential to grow in this realization of selfhood. That this selfhood can be a reflection of God, even partial and incomplete, is true and unique. There is no one else who has the ability you do.

“Who will I be?” You are becoming yourself in truth, the self which is deeper and more true than you are at this moment. Always is the self revealing its deepest, truest, most beautiful secrets. Little by little, this growth towards God is revealing the child at the same time. The child is no less or no greater than all children. All are uniquely wonderful, all are uniquely finding self-expression. Those finding self expression are finding God expression. Each child in a vast and seemingly endless universe of beings--all are experiencing this wonder of ascension.

Beings who are created perfect, who lack experiential growth truly envy those who have it. Though no less precious to God our Father, truly do they appreciate what wonders are wrought in his works, that such strong yet fine characters are created in this way.

Look well to the future. See yourselves in transition. Do not try to hold onto what is fading for life is new growth, new paths, new opportunity, new life. Life comes from life and springing there-from creates life and growth in endless abundance. Never is there stagnation and dormancy in truly living life. Walk firmly and tall through your daily works, which even though they may cause you grief, know in the end its true purpose. So much will your load be lightened.

Jesus, as he lived his life on Urantia, was not given an easy road. On the contrary, his path was very rugged. Yet he is the divine example of man made perfect. So can you in your lives, in your rugged paths, begin to show forth the divine within. God as represented by your indwelling spirit is active in your lives. He is not sitting aloof and watching your life. He is part of it. He is part of you. He is living and suffering and watching you worry and toil and fret. He is right there with you, not far away. Not waiting for you to come to him. He came to you and he is with you always.

Always remember this in your minds when life is burdensome, when your tasks are difficult. Know that God himself is with you, right there with you.

GROWTH

Each human has an equality of spiritual potentiality. There exists no difference among humans concerning this potential. Every man, woman and child who possesses power of will decision stands before God in absolutely equal shoes, so to speak. Anyone who seeks after Father's gifts will find them in him and him alone. Man cannot gather figs from thistles, said the Master.

Where can humans go to find happiness, to find peace or tranquility, to find friendship in abiding truth but to the Father? Anyone who claims to hold these fruits within themselves must give credit and humble thanks to our Father or they be false.

Lasting joy springs not from the barren soils of selfish pursuits. No, children. Rather does joy have but one spring, spiritual water has one source. The living truth of the great abundance of life-giving reality is found only in God. Exercise your faith by simply and courageously asking for a little growth each day. Ask for yourselves and ask for those you love. As for those who have hurt you. Ask for those who despise and abuse you. Ask for the many. Ask for yourself.

Father's well shall never run dry. His water can be freely drawn eternally. Can man hold a limit around God's love? Can man withhold his love from his neighbor? Can he imprison within his heart a cup of joy? No. Rather is love received through giving...is joy received through sharing...is life received through God's tender mercies.

A person may think to herself or himself, "I am sufficient unto me." And lo, that person leaves her brethren to wander apart, alone, or so she thinks. I would say to this woman or this man, "You are not alone. Our Father has found you. He has claimed you as his own, dear child. Walk with me and return to your Father's house. His mercy flows like a river. His love abounds within it. You are not lost. No. You are found, and child, what manner of goodness would a Father withhold from his beloved son or daughter?"

Every hill and vale sings with rejoicing when one lost child is found. No greater good is there, no greater or more profound and enriching joy is there than when the Father and his child are reunited.

TEACHING

Our lesson is about teaching about God and his infinite love. The heart of our message always revolves around a core reality, and seeks to find an area of common understanding in order to convey understanding concerning a central truth. No truth is ever transferred from one intellect to another. Yet an intellect is able to guide another's toward that person's own truth discovery. In your personal ministries, remember that you can never give another your truth experience, only aid that one in finding his or her own truth.

Given this awareness, our first task is to find common ground of experience. As a parent bends down to make eye contact with a child, so should you when ministering to a child of God find that level of mutual understanding.

Usually you can do this by asking questions that draw out the person. All humans seek to bestow their truths upon another and when this occurs is someone most vulnerable. Gently explain your understanding of their truth, adding some of your own truth experience. Not too little as to be undetected, not so much as to smother the original truth concept and make it unrecognizable, but just enough to enhance the flavor of their truth like salt moderately added to food. Too little salt adds no taste, too much salt makes food unpalatable. But the right amount adds to the favor and makes it easier to swallow or assimilate. Makes it more agreeable.

Truly great people have understood this lesson and have used this understanding to their advantage. Use it for the Master's advantage. Use his understanding and make it yours. Use his gospel message to his advantage. Come to understand that you also are the salt of the earth. That you must be used to be fruitful. That through human association is the fruit made sweet and the robust exercise of faith becomes your reality.

Listen inwardly at all times to the ever speaking voice within you who always shows you the better way. Who always reveals ever increasing worth. Who always shines ever brighter through love. Who is your true and final destiny.

He who created heaven and earth also lives within your very being. He who upholds all of creation uses the hand of a father toward his children. Always and forever is this truth central to your being and becoming. Never is this reality destined to alter or change. No. Forever is this thread a cable of unassailable truth and ever must you lead your brethren to take hold of this central reality.

Millions of men live and die without the knowledge much less the experiential understanding that God himself lives within them. When this central truth is discovered, then can men be led to the understanding that he is their Father, the personal, the deepest reality.

THE REAL NATURE OF REALITY

Our Father in heaven is near to all believing persons. His nearness increases with faith in him. When we first decide to believe in God (and this is always a conscious decision whether early or later in life), then God seems far off, being a nebulous concept at best. He, or rather our awareness of him, is colored by the input of others, so that as children we believed in God as our parents described him to us.

This early concept of good and bad, right and wrong, justice and injustice, grows to an intermediate level which has some personal experience in life—that right living gives us the least amount of problems and makes it easier to live—so that distressing conscience is allayed. Fears are helped to subside through the belief that all say, “everything is for the best,” “everything will turn out all right because it is God’s will.” Your life is fairly stable at this point, you see.

This level of understanding is the majority. The majority will fudge it a bit on the edges, will be slightly immoral when it suits them, and then think they can make it up later or ask forgiveness or go to confession. Yet, this level of belief also entails much confusion because of the imperfect vision of the real nature of God, the real nature of reality. And so the vast majority stumble through life with their eyes almost closed.

The few who go past this level do so by receiving personal spiritual guidance. Once this concept is grasped, of personal spiritual guidance, then each person may progress very rapidly if they follow it. Now, here many come up against problems with family and friends and church, and many will not follow guidance or not completely, wholeheartedly. Then comes much justification and this may be unconscious or become unconscious after a while.

Abraham continued to sacrifice long after his instruction directly from Melchizedek that this is a wasteful practice and entirely unnecessary. Yet, he did not feel secure in this new found liberty and was bound by tradition and by his peers who looked up to him and expected this action. In this day, we see the absurdity with clear light. In his day, you must sympathize with his plight, for there are many similar instances in modern religious life.

The truth will always progress down through the ages, even unconsciously, through generations. Then there are times of great spiritual enlightenment, when the unconscious becomes conscious. When the truth is told and the way opens up, the response will be forthcoming. This unconscious well of spirituality on earth at this time is—or will be—ready to burst forth with many, many people.

THE THOUGHT ADJUSTER

On this world we refer to the spirit of God which resides in our minds as Thought Adjusters. These spirits are individual in each person. They are of God the Father. They are an individual fragment of his pure spirit self. They lead and guide individually each person on the road of life.

They are the Father in a form where he may individually know each of his vast numbers of children so that he, personally, can be with each. Each child, by their will, may choose to identify his or her will with the will of the Father, and by so choosing, in decision after decision throughout life, the child increasingly becomes like the Father. So that “be you perfect even as the Father is perfect” becomes a command to know God, to love him, and to identify yourself with him.

The only active means that this becomes a reality is by choosing in our decisions in our daily life, “it is my will that your will be done. It is my will that your will be done.” In so identifying the two wills as one, the child and the Father come together increasingly to the point of complete cohesion or fusion, and at this point, eternal life is assured.

This normally happens in the life beyond this life, but the beginnings of this process occur in this one. If such complete fusion of the infinite eternal God with the mortal finite child occurs during this mortal life, the child is immediately, or rather, the new person is immediately translated onto a mansion world and the body, mortal body, is consumed by the energy involved. This is very rare on this world at this time.

Our Father in heaven, the creator, upholder, master, king, loving parent of a vast and, to our imaginations, limitless universe is also resident within your minds. Pause to consider. The contact of the infinite, eternal God extends personally to his personal children in this most intimate and sublime relationship.

In a way, you as his creature children creation are his thought. Your independent thoughts are all known to him. Nothing of your mind, intentions, will, desires, after-thoughts, foresight, nor spiritual insight is unknown to him. He encompasses all of reality. There is no hiding of a thought or an intention.

In him we live, move, and have our being as well. Our thoughts, intentions, have repercussions outward as well as inward—known through the Father as the Thought Adjuster and repercussions in the Supreme. Not only actions have repercussions but thoughts as well. These thoughts of love, forgiveness, mercy become yours and bear the fruits of tolerance, forbearance, worshipfulness, service, kindly natures. His thoughts of giving, caring, lovingness flow outward as understanding, kindness, happiness, and tolerance.

We must seek to broaden ourselves to encompass these great thoughts, to be the vessel of these great thoughts. At best, we can only hope to capture some of this greatness, a drop as in an ocean of infinite greatness. His love is beyond our comprehension completely. Yet as a drop enters, he nourishes us, buoys us, gives us strength. We need to open

ourselves to those drops of love. We cannot be the ocean, we can only receive what we can receive. But in the God knowing man, the results are seen clearly.

“By their fruits, you shall know them,” he said. And so it is and ever shall be.

OMNISCIENCE

This evening I wish to present a lesson concerning the thought overcontrol and omniscience of our Father. The universal Father, personally, is resident on Paradise and yet he is also resident and enthroned in the minds of men. His power of all knowingness of past, present, and future, the eternal now, is also resident within each person.

The eternal awareness of God is your ever present comfort and security in a seemingly chaotic, insecure, and purposeless world—seemingly, that is. For our Father, who is eternal awareness, understands and foresees (and this word foresees is for the finite understanding) the future and past and present are all one.

He sees us in our wholeness. We see only a small, very small, fragment measure of our total reality. Although it is error to speak of predestination, for you know free will is absolutely dominant, it is correct to speak of destiny. And it is correct that you may each have insight and can foresee your destiny a little bit.

As the mind broadens in awareness and receives more of the Father, comprehends more of the Father, and becomes more like the Father, so can the creature also see himself as does the Father—again in minute ways. And so a pathway opens and a voice speaks saying, “Here. This is the way.” Then a familiarity feeling prompts you to choose this direction, and an affirmation is also given.

And so in small ways we walk with God and he shows us the path which to take, which is the right one for us. Many of you, I perceive, feel to be at a turning point in the road and I say to you the way will be clear. Do not be overly anxious. Have faith and confidence in the trustworthiness of God for he knows all things. He knows your inner heart and soul. He has created the very core of your being. You are his children. He will not ever fail those who trust him. The eternal wisdom of our Father neither knows nor entertains to know any boundaries or stumbling blocks or difficulties. He is all wise and knowing. Even though you cannot comprehend this reality with your minds, you must accept it by faith.

INFINITE MIND

Though you be dust, you have within you the spark of the Infinite Father of all who bestows his greatness, infiniteness, goodness, mercy, and fatherly love upon each person to the greatest extent possible. He wishes for all his children to find him, to come forth

from the darkness into his loving space, light, mercy, understanding. He wishes for all his children to grow in their own space, light, mercy, love, and understanding.

He desires for all his children that they love each other to the fullest extent of their understanding, as they love him. He desires that as his children grow toward him and become more of him, realize himself in them, that they in turn bestow this fatherly love and brotherly understanding and mercy upon their fellows to the greatest extent they are capable.

This may require a letting go, a letting go of old prejudices. A letting go of the worries of life and many of the little cares which can weigh so heavily when multiplied. Allowing this, abandoning the old and embracing the new is not an intellectual exercise—it is your lives. It is not a moment's thought, it is the robust and vigorous exercise of true faith.

Courage is required to abandon the old and embrace the new. The old is secure, the new is unknown. But I say unto you, abandon the old and do so gladly. Embrace the greater realities of the kingdom and do it courageously. Live your lives as if in his presence, always, and I say "as if" for a reason. Before the full realization is upon you, by faith reach out for it first. His presence is always with us. In him we live, move, and have our being. He is our ever-present guide and companion.

Where is the insecurity in that? By faith you grasp this reality and by faith you are transformed by it. The true fatherhood of God, his loving presence ever with us, an open ear ever ready to hear his children, to know their hearts and minds and to understand and protect and guide and teach—these are the ways of the Father. You must take his hand willingly.

FATHERHOOD OF GOD

I have chosen a seemingly simple discourse on the reality of the fatherhood of God which many, being used to this idea or realization, have grown accustomed to and therefore are taking this great truth a little for granted. I feel extraordinarily privileged and overwhelmed still at this momentous truth: that we who are so insignificant and yet as small children needing a wise parent, that this parent is the Great Creator, stupendous and magnificent Lord of all creation, past, present, and future.

There is none beside him, so powerful and almighty is he. And to ponder the truth that he is also our loving father and ever present guide and friend never ceases to overwhelm my limited mind. What we see of his glory is so tiny and small! There are no word expressions to enable our minds to comprehend more than a grain of sand in the sea of what he is. His vast material creation should cause you to ponder and humble yourselves at his vastness and incomprehensible reality.

He is the Beginning and End, the Alpha and Omega of all reality comprehended now or ever to be comprehended by mind. He has deigned to give you use of all the mind energy

you can use. You are limited and this is well understood. But by mind you may reach for the unlimited. You are endowed with a part of the Infinite Mind which knows no boundary for finite mental limitations. You need to know your minds are free to expand in comprehension and to grow and be seasoned with wisdom by, in, and through your souls.

STILLNESS

My lesson is concerning that point or focus of enlightenment referred to in ancient teachings. There is much truth to be gained in studying some parts of these ancient religious systems, especially concerning the practice of meditation. Abraham has required that you retire alone and seek the stillness.

This refers first to stillness in the body. It is very difficult without much practice to attain heightened spiritual awareness during physical activity. The second is stillness of the mind. This step is considerably more difficult because the mind ever tends toward activity. Yes, these teachings are found from many sources generally. I wish this evening to clarify this practice.

The goal of stillness seeking is different. I request not the seeking of blissful ease experience, but rather the supreme exercise of true faith. The true faith of the child reaching out with courage toward the Father and the reciprocal downward reaching of the Father towards his child. This is the sublime experience in life, and much guidance, inspiration, foresight, and spiritual insight may be thus obtained as the reward of the sincere faith-seeking child.

I do not enjoin you to covet this practice for long periods of time. However, frequent repetition of this stillness, prayerful attitude, is very helpful and enlightening. I would suggest that we should attempt to seek the stillness every day for a few minutes. It is, or can be the most fruitful experience of your twenty-four hour day. It is often the practice of men to be so busy with their day to day thinking activity so as to simply forget the higher realms of thinking, reacting, feeling, experiencing, which are possible by the simple practice of: one, aloneness. Two, stillness of the body. And three, stillness of the mind. I wish to elaborate on three—stillness of the mind.

This is the most difficult aspect of the practice. It sometimes requires a considerable amount of practice in order to have the ability to sustain mental stillness for a time length. This should, however, be practiced with diligence and reward will follow. I say to you with surety that this simple practice will surely help to increase the mental peace and well being, the emotional happiness and feeling of well being, and also the physical health and well being, for this process of allowing of the contact of the Thought Adjuster through the super-consciousness is, in itself, a very healing process.

DILIGENT PRACTICE

The great spiritual power inherent in the presence of the Thought Adjuster is never ever realized in mortal consciousness. You can expand this consciousness of God awareness by diligent practice, conscious thought, consciously centering the thought process on him and also on Christ Michael. But the full consciousness of such extremely powerful spiritual beings cannot be realized during the physical life. So powerful is he that for even a momentary full consciousness—that is, his being filling your consciousness completely—which is not to say complete consciousness of him, but complete consciousness possible of him, would result in translation. That is also the Deity embrace.

His supreme desire, of course, is to reach you more fully day by day. To impart his guidance, some of his awareness and his teaching directly to your mind. What a change of life results from the sincere effort to listen and to receive him, his guidance, his instruction, his presence. What a supreme experience! What a supreme delight! What a supreme advancement in your own personal spiritual development.

This conscious awareness of God directly results in the immediate transcription of this consciousness to the soul. This soul consciousness is immediately upstepped and made more perfect and divine and thus more like him. These soul transcriptions are permanent parts of the ascendant self which is never lost, is a permanent reality. And this permanent reality is made by your conscious decision to make it.

A supreme responsibility thus lies with each person to, in partnership with God, become conscious increasingly of his awareness, being, presence. And this in turn creates a new awareness, being, presence, in the morontia soul, which is your true self. This truth is ever present from then on, is at that beginning moment a never-ending true being.

I have spoken in the past about the unconscious growth of the soul and so tonight, I take you one step further into conscious growth of the same soul by your own efforts. Although these efforts and the fruits thereof many be very satisfying, and even thrilling, do not be disheartened or discouraged if you are not comfortable with this. All true desire of the daughter or son is rewarded by the Father when that desire is to be like him, to be more of him, and to express his reality within your uniqueness. This expression of God is most often not a conscious effort, but the simple revelation of grace that the ever growing and expanding soul reveals to the world even without full consciousness of such growing grace by the person.

You are all growing in grace, in truth, in light, in beauty, in goodness, very slowly, sometimes faster. Do not become discouraged, for this growth proceeds by your awareness or not. Spiritual growth is transforming, and this transformation is never sudden. The seed does not become the tree overnight. All growth, physical morontial spiritual growth, takes time for completion. Yet as this growth is accomplished and certain levels are attained, consciousness—even sudden consciousness of this growth—may happen. And this increased awareness thus augments this growth and thus allows further growth and development to occur unconsciously.

FAITH

Faith in the heavenly father is a transforming experience. Faith is the channel through which the mortal person perceives the Eternal Father. It is the living link between the two—so far separated.

Without faith there is no growth. Faith revitalizes and rejuvenates the body, the mind, and the soul. Faith is opening the door of the heart and mind and allowing spiritual presence entrance. Faith is the active grabbing of spiritual truth, the active incorporation of spiritual reality into one's very being.

It is the ladder to the infinite. Faith is active and requires activity on the part of the faith believer. In order to utilize spiritual currents of the universe, one must actively seek and use them. What purpose is this ladder if you don't climb it? Faith is the use of the living God presence. His spiritual presence is always with us, yet it requires faith to utilize this presence.

Faith is strengthening by its very nature. Faith is supreme, the supreme will-dominant factor in spiritual progress. Faith is man reaching up to God and God reaching down to man. The reach of faith must be made to take that hand.

Faith utilizes the vast storehouse, rather the bath of spiritual energy which envelops us always, surrounds and enfolds us. One may have intellectual recognition of this, but faith is the active daily utilization of this truth. Faith is only limited by yourselves. Faith can be boundless. It is immeasurable.

It is the free will act of choice. Of choosing first to recognize God; second to understand God; third to appreciate God; and fourth to actively seek to do his will. Faith is the act of making his will your will—and this act is the greatest liberation man can know.

THE LIVING CHANNEL OF FAITH

At our previous meeting, I discussed the living channel of faith and its transforming effects. I now wish to return to this subject in order to broaden and deepen your awareness of faith as the healer in all aspects of life.

Faith is the priceless treasure which cannot be bought and sold. It is free for the willing child of God. Faith is the living channel between the creature and the Creator, the soul to its father, the son and daughter to their all powerful, all wise, all loving and merciful eternal parent.

This living channel is indeed an umbilical cord. It sustains and strengthens the child-creature in health, in mental efficiency, in life performance, and in the transforming ability to bestow the Father's love on one's fellows.

Only by faith is his love received. Only by faith does this love pour outward. Only by faith do we become a living channel of love. Only by faith do we grow and ascend. Only by faith are we ascended and received. Only by faith are many truths understood, or, I would say, spiritually felt.

There is no other technique. Only by faith are we saved. Only by faith do we know him. Only by faith do we allow him to know us. It is faith which strengthens. It is faith which destroys error. It is faith which makes you perfect one step at a time.

By faith you are healed in body as well as soul. By faith is spiritual power known. By faith are small things made great. By faith is the mind brought to understanding of spiritual reality and truth. Faith is the living way, the way shown by the wayshower, Michael, when he was made flesh.

By faith the door to the kingdom is opened. By faith we enter. By faith we are made safe and secure in this understanding. Faith is the wellspring of goodness which overcomes our evil. By faith we are brought into the light—the light which cannot be darkened or diminished—if by faith it is truly desired. I will leave you with the prayer that God's peace and his love be upon you always and forevermore. Shalom. (ABRAHAM)

ONE GOD

There are many things written in the Bible which are very uplifting and many passages or whole books which are very down-casting. In my day, before the Bible was written or compiled, there was very little writing. We relied on verbal messages practically completely. Traditions and new teachings were kept within the mind of the people or person learning.

Each person learned slightly differently from every other, and his or her personal slant or interpretation on a direct teaching colored it forever. These people, who were taught by Melchizedek, went forward into the world and passed this knowledge on as purely as possible until they died. They were admonished to train at least ten individuals of the younger generation as succinctly as they could these same teachings and then they each, ten, and so forth.

You can see that within just a few generations the teachings would spread, but in the process become diluted and become mixed with other beliefs held by people. The main message or seed teaching of salvation through faith was essentially lost in many parts of the world but remained strongest—especially the One God concept—near the center of the Melchizedek bestowal, in Palestine.

The one God concept has remained strong through Christianity and is generally accepted throughout the world. One God for all peoples is a basic concept in most religious understandings. We wish now to extend this concept of one God for all peoples of the earth to one God for all worlds.

The concept of God over the earth is limited and anthropomorphized. The concept of God for all worlds, all space, for all time is infinite and eternal. The concept of the Infinite is partial and fragmentary at best in your state of being, but the attempt of understanding of this intense concept is, in itself, enlarging. The understanding of a personal Infinite is enlightening, and I will attempt, as will Ham through many lessons, to enlarge and strengthen your conception of the eternal Father. (ABRAHAM)

GRACE

Our lesson today is about grace. The connotation of this concept requires clarification and a broadening of understanding. The great personality attribute of our beloved sovereign Michael is his matchless grace. It is seemingly a feminine attribute, although this is a misunderstanding on the part of humankind.

Grace consists in the effortless adherence to Father's will. He and she who exhibit grace are free from inner conflict which can manifest in seemingly masculine personality traits as over-zealousness, as over-eagerness, as over-punctiliousness. And the effortless allowing of events to unfold often is perceived as unmasculine intuitiveness. Grace is neither masculine or feminine. Michael's matchless grace is his permanent place as our Father's son. His grace is the result of complete and final reliance upon Father's will and his will concerning those others around one.

Effort is required to always look after yourself and others as though you are unsure of Father. Grace is that sublime surety, that open allowance, that effortless being or existing in God's eternal moment which frees the personality forever afterward.

Let the heathen rage. Let the misguided stumble. Let the blind teach sight, let the deaf explain hearing. Think instead upon your still waters. Ponder instead God's beauty, his wonder, his love. Allow yourselves effortless within your divine placement and know he has already provided for your needs. Give yourselves grace of being as the Master exhibited grace so supremely, "as he walked by."

When we become minded to fall back into old customary patterns of worry, remember the Master's effortless grace. This refreshing understanding itself cannot fail to lighten your burden and will so always.

Grace indeed is fragrance from the soul. Grace acts to create an atmosphere of calm and peace. Grace acts to draw forth the loving attitude within people. Grace seeks not to inform another about yourself, rather comes from a spiritual spring which ever attracts

the thirsty without effort. As the dew of morning ever blesses the tenderest grass, so does grace bless those who exude it. Make wisdom your ally, but grace is your handmaiden.

TRUTH

Truth is soul experience. Truth is that experience of knowing reality. I teach truth for I teach spiritual reality. Reality and its repercussions within the soul is truth. Facts, on the other hand, are things known intellectually only. So that one may be correct as to the facts of a given situation but wrong as to the truth of the meaning of the situation.

For example. The facts are that there are people in this room listening to my discourse. The truth is that my discourse has drawn the people to this room, and the meaning of this may go beyond our understanding for the true meaning of the God-knowing person receiving the words of truth of God creates a new meaning. This meaning is a part of the Supreme Being, which is beyond my understanding.

Truth is like a bell. The bell rings and creates waves of sound which are not the bell. The waves of sound reverberate in the listener and the listener gives it meaning and appreciation. The listener is understanding the bell. If that bell were God and his ringing, his words are coming to the listener—how much more meaning is that?

Truth is everlasting spiritual reality, which is God. Facts are simply things known or accepted as known. These two—one on a spiritual reality plane and the other on a material reality plane—are very different concepts.

Truth is ever abiding, that is, it is eternal. We may know truth in fragments, in partial shadow, in lines which fade and grow dark. The truth I speak of today is the truth of the one eternal Father. His truth passes not away, nor is it true for a time. His truth is ever abiding and true for all time. Of this truth, we may see but as a pinpoint of light the blazing glory which is his truth, yet that pinpoint of light is our guidance, is our hope, is the source of our destiny and the goal of the ages, for truth is an experience of the soul.

It is that knowing sense of identification with reality. It is that shock of affirmation. It is that quiet glow of wisdom. Truth is light. Truth is spiritual light which forever banishes darkness. I repeat: truth is light which forever banishes darkness. There is no shadowy uncertainty in the truth. Truth is light which forever banishes darkness.

Our Father is no respecter of persons. There is no prophet who stands above anyone. All are equal in the Father's eyes and equally precious and deserving of his individual loving care. Many, many times I have thought on this great truth. Wise it is for you to do so also. Not to say that you are more enlightened than your brother as a sense of ego satisfaction. No, rather give thanks for your understanding. Give thanks for your measure of enlightenment. And give thanks for the privilege of shining forth to your brother and sisters.

GOODNESS

You have been told of the spiritual water of life. That this water consists of truth and beauty and goodness. You have been told that truth is a spiritual reality and exists with love as an experience of God. His goodness is our topic this evening.

How do I portray to human minds this concept termed goodness? This is a difficult assignment for goodness is so vast, so all encompassing—enthraling is perhaps the word. It is dynamic. It is powerful. It is the way. Goodness is like a river, is like an ocean. It flows through you, through the open gate of the heart.

It is the law. The law is life. Goodness is life itself. It is the real of life. It is not shadow, not error. It is everything for goodness is God.

Goodness goes together with mercy as God's way of reaching the mortal mind. He is love in one hand and mercy and forgiveness in the other. Mercy is not the, perhaps, entirely correct word, but close. Close. This mercy is complete and total understanding of each individual mortal. The awareness of human failings, the forgiveness that comes with that understanding, you see, is total and complete, without reservation or misgiving.

Father in heaven is our Father in truth, acts in a fatherly fashion and always in love—complete unconditional love. Excuse me. Unconditional is not quite correct. His only condition, if it can be called a condition, is the return of that love by his children. But you see, he is so all goodness, all forgiveness, that even this is understood—even the non-return of love is understood. Isn't it wonderful?

You all have your good days, bad days, your in-tune days, not-in-tune days. Many times he is there, his hand is there to grasp your hand. You see it not, but it is there. Each of you should try to see the hand that waits to grasp your hand. That is the true goodness of a father who holds and guides his child in safety and security.

Then I will leave you with that. Open the gates of your hearts. Opens the eyes of your minds and allow the father to enfold you. Allow him to grasp you. Allow him to love you. Allow him to lead you.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The man Jesus discussed at great length this topic and very little is found in your New Testament records. His mission was a beginning, an opening to being the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth. At that time, he of course foresaw the bringing to this world the teachings which would make possible the first beginning stages of light and life for the beginnings of the kingdom of heaven.

His mission foresaw ours. He foresaw the establishment of Christianity. He foretold of the skeleton-like nature of modern Christianity which has borrowed from pre-existent and extant teachings of the day, which has been modified and splintered to an extensive degree.

Christ Michael is personally concerned with the welfare of Urantia as a whole, of Christianity, and especially, of all Christians. His words have been made to ring hollow in the hearts of men. He would fill them again. Our mission, you see, is sponsored by him.

He said that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed planted in the hearts of men. It will grow. It will grow quickly, grow strongly, and firmly rooted in their hearts. The kingdom of heaven is like the lost talent that the person searches for, and searches, and searches, and searches until it is found. It is so precious and yet, it is lost in this world and so few seem to be searching any more, really searching!

Mankind is caught in this struggle for material comforts and personal prestige and power, and that to men is important. So strange this is, when the enthronement of God the father in your hearts is what is true and meaningful and is really an emergency. It is an emergency! It is that important! If you could but understand how serious this is. One's allegiance, one's hopes and faith must be centered on God alone and not be worried about material comforts. These things are prepared for you, are given joyfully by the father. Your first duty, your only duty, is to do his will—and this is of paramount importance for me to impress upon you this evening.

Each of you has guidance. This guidance can be strong or weak or non-existent. Therefore, by your decisions, you strengthen your reception of guidance by choosing the Father's will. By so choosing, it is easier. By so choosing, you lighten your burden. By so choosing, life becomes a pleasure, not a struggle. You become a fountain of spiritual refreshment to your fellows, not a burden to them. You become a light in the darkness to all around you, not another stumbling block in their darkness. The light within your heart will shine brighter—the love that you bestow upon your fellows more genuine. Your happiness will increase. Happiness is not found anywhere else, not true happiness.

Your willingness to be here tonight attests to your willingness to do these things. Father, the spirit of the father, is in each person and he knows and understands each one of you completely. There is nothing to hide from him. Open yourselves to him. Your willingness to do so will give you peace. Your willingness to be led by him will give you mental tranquility. In mental tranquility, spiritual light shines brightest.

The material mind rebels against spiritual leadings and, at certain times, needs our discipline and perhaps even a chastisement by your higher natures. If so, it does not hurt you to discipline your minds. To always consider the spiritual consequences of any action so that decisions become more clear—where you begin to walk out of the gray area and see with clarity the necessity of your decisions.

The man Jesus gave us a prayer: FATHER, THOU IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BY THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink. The kingdom of heaven is spiritual. This is a fundamental basic concept that is missed so often by the churches of the world. When Jesus walked the earth, his teachings were more advanced than could be grasped at that time and even in this time. These teachings are the fundamental building blocks which we will use to expand upon and clarify for the enlightenment of mankind.

The light of the world. ‘While I am in the world, I am the light of the world,’ said Jesus, and now we have come to kindle this light once more. To proclaim liberty to spiritual captives, to bring the good news to those who sit in darkness. A message of joy and hope is what we should offer—liberty, freedom from meaningless tradition—outdated tradition perhaps, would be more precise.

Tradition, you see, has an inertia of its own and comes down, is passed down through the ages from generation to generation and on and on until the meaning of these traditions is practically worthless in modern day. With such rapid change, these traditions become very quickly outdated as you can witness in the Muslim world. For example, the borrowing and lending of money at interest is not allowed, yet the economic necessity for such procedures is overwhelming and therefore, the economy suffers and stagnates under the weight of mores that are no longer relevant in the modern world.

Long ago on your world, there existed a tradition that a man should beat his wife. This was not a ‘could’ but a ‘should’ beat his wife as a regular practice. Of course, this tradition is in modern eyes a ridiculous thing and abhorrent, yet it was a tradition nonetheless and honored at the time. There are many such examples. Therefore it becomes of necessity to distinguish that which is of a purely traditional and cultural nature and that which has spiritual significance and meaning.

The most significant tradition could be found in the sacrament, which can certainly be practiced freely, of the bread and wine that Christ gave in the last supper. This is an example of meaningful tradition. He said, ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’ It has meaning.

The kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is like a grinding stone grinding wheat. The kingdom of heaven makes smooth, makes usable the coarseness of life. The kingdom of heaven gives meaning to tradition. The kingdom of heaven gives light and hope and freedom to the soul. It will sustain and nurture all aspects of life and will remain itself intact as water remains water.

I see a stone grinding wheat. This work is the kingdom of heaven. This preparation of that which was raw, which was wild, which was unusable, is ground by the kingdom of heaven and made usable, made nourishing, made sustaining.

The kingdom of heaven will transform that which is growing wild into the bread of life for the service of mankind. The kingdom of heaven is like a threshing floor. It works to separate the wheat from the chaff. The kingdom of heaven is active. It is a living, spiritual, active reality.

These basic concepts are much spoken of in your churches but not well understood. We hope that through many lessons such as this to clarify these ideas and strengthen your faith in them for the basis of our work has been laid long ago. We only need to look at the gospel with fresh eyes.

DEVELOPING SOULS

There exists a difference between the idea or the thought of God on the one hand, and the experiencing reality of him on the other. Most people have an idea of the Lord as an abstraction almost, with very little interpersonal communion or feeling development—soul development. It is the experiencing of God which develops the soul.

It is the mental capacity for understanding this experience, humanizing the experience, and personalizing this experience which causes those spiritual forces to mobilize and cause spiritual growth for the individual.

There is no spiritual growth without thought, without the thinking, reasoning, wise understanding of the spiritual experience. At first, this experience is limited and fleeting, yet if it is pursued wisely, sagaciously, this experience becomes, and makes the individual become, more and more real as you realize your potential spiritual growth.

This active transfer of purely spiritual along with mental energies causes the phenomenon of soul growth. And this soul becomes a morontia reality even while you are yet mortal. It is the combination of the material, mortal, mental process with the purely spiritual input from the Father, the thought adjuster, that produces a new reality.

This is a lifelong project for both parties involved. The mortal mind must grasp and understand the spiritual reality for it to be made real for that individual. It is the process of becoming who you really are. A process of realizing your mortal potential which shall extend to the morontia worlds—but it is begun in this world.

Therefore, it is important that you receive and understand my teachings. It is important that I make these teachings clear and understandable—if there are any doubts or problems in understanding, please do not hesitate to say so.

Question: Could you define spiritual realities in terms a mortal can understand?

Answer: Yes. Spiritual realities. I have difficulty in trying to convey this because it is the only reality for me. For you who are in a much more limited state of perception, this is more of an idea than a truth. This truth is as real to me as the chair you are sitting in is to you. In order to perceive this spiritual reality of the world, one must see with spiritual eyes, perceiving the value, the beauty, the goodness which go beyond mere physical realities. Sometimes it is difficult to expand the mind to the point of grasping the greater spiritual reality, yet with this grasping, this expansion in order to enfold and incorporate this greater reality into your personal experience, this causes spiritual growth and soul ascension.

GREED

There are many forms of this human characteristic of greed. Most of the time we think of greed as concerning monetary related values. This is not always so, for greed is a deep-seated human emotion characteristic. It is manifested in many other ways also, such a selfish desire for attention from others and the lack of consideration for their needs.

It is important to recognize greed in its many manifestations. It is not a mortal sin, however. No. It is rather a leftover from primitive times when self-preservation was more necessary. Now, in your modern day it is seen as childlike.

The mature person is grown beyond the mere innate instinctive passion for self. The mature person is seeing him and herself in a broader context. You understand your dependence and devotion to others and to God. This understanding of yourself within a community network, all dependent on our Father, frees you from instinctive fear for self. One can begin to root out the weeds of greed and other self-serving motivations, for it through understanding of reality that one can become fearlessly unselfish.

FREEDOM

My teaching tonight shall include thoughts on spiritual freedom and life. Spiritual freedom is true freedom. It is the essence of a happy and boundless life. There are no bonds and shackles to hinder the true expression of one's innermost nature. This is freedom.

There is only limitless possibility for such a soul. There is boundless happiness, abundant health, and joy in life. The soul drinks the cup of forgiveness and love, the bread of love. You know no borders to your existence. You realize the inner nature so that this true inner nature becomes your guidance and yourself. This is the essence of doing God's will in your lives, for his will is to realize himself in you, for you to realize yourself in him, for the two of you to become one. For the two to express themselves. The personal expression of the human self is no less important than the divine expression of the divine self.

Next, I wish to speak of the shackles and bonds that bind us. These can be subtle or they can be overt. They are treacherous to spiritual growth and expression which is essential to a happy life. These bonds are culturally imposed, traditionally imposed, many times self-imposed out of misguided thinking. They are the chief impediment to happiness on earth.

These bonds are the bonds of thinking—too much self analysis and the comparison of self with an abstract ideal which leads to feelings of unworth or inferior worth. These feelings are to be abandoned. You need to progress courageously, forthrightly, steadfastly through this life without the impediment of too much thinking.

Sometimes it is better to allow the self to be and to become, to allow the spirit to flow through you, to allow love to radiate from you. This is sometimes best and easiest to accomplish. Happiness follows love, flowing love. Furthermore, I wish to say that the celestial beings here tonight, and with you always, express their appreciation and love for you and wish to say how pleased they are with the spiritual progress all of you have made thus far.

SHOW FORTH THE FRUITS

The Father in heaven is love, is mercy, is wisdom, and is guidance. The true parental attitude toward his children. His way may not be easy. His way, in fact, is never the easy way. It is filled with obstacles to your progress. It is filled with intrigue and hard, rough experience. This should never be forgotten. It requires courage, skill, and wisdom to progress in the kingdom.

You all know you are sons and daughters of God. You are all safely within the kingdom of heaven. I say this with authority. You are without exception within the kingdom. Progress from here will not be easy. This is a fact. You are all called to show forth the fruits of the spirit in your lives, to grow and develop character and sagacity in your dealing with you fellows.

We are certain. We are greatly dependent on your progress and certain of your eventual successes. We believe in you and have faith you all. And this I also say with authority. You will show forth the fruits of tenderness in your dealings with men; the fruits of wisdom in your answers to men; the fruits of love, of courage, and righteousness in all things however small.

It is the small but repeated action that impresses others. Constancy, constancy in righteousness, that you shall not waiver no matter what the temptation that befalls you. These things, these tests occur. In reality, they impede and hamper your stride. We require you to walk and progress in the kingdom that these obstacles will be courageously removed. That you will not stumble upon them.

So what is important? What is true? We know what is important. The lesser things will not hinder you if you do not allow them to. They will not hurt you. They will not stop you. You will not falter if you persist in thinking and acting according to the will of your Father in heaven and my Father in heaven. Up to now, I have used softer tones for you and emphasized his love for you. His acceptance and mercy and tolerance of all things. Tonight I feel the instruction to call you to service that we will begin shortly.

LOVE AS HARMONY

Love strikes the spiritual chords which always results in divine harmony. Harmony is the opposite of discord. It is strong and beautiful and simple and true. Harmony is balance. It is the balance between all spiritual things. That which sustains this harmonious balance is love. Our Father is the source of this sustenance and balance and harmony for he is love.

As in musical harmony, there is synchronicity of vibration or tone, and these tones, in their synchronous vibration, create music and this music is divine, the harmonious melody which is the perfect reflection of the Paradise center. Love, you see, creates that feeling of harmonious vibration within the soul, and this love-vibration-harmony, in reality, radiates from the soul's center, the heart.

What is love? Love is the spiritual reaction to and understanding of the divine harmony which is the Father. Love is supreme understanding. Love is delight, delighting in and rejoicing in the experience of God. Love is the understanding sympathy for one's fellows. Love is seeing them as our father sees them. Love is seeing yourself as our father sees you. Love is recognition of our father and your sonship and daughtership at once. Love is the overwhelming tidal wave of spiritual reality which washes through you, cleansing and nurturing and bringing to life new awareness. Love is the greatest spiritual reality there is. As the soul grows in capacity of understanding, forgiveness, tolerance, forbearance, hope faith and trust, so does its capacity to give and receive divine love. Our father is no respecter of persons. He loves all his children. We only differ in our ability to receive it.

My life is very rich in love. And I would wish the same for each of you. It is love which makes an experience truly meaningful. It is love which softens the hardships of life. It is love which deepens and enriches the emotions, the emotional life. It is love which turns the grayness of reality of day to day life into a colorful portrait of divine meaning and mutual understanding.

We are led to God through faith, but by our love of God do we know him. It is the supreme privilege rather than duty. It is the supreme privilege of man to love God with all his heart and all his mind and all his soul.

I say again, our father is no respecter of persons. We differ in our ability to receive him. Therefore, I say, open your hearts to him. Allow his love to flow through you. Allow

your life to be transformed by his love. And with the wise love of your fellows, deepen and enrich your lives. You will understand, you will witness, how goodness springs up, how goodness grows, how goodness becomes a passion in your lives. Even the Master said, "Why do you call me good? It is God who is good." It is God who is the source of all goodness, and truth, and beauty. It is best to center your minds on him were the Master's words. In time, you will come to see the truth of which I speak to you now.

PRAYER

It seems there is some confusion among you concerning prayer and the desire to pray more fully, openly, and efficiently to our Father. Prayer is a request, a request for divine help or intervention in a human problem, or a prayer may be one of simple thanksgiving and acknowledgement of divine rewards.

We shall consider the first, a petition. Petition for fuller understanding of his will; a petition that your friends and associates, family may further understand his will and therefore be more fully equipped to carry out or to deal with the problem at hand. Prayer is always efficacious. It is never failing when done in sincerity. Prayer is a tool of progression. It is the child person sincerely communicating with, and seeking the advice of the father person, God. In prayer, we must remember that our father knows all things, and though it is sound psychological practice to articulate our messages to him, this articulation, for Him, is a mere formality.

The act of coming before our father in humility with an open heart, prepared and preparing to adjust our wishes to the divine will, is prayer. The attitude of the prayerful soul is what is perceived and answered by our father. The attitude of the prayerful soul is what is changed in prayer, so that willingness to be changed, or the attitude to be changed, is the most important ingredient in prayer. We do not pray: Father, do my will, but rather pray Father, I wish to discern your will and to carry this out in my life. Therefore, the attitude of any particular situation may be changed in prayer.

Secondly, in petitions, often we pray for our fellows. We pray that their life situation may be made easier, may be strengthened, their attitude or their self will may be strengthened by divine guidance. Many times we pray that their situation may be changed. This is incorrect. It is correct to pray that our loved ones understand their situation, learn from it, grow spiritually from it, and move on themselves. It is correct to pray that they may expand in understanding of our father's will. It is correct to pray that they may receive divine guidance through their situation. It is incorrect to pray for a change in the situation. These prayers are unavailing.

The second aspect of prayer, that of thanksgiving, is wholly correct and acceptable. Prayers of thanksgiving enhance the awareness of divine guidance by the conscious recognition thereof.

Worshipful communion is another aspect of deity communication. This is a slow starting process which gradually increases with God consciousness. Prayerful communion is the conscious act of the creature attempting thought adjustment in harmony with the action of the Indwelling Spirit in order to achieve harmonious thought waves and action which results in adjuster mindedness. Pray that your consciousness of being is expanded to the consciousness of the adjuster, and that his divine will-action upon the mind is accepted and integrated into the thought process of you, his creature.

Thus, communion is an at-oneness with the divine thought adjuster so that, for certain periods of time, there is no difference between the thought-will pattern of the creature and the thought-will pattern of the father. This is a deepening experience of integration which, in my experience, only occurs over many years. As this worshipful adjustment of thought pattern becomes habitual, the will of God becomes manifest within your life. The wills begin out of tune, out of sync, out of harmony, and gradually, over time, these two thought wave patterns integrate into one another producing a one harmonious whole. And thus does the creature reflect and transmit the divine love feeling, will energy, thought emotion, of higher consciousness, Father consciousness, day by day. Bit by bit.

GOD THE SUPREME

My greetings this evening, I am Ham. I am your teacher. For many weeks I have been instructing you and observing the effect of my teachings upon you. Tonight we are happy to announce the decision of Melchizedek to give you a personal lesson.

Greetings, my children, I am Melchizedek, planetary prince of Urantia. My purpose for thus coming to you is twofold. First, I wish to extend my personal thanks to you for your steadfast and earnest faith and emotional security in this, your unusual and exciting learning experience. Secondly, I desire to present an important lesson which is given at only a certain time level experience of group coordinate understanding.

My lesson concerns your awareness of and reaction to the experiential God, the evolving Father/Brother, the Supreme Being, God the Supreme. When you understand your duty to his experiential status-growth, you begin to embark upon the supreme adventure of time.

His being-presence is ever evolving and is impinging upon your individualness or your sense of separateness nature. He is forever growing in experience as are you. Your experience contributes directly to the growth of this mighty and majestic spiritual being. As long as you see yourself as alone and separate, you are not seeing full reality. Your growth and being in all phases of reality—spiritual, morontial, and material, are all an intrinsic part of the Soul Supreme. You are existent in, through, and by his power. There is responsive reaction when a mortal experiences soul expansion. There is an equal reaction within the Supreme. The Supreme is God in time. I repeat, the Supreme is God in time. Time is a limitation of the perception of eternity.

My greetings, once again, I am Ham. This lesson, though short is of supreme importance for you to understand to the best of your ability. I would like to expand upon this in order to, perhaps, illustrate and make clearer the lesson.

Time and space are limitations, the principal finite limitations, in which the vast material creations evolve. In time does evolution and growth toward perfection occur. Time is a finite reality which is required for perfecting the will creature to increasingly understand and become Father-like.

Without time, we would be neither here nor there, neither imperfect nor perfect. There would be no growth. It is impossible for you, indeed, to imagine timelessness, so complete is this reality for you.

There is a necessity for this in the great plan of the ages. That is, for the beginning imperfect creature to gain wisdom, understanding, tolerance, forbearance, forgiveness, mercy, and love for his fellows by a long and intense struggle upward through the first life and through many others. Increasingly becoming more spirit and less material. Increasingly to seek the spirit and at the same time let go of the material.

These tried and tested beings are made ready for a future destiny beyond the Supreme. To reach for that destiny we must continually attempt understanding of the Supreme. The Supreme is God in time; therefore our efforts in time are part of a reality which is God. I see that there is quite a good understanding of this among you. This is pleasing. Your duty for his continual expansion into the material phase of his reality is to increasingly grow toward God the Father. You are thereby revealing and reflecting through your soul the reality which you are of the Supreme Being.

BALANCE

I desire at this time to commence with a lesson concerning the placement or positioning of yourselves in life. There are many factors concerned with your individual life's mission. One is family life. Two is professional life. Three is individual happiness motivation, fulfillment. Four is spiritual guidance. I wish to address these in order.

First, family life. Many of you have a rich and fulfilling life by the company and companionship of spouses and children. This intimate association fosters thoroughgoing understanding between all individuals within the family unit. This is a sublime experience which you should think upon as preparation for knowing father God. You will seldom outside a family unit fully understand and appreciate another fellow human being. The family is the basis of life and of all human associations. The love and tenderness evinced by the parents for a child is the closest approximation to understanding God that is possible in mortal life. This sublime tenderness is not usually exceeded.

Second, professional life. Everyday work is important in promoting dutiful associations among people. A sense of duty and responsibility is essential also to understanding the obligations to Divinity. Ethical obligations are tried and tested most thoroughly in the work atmosphere or environment. This sense of ethical duty may blossom further into the understanding of brotherliness. For oftentimes in this environment close associations may develop and the duty to your brother or sister is understood in a fairly complete manner.

Thirdly, the sense of happiness and play should be fostered and allowed freedom of expression. Recreation and light hearted human interaction are essential ingredients in the well balanced personality. Happiness and mirth are a release valve for tension and are conducive to becoming a more easily likable person. Those who take themselves overly seriously and cannot find the joy in living are very sad to behold. Their life is monotonous, boring, and tending toward the material—that is, being dragged down to worry and needless anxiety. Happy is he who can find the cheerful side of looking at reality. This greatly lightens the burden of daily life.

Fourthly, the spiritual placement and aspect of your earthly careers. This, of course, is the most important of these four, for the spirit will lead you to human happiness as well as purely spiritual fulfillment. Human happiness is greatly desired in the kingdom. We wish you all increased happiness and security in knowing that your place with God is absolutely unassailable and completely secure. He who can follow spirit guidance and leading is a happier man.

Much of the burden of life may easily be transferred to the Indwelling Spirit who, in his infinite wisdom, is unerring in his guidance. Much of the burden of life is felt but is illusory. Much of your earthly anxieties are absolutely needless.

May I repeat, much, in fact most of your earthly anxiety is needless, indeed, pointless. You must be aware of your indwelling spirit guidance. He is in control of your life—you need fear nothing. Many of the calamitous misfortunes are as easily dealt with through laughter as through worry.

In either case, worry nor laughter affects the calamity, only they have a great effect on your attitude and subsequent ability to cope with this particular or that particular problem. Laughter is the best medicine. Laughter is a healing and curing activity which greatly uplifts the attitude of the mental mind which is beneficial in seeing the full nature of the situation.

In worry, we tend to look at our feet, so to speak. In laughter, we tend to throw our heads back and look around us. Worry is inner consuming, laughter is outer releasing. Therefore I say to you—laugh! Laugh fully and often. Enjoy each other and be gay. Life is short. Many of the serious problems of the day are the mirthful reminiscences of tomorrow. Do not be heavy of heart. Lighten your burden, allow the Lord to take your burden from you. Be free in his spirit presence. Move easily and freely. Lovingly and joyously praise him.

MATERIAL PURPOSE AND MORONTIAL EXISTENCE

Tonight I wish to begin a teaching on the affairs of our constellation and its connection with our local universe. By decree of Michael of Salvington, the system circuits are being restored and are now nearing completion. Yes. I have spoken of this before, but this re-incircuitment into the greater spiritual communication circuits of the local universe will greatly accelerate our ability to communicate to and from Urantia directly to Jerusem, to Edentia, and even to Salvington. You see, this communication has necessitated the use of other circuits—angels and messenger spirits—which was a difficult and tardy process. Now that our circuitry is being reinstated, we will have news and information from a wider universe on a more regular basis. And we will be in personal touch with those high in authority who will be able to clear decisions to enable us to work more efficiently.

On the first mansion world, indeed, on throughout the mansion worlds is the beginning of teaching of morontia mota. This insight is beyond your physical level of awareness. It is a morontial sensitivity to reality which you, in your state, do not possess. There is a greater philosophy in mota* than you can even begin to be aware of in your earthly way of thinking. It is not only expanded awareness, it is expanded thought and receptivity to ideas, reason, logic, sensory awareness, spiritual sensitivity and insight, and the blending of the spiritual, the mental, with the general sensitivity of a, for lack of better term, bodily awareness of reality.

On these mansion worlds, you will be more sensitive to the presence of your Thought Adjusters. The actual presence of God within you will be a greater awareness, an extreme sensitivity, a focalization which you cannot begin to perceive as you are. Even in these first mansion world existences, though he is still apart from an actual fusion of the two minds, the guidance is extremely clear. His presence is extremely clear and well known and felt. His words are clear and distinct. It is as though there are two minds within a single bodily frame of energy that may be very closely linked in awareness. His overcontrol of thought pattern is almost complete. The morontial mind thinking pattern will be more closely attuned to the Adjuster's expression of the Father's will so that if there is a deviation, that deviation is immediately known by the subject. You can easily attune your will, your mind to the will of God as forecast by the Adjuster.

This seems to many of you to be strange, to be something of a surrender of will to an over-control which you are unsure of. This over-control is not something which you will be unsure of by that time. His presence within you now is something very much a part of your being. It is sensed as a being apart from you. On the mansion worlds in the morontia form, the entire sensory apparatus is different. You are becoming more who you are. You are becoming more Godlike and more spiritually sensitive and aware of those spirits surrounding you and guiding you in your morontia career as they guide you here. Though you are largely unaware, in the morontia life you will be much more sensitive and aware of their presence.

The destiny guardian angels who have guided you in this lowly existence are also present on the morontia worlds, the first mansion worlds. They are relieved of their immediate duties as destiny guardians and are released to follow the ascendant career as ascendant beings. They are still companions, but their guardian duties are no longer necessary. There again, you will be able to perceive these beings as discrete entities which, in the state you are now, is really a near impossibility.

The morontia life is much more enjoyable than your toiling and stressful earthly experience. You will see with divine clarity the purpose of your ordeals in this life. And you will appreciate the ordeals themselves and the guidance which brought you through them. This appreciation will be a great unburdening of your worrisome self, for you will be able to know your purpose. You will be able to foresee your future purpose, and all of this together will be a great relief as well as joy in your innermost core.

This life is not without a greater purpose. Your ordeals, your suffering, your hardship, are for a divine reason! Rest assured, when your short life has been run, when this race of existence is completed, when you reawaken in glorious resurrection in the worlds on high, you will know that your life has had divine meaning.

Our material lives may many times seem haphazard, seem futile, seem purposeless and barren of redeeming value—yet I assure you with the authority of one who knows, of one who has survived a material existence and has gone on to greater, purposeful, meaningful existence—I assure you that your life, your toil, your work, your stressful suffering is meaningful, is purposeful, and has supreme value.

God is not only with you in times of meditation, in times of spiritual thinking, in times of elevated consciousness of his being, he is with you day in and day out...through your days and your nights of labor. He is beside you. He is watching over you. He is entrusting you with the task of the ages. With the task of—by your decisions, by your life influences, and by your influence in life—to grow...to develop...to become more perfect as he is perfect.

You who are called to this teaching are called to emit a broader light, are called to become perfect, are called to shine forth that light of divine goodness and truth to your fellows as the apostles were called of old. There will be many trials for you, individually, to endure, yet, I say to you with utmost surety that God is never gone. He is never far from your side. He is with you. He is with you through it all. You may easily look to him and his guidance will be there. I say this with authority of one who knows. If his guidance is sincerely sought in any circumstance, this guidance will be forthcoming.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND GUIDANCE

There is in each person a place where the tender shoots of new spiritual growth occur. This innermost space is wisely protected by your own being, and yet needs a certain

amount of light and air. It is good to open your hearts as it were, to the light, to the gaze of others, to the spiritual water which others may give—and to the world.

This inner tender place can yes, be a little too tender for too much. This place in circumstances of trust should be opened, should be developed, should be allowed a little freedom for the wider growing of the soul. It is good to establish and to cultivate close friendships which enable the flowering of the inner self, the opening of the inner self to the gaze of others which gives confidence in that inner self in the person.

There is much hiding in life. There is perpetuation of mediocrity in allowing this inner self to be hidden and perpetuated in a mediocre realm of existence. It is only by allowing the flowering of this inner self that true individuality is seen. This inner self must be shown to a wider world. When it is, much can be done, much creativity and openness and flowering occurs, for there is connection between that inner self of the person flowering and the inner self of all those perceiving it.

I do not espouse a complete openness of every single aspect of a person's life, but the discussion of the inner self is extremely important. You will find greater acceptance of yourselves than you think. This is always the case. It is not only your Inner Spirit or angels who understand you, but your friends, your associates, your loved ones. When there is true expression and understanding, this is mutually beneficial and growth promoting, for you see, then those tender shoots become not quite so tender and grow into robust plant forms, for want of a better metaphor.

I had another lesson to teach tonight. It was on the necessity of love in Father's guidance in your lives. Father's love comes through a person and is bestowed upon those near him or her as spiritual water. The Father's love acts to bestow acceptance, to bestow love, to bestow guidance, unerring guidance, forgiveness, tolerance, understanding, wisdom, and truth.

When this spiritual water flows through one person to another, it is as though God himself is accepting this person for who he is. And it is this acceptance and forgiveness which all humankind craves. For you to be personal ministers of the word of God, it is necessary for your being to channel this love of our Father—to bestow acceptance, forgiveness, love, and tolerance on your fellows as you would hope for forgiveness, love, tolerance, and acceptance from our Father.

This is a daring feat. It is not a cowardly act. It is a courageous act. This act of courage will result in a response of your fellows to you in ways which you will find surprising. It is by love that this is accomplished. It is not preaching. It is not earthly "thou shalt not" ministry. It is simply love. Simply love and its repercussions in that person. This is what I ask you to practice.

ASCENT OF MAN

All of you are equally on a path of increasing spiritual enlightenment and the unfolding of increased levels of liberty and service. With increasing levels of spiritual understanding there is corresponding increase in relative prosperity, happiness, equanimity, awareness of justice, tolerance, understanding, foresight, spiritual insight and love.

With this increased spiritual awareness, there is a corresponding level of spiritual liberty granted to you. This joyous liberation from the chains of intolerance, injustice, ignorance, slothfulness, etc. is found in these increasing levels of awareness so that you become more unselfish and less intolerant of the faults of others. You are then allowed an increased circle or realm of action which is based on service.

Loving service is the basis of the social fruits of all true religious experience. The more you serve your fellows, increasing your level of awareness and understanding of them, the more you increase your love and devotion to God. The more you understand your fellows, the more you love them. The more you serve your fellows, the more you love them. These three aspects of life: understanding, spiritual awareness, and service—these are love based and love dominated.

You must learn to love yourselves. This will enable you to understand and forgive yourself as you can understand and forgive another. This is the basis of true self-respect.

As I was saying, with increasing levels of spiritual awareness, spiritual liberty and social service is bestowed upon the individual; also an increased awareness of duty, and love of that duty—the duty of love. As you grow in your wise love of your fellows, grow ever increasingly toward the expanded love of your Father. Learn to bask in the light of his love for your lives will be transformed by it. We first accept the love of God as a child and then we learn to walk in the light of his love as adults.

There is profound self-respect, self-knowledge, self-control, and self-understanding involved in spiritual growth. Self control is a very important aspect of spiritual growth and comes with the bestowal of increased liberty. No longer are we shackled by the “thou shalt not” doctrines of traditional religion. No. Instead you are a liberated daughter or son of the living God.

The self restraint and self control exhibited by mature and growing personalities is evidence of the working of the mature mind in conjunction with the spiritualizing effect of increased spiritual contact and awareness. No longer do you walk like children, but now you stride the path of spiritual freedom with increased self restraint as full fledged men and women, citizens of the eternal kingdom of heaven. Maturity is ever a measure of self restraint.

Often we have discussed adversity and its effect. The most pronounced effect is in this learning of self restraint. The immature individual often invites calamity by unwise choosing and little self restraint. The repeated experience of the adverse consequences to unbridled behavior begin the growth of maturity. The maturing mind increasingly

welcomes self restraint by the repeated noticing of the beneficial effects of such action, or wisely restrained action or inaction, depending on the circumstance.

The will of the Father is for wise, seasoned, spiritually leavened, self restrained growth of each individual. She and he must learn their own way in this. It is not for me to give specific examples, for all differ. Many times as a child, I was wisely restrained from dangerous action by my parents. They increasingly taught me to restrain my actions on my own.

And so does the Father work in our lives by creating opportunity and restricting opportunity which would, perhaps, lead to unwise decisions and calamitous fortune. By the increased awareness of his action in our lives, we can follow a narrow path of action and limit possibility of misfortune.

So you see, my children, this guidance is not only with the listening to prompting, or spiritual thought messages, but also it is involved with the outer world as well. There are many lessons in life to be learned and you will learn all that is necessary for your spiritual development.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Tonight I wish to speak on the welfare of your brethren and your understanding responsibility for it. Many times in our lives we come into situations which evoke a sympathetic response for a fellow human being. Every day is filled with these actions and responses to them. That is, we each respond to the presence of another human in our own unique manner of sympathizing.

“Am I my brother’s keeper?” Yes and no. Each person has a certain radius of responsibility for those immediately within that circle of influence. Each person, of course, cannot be responsible for an entire community or state or indeed the world. As I have said, true love is born in an attitude of thoroughgoing sympathetic understanding of one’s fellows. This understanding must, perforce, be limited to only a relative few. The Urantia book states that one cannot by mere force of will love the world. Love exists only between personalities, not between an abstraction and a personality.

To see a person through the eyes of your greater self, to allow your Inner Spirit to communicate his vision of another is your greatest opportunity for increased understanding of that person. You see, our Father sees us all as little children, and each little child is behaving towards the other children in certain ways. If you see in circumstances where your brother or sister is troublesome to you that you may distance yourself from that situation, this allows you to have a more insightful view of this person and a more forgiving nature towards him or her. And I say this as a profound reality reaction feeling. This is not, again, a thought abstraction which you may do as an intellectual exercise. This is a true thought reality perception feeling.

When the apostles came to Christ and one said, “How often may my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Until seven times, Master?” Do you see that Christ, at that time, saw the apostle as a child in need of guidance toward this greater understanding of the Father?

Again, this is the same with forgiveness. You cannot blankly forgive the world of all its sins. This is nothing more than a futile intellectual exercise. Each person is accepting of divine forgiveness and human forgiveness according with their level of spiritual insight and perception of reality. Human forgiveness is, like human love, on a person to person situation. As we ascend on this road toward our Father and become more like our Father, we perceive his forgiveness to be individual.

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And now, I wish to change the subject and proceed on a different lesson. My next lesson will be on the subject of GRATITUDE.

Our Father has provided and given us many of the good things of the kingdom. We have been shown the road toward him is one of ease, a light burden, a happy countenance, and a sure step. For this we should be indeed truly thankful.

He has guided us through many a maze in darkness. He has surely shown us a better way to live. He has given us the bounty of his earth, his land, his timber, his flowers, his abundant food nourishment materials from the earth. He has given us a blue sky above. He has sent his rain to give us life. He has shown us his friendly sun and his endearing moon through many days and many nights. He has sheltered us. He has given us clothing. He has kept us warm in the cold and given us relief in the shade from the heat. He has given us the ability to know him.

Each of you has your life purpose before you. You are growing in his kingdom, in his love and wisdom and mercy. In this understanding of these, you are growing. I pray to our Father: may your roots be deep in loving kindness. May your trunks be great and strong to withstand the winds and the rains of adversity. May your tender leaves grow toward the loving sunshine of God that he may nourish and strengthen you and help in this growth.

For I say to you this day, there will be many who scoff at our teachings, who will tear at your branches and beat about your trunks that you may be, in their eyes, put down. Have strength in your faith. Be glad for your trials that you may be stronger for the next. And know your rewards in this kingdom are forthcoming for our Father withholds no good thing from his deserving children. As a knife must be sharpened against a whetstone to improve its usefulness, so must you all endure trials which, in the end, are benefits. A sharpening of your faith is all.

THE TRINITY

Tonight I wish to explain a very complex concept or universe problem to you. This concept is that of the Trinity, the existential godhead. This concept of three beings or personalities existent in one functional entity, that is, the Trinity, is a difficult concept to understand.

The ancestral one God being is also ancestral to all absolute concept God beings at once with the existential Trinity and also the Paradise Isle. I use a temporal term, ancestral, to describe an existential level phenomenon. This term implies a temporal relationship which does not exist, but it is useful in describing these matters to the human intelligence for you have to basis of understanding outside of temporal existence.

Eternity is not much more than a word concept in your mind, having never incorporated this level of understanding into your experience consciousness. This understanding is difficult to convey, so I will resort to time usages in order to explain an eternal reality.

The Father of all reality is first, existent. All other relationships stem from Him: absolute, finite, and in between. God the Absolute we think of being first. That is, the Father splitting from his absoluteness first. Absolute infinity becomes absolute on one level and non-absolute on another. God the Father, though being absolute, retaining absolute, retaining infinity, is freed from totality.

Then, we see the Paradise Isle for the purpose of material creation. Then, we see the Eternal Son—the absolute spirit, spiritual personality, first word from the Father. The first real personal self expression from the Father is the Eternal Son.

The Eternal Son is father of all spirit personality. Of all spirit, he is the center focal point, Second Source and Center, the source of Spirit. The Conjoint Actor or Infinite Spirit is the Third Source and Center. She is the center of all mind circuitry of all reality. She is the source of mindal reality as we perceive it. She is the mother/father of the vast hosts of angelic spirits who minister to mortal man while in the flesh. She is their source and part of their destiny, also.

This concept of the three persons of God who is also one is a difficult understanding for mortal mind. They function together very often as the Trinity and then also function in their respective combinations. This functional reality begat the central universe of Havona and all the existential perfect spirit personalities residing therein.

In the creation of the super-universes of matter and will creatures from this material life level of existence, God the father with God the son create the creator sons who personally create each local universe with its inhabitants. They are the designers of our reality. Your father, Michael, is one such Divine Son.

Do you see that your father, Christ Michael, your Jesus rather on this world, my Father/Creator Brother Michael, is of an extremely high divine level? I want you to appreciate this reality. So much time has passed since he walked on this world...and his message is diluted to the point of being almost forgotten. Forgotten in the theologies and confusion of religious thought brought about in the last 2000 years. If you look at and study modern religions, they have very little of his original message within their daily teachings.

He said, "My Father has sent me into the world that I may be the light of the world." And so now he has sent his representatives into the world that we may rekindle a bit of this light.

SONARINGTON

Tonight I wish to begin with a lesson on Sonarington. Sonarington is one of the Sacred Spheres of Paradise. It is the world of the Sons. You, all ascending sons from all seven superuniverses, pass through Sonarington on route to Paradise.

It is by all accounts exceeding beyond understanding in beauty and personal charm. This world is where you will most readily understand the Eternal Son's person. His person will touch yours. It is also a special world for the Creator Sons of the local universes. They have found personalization there and proceed from Sonarington to their future world stations. It is the most precious of the worlds for ascenders, finaliters. It is the first taste of Paradise and is forever enthroned in each finaliter's memory for all eternity.

For the memory of Michael, his birthplace is Sonarington and Urantia. For Michael, this world is his second birthplace and home. He will always take special interest in Urantia. You who have been born here are very privileged and cared for. It was understood in his day by him, Michael, on this world that this world had a special destiny before it.

You are the initiators of this rapid changing transformation of the world from darkness to light, from ignorance to wisdom, from despair to hope, from war and poverty to peace and prosperity. This is your mission on earth: you, my children, are special emissaries, role models, evangels, teachers of the new and better world to come. Think not lightly on this. This is a grave and awesome responsibility on which I am placing you. Much will come to pass in coming years.

THE FIRST MANSION WORLD

Tonight I would like to enter into a discussion of the celestial chambers of the first mansion world. "In my Father's house are many mansions." This is referring to actual structures on the mansion worlds.

The worlds are architectural and the structures are made of morontia materials. You may picture in your minds a very fine and beautiful tile or marble like substance which is more fine or delicate in molecular level construction than is marble. The molecular structure is hexagonal which makes this stone very fine, almost crystalline in structure. But it more closely resembles stone to the eye. These buildings are very large and have many rooms and corridors within them. Each wing or separate area has many small rooms for re-personalization. This I speak of is on the first mansion world—the resurrection halls.

Each person is resurrected separately and alone, separated from all the others. A morontia companion greets each new arrival individually upon awakening. The vast roll call of a dispensation is still administered on an individual level. The beauty and grandeur of these fine structures are very awe-inspiring and amazing to the awakened one. The expanded senses of color and sound are immediately apparent. More of the spectrum of light is visible, and color is greatly enhanced and expanded so that colors can be perceived on a more subtle and fine level than you can perceive them now. Hearing is expanded similarly and music becomes more intricate in that the notes can be heard on a more subtle level, also. In both sight and hearing, appreciation of beauty is greatly enhanced and broadened.

Also by analogy to these physical senses, if you can imagine the mind capacity level to be similarly broadened and the ability to discern subtleties, again, is enhanced, then you will have a fair understanding of how you will be on waking. Other senses are enhanced and spiritual senses, of course, are greatly enhanced. Your ability to discern your Thought Adjuster will be greatly magnified. Also you will be able to greet your guardian angel in a personal way—face to face, as it were.

You will also have a dwelling place on this new sphere. Shortly after registration on your new home, you are shown to a new dwelling place. These dwelling places are simple and efficient. They are not austere, if you think that, for it is all very beautiful. Many activities await you on your new home. Besides learning and spiritual advancement, you may also be employed in producing what you can best do.

For example, you who are musically inclined will find it easy to give of yourselves in self expression for musical enjoyment of others. This is very well thought of on high. Creativity in all areas is valued and encouraged—therefore, fear not if in this life you have insufficient opportunity for self-expression, for in the future, you will have ample opportunity to do so. Science, technology, art, teaching, exploration, theology, many of the things which you do here you will also do on high. At least this is true for the first seven mansion worlds. This talk, discussion, is given with the idea to keep hope alive in your hearts and to let you know what you do on this world is valuable.

STILLNESS

My lesson tonight is concerning the stillness. It is easy to achieve if you are diligent and steadfast in your application of the following ideas.

One, the stillness requires just that—stillness. It is most important to still the body in order to gain a quietness for the mind to be allowed to begin its quieting process. Any position is acceptable, of course, it matters not. Stillness and relaxation of the limbs, eyes, face, hands, and feet. This will help to facilitate stillness in the brain. That is, the electrical impulses coming from the extremities are lessened and therefore, the electrical activity within the brain itself becomes less.

Then the surroundings should be quiet. Stimulation from the auditory senses is most distracting and should be eliminated if possible. Third, the mental stillness. This particular aspect of this practice is the most difficult to achieve. Many of you are however, making great progress and strides in this section. Mental stillness is essential for Thought Adjuster communications to be received.

There is a metaphor in these teachings of still water reflected in the sun. When the water, the mind, is turbulent, this reflection is splintered and broken into a myriad of refractions. In the ideal stillness, for clarity's sake, the mind must, absolutely must, be still. Deep relaxations, mental stillness will without fail result in increased Thought Adjuster communications if you are patient and willing to commit this time.

The stillness is not meant to be an end in itself. It is the beginning of personal communion with God. You will receive in the stillness a consciousness of a feeling of higher self-awareness. It is in this higher mind state where communication between your Indwelling Spirit and your consciousness can take place. Often the older seers were content with only the god-consciousness sensation awareness. I'm asking you to go further than this, to do as Christ Michael did and reach communion—two way communication between your conscious mind and your Thought Adjuster.

Praying is most efficacious in this awareness feeling of God. That is, if you speak to him in prayerful attitude of childlike humility often, there will be a response—whether it is an inner change of attitude, peace awareness of his overcare, or the more direct directness of consciousness of intent, direction, or awareness of another—another's intent or direction. Or still further, there may be direct word-message flashed within into your consciousness even as word-message is received through Rebecca to you from myself, Ham. Also, this can be effected from your own Indwelling Spirit into your own mind consciousness level. Many of you have already received this type of communication and are aware of my words. Then, again, many of you are in the earlier stages of change of attitude-awareness of others and their attitude and this, in itself, is life changing.

God has his manner of communicating in allowing us a broader sensitivity awareness to other people and ourselves. This inner awareness is now developing within all of you and you are becoming more and more of who you are meant to be. Self realization is a word often used in connection with meditation. It is these early stages of meditation that are referred to. At even later stages of self-awareness realization, God consciousness,

communication between the Thought Adjuster and the consciousness—further, there is a oneness.

Future time, there will be no communication between two minds. They will be one mind. In doing the decisions of your greater self, your own Indwelling Spirit who comes from the Father, you are increasingly becoming like him. You are doing his will for him and for yourself. You are doing his will for him and for yourself. You are more closely attuning your will to his, your mind to his, your awareness to his. And, as I said, in future times they will be one.

And on that day when there is only one, you are immortal. You will come to understand the saying that here will be no more weeping. No more tears of sorrow, for he shall wipe away those tears. There are no more sins. For all your sins, though they be as scarlet, are white as snow. You have become true and noble and eternal citizens of the Father's kingdom where there is still adventure, still uncertainty, still reward for effort—still effort to reach the Father, but your success is assured.

The way is truly open, and the faltering is truly no more. This time of oneness is sought by all will creatures on all worlds, in all the universes in one way or another. This attuning of the creature will to the divine will is the Father's command: be ye perfect as I am perfect. This is the Father's one and only command of you.

FORTITUDE

This evening I wish to begin with a lesson on fortitude. Yes, there are many times when the road is rocky and difficult to pass over. In these times of difficult trials, it is easy to forget our true and lofty goal as we climb this mountain of living.

When it seems the road is impassible, it is sometimes incumbent upon us to wait and be still, patient, for in time the way is shown. It may be we must climb up into the heights of spiritual ecstasy which will show the way very clearly. Then there are times when it is incumbent upon us to pass another way below and into a way where the path is not clear. There is an undergrowth of cares. There are rocks and obstacles of worry and darkness and fright. These ways are difficult to pass through and many times we must stop. We must carefully watch each turn to be certain of our path. It is very difficult during these times to remember the high mountain top when the path was clear.

In these days when things are dark and troublesome, the path obscured and the way unclear, it is necessary to maintain an attitude of strength and fortitude to keep your courage about you and forge ahead through uncertain territory. The path of light lies just ahead, just around the next corner. The way you saw before you are still upon even though it may seem you are lost. You are not. Strength, spiritual strength, will keep you. Integrity and self respect and yes, even some pride is necessary for your survival in these times.

Keep your spiritual armor with you. The shield of truth, the sword of righteousness will protect you in these times of difficult trouble against the real and unreal dangers of life. Yes, fortitude and then, when the way is clear and when you see that you have gone on the correct path, you will be satisfied in your innermost self that yes, you saw the way and you progressed through it.

Wisdom. The fruits of wisdom ripen most readily in the dark. It is difficult to understand, but I tell you this is truth. Our most stable parts of our inner being are made so by this difficult passage. Our trustworthiness, our faith is strengthened. Our wisdom is ripened and our souls are made more perfect, even in these times of trial. Our Father has not created these worlds for your lazy enjoyment. They are roads of trial and the trial is hard, is steep, is difficult. It is purposeful.

Strength of character is not built on a bed of ease, ever. Strength of character is built brick by brick in the toils of adversity. When you are enjoying the fruits of your labor, when you have reached a plateau on your journey where you may enjoy the sun—enjoy the beauty of life, the fellowship—remember you are, and have been made who you are. Your character has grown mostly through times of difficulty.

You have learned patience. You have learned forbearance. You have learned tolerance. You have learned understanding forgiveness. You have learned to accept your lot to make the best of what you have. You have learned not to whine about the future nor regret the past but to carry on in the face of all that is coming to you. Fortitude is the watch word for this day.

TOLERANCE

Sometimes it is difficult to understand your brothers and sisters. They are all so very different—different thinking, different feeling, different emotional balance, different insights, different mental capacities, different upbringings, different world views. It is sometimes very hard to reach beyond this wall of difference that separates two individuals.

I tell you now that it is true: love will always banish all barriers between men.

Love is like a magic wand which may be used to make obstacles disappear. It is a hard tool to master. Much is dependent on surrendering to God, which is not controlling feeling emotion, but surrendering instead to love impulses which, when directed toward another, elicit this same love impulse in return. It is unfailing except in certain severe situations.

If your love is strong enough, if your heart is willing enough, if your mind is tolerant enough, then love will surely overcome differences, barriers, and obstacles between you and any other person.

Yes, this is hard, at times requiring a humility and meekness that is surrendering to the Father's will to a great degree. Some of you may feel it for a day or two then lapse back into offending your heart with worries, cares, concerns about others. I tell you this is not the way of God.

The way of God is complete and total love. The way of God is learning to find this love within us and letting this love flow outward to bless and give light to those who may sit in darkness. This also requires a tolerant mind, a mind which is willing to allow love to come first and understanding later. A mind who is willing to allow a greater mind to be its overcontrol. This greater mind is dominated by love.

ESCAPE

Our lesson this evening is on indolence and its counterpart, over achievement. These are altogether numbing and of questionable worth. They are the opposite manifestations of a single escape motivation.

Human beings desire to escape the central task of living, that is of sincerely searching for God. They then have recourse to self sedation by various means: alcohol, television, drugs of various kinds, over work, over exercise, and over stimulation of various sorts. These euphoria inducing methods are abundantly and persistently utilized in avoiding spiritual growth which entails self discovery and self mastery.

Using the world's ever beckoning enticements becomes life's entirety for many human beings. Self maintenance requires truly little effort in your advanced nation states while increasing leisure is utilized for avoiding the real goal of existence.

Either humans choose excessive acquirement which requires excessive work or they choose a numbing self forgetfulness in substance induced euphoria, avoiding the rigors of self adjustment to reality. Also those humans who initially seek Father in your religious institutions often become sidetracked into excessive rigidity in life's daily duties, also entailing excessive work. Often this life turns cold and sterile, the opposite of God's intent for his beloved children, and opposite of the initial intention of the devotee.

How then does one choose truly to follow the Master's voice, avoiding these pitfalls of human existence, while arranging life that provides for a family and for life's comforts without becoming enslaved in one way or another?

Our answer, as always, is simplicity itself. Our answer is that life's requirements are all enwrapped singly within life's basic requirement—that of loving God wholeheartedly and maintaining his love supreme within one's soul, so that our great satisfaction consists of those moments of intunement. Those moments of self surrender increasingly, incredibly into his will.

That's all, you ask. That's all? How is it then, how can life be then so complex? So ever entangling of one's will and attitude of searching? I answer that your confusion results in your substituting, your entangling of your will with matter. Material life shouldn't involve your will. As you see, God is spiritual presence. He claims will as spiritual reality entirely. As will increasingly intelligently, mindfully, morally is given to spirit, then will is transformed from inert clay into living spiritual substance.

Afterward is matter revealed as partial and shadowy, an incomplete repercussion of spirit into finite reality. As mentally this reality is realized, comes spiritual gladness, increasing sagacity, every widening circles of human influence, and truth is increasingly revealed through the man or the woman.

Let me tell you a story of a man who lived on a world which was threatening to become overthrown by evil. His voice reached those spiritually thirsting souls who began their quest hindered by superstition and materialism. This man trusted their light to overcome this darkness in time as a farmer trust his seeds to sprout in good soil. Therefore, he traveled to a new country and there he spoke again, revealing God's reality to those unfortunate souls who were mired in material problems and superstitious fears. Again his voice was heard by those who thirsted and again he trusted their Father to lead them.

Wheresoever this man journeyed, his words were heard near and far. He watered his seeds from afar. He dared to say there is spiritual bread given by the hands of the Master to all who hunger for him. He dared to proclaim that spiritual water is abundant for all who thirst and desire to find truth. He dared to proclaim that this reality is freely bestowed by the Master and by the Father and when it is partaken of, releases the soul into freedom. And even as he spoke, he could hear the chains of the ages unlocking. He could see the peace of eternity descending as he watched his beloved brethren reach for the Father.

Indeed is this man blessed. Indeed is this human life lived completely. No life, children, is truly lived except that it be lived for him who created it.

HAPPINESS

Our lesson for this evening is on happiness. Happiness, peace, spiritual fulfillment, is part and parcel of God-knowingness. Happiness, true happiness, springs from an eternal well. This well, found in stillness and solitude, wells up within the soul refreshing not only yourself, but all those who chance to come in contact with you.

Many years are normally spent in unhappiness, in passing happiness, that is. Happiness is not found in external stimulation, possessions, physical adornments, infatuations, or wealth. True happiness is only found within. Augmenting this happiness is our relationships with others. Friendships, fellowships of all kinds augments, strengthens, secures true happiness.

Remember you always have this refreshing well to drink from. All aspects of life are enhanced. Friendship is made more meaningful. Daily burdens are lessened. Distress of living is replaced by the joy of being. The wonder of existence replaces doldrums of the daily routine. Happiness must be shared for it quickly dies in solitude. Live life to its fullest by sharing it with your loved ones, your friends, your true neighbors. Sharing of oneself is Godly.

MERCY

Our Father is unbounded understanding. His mercy is abundant and ever available for you to draw upon. Our Father is always bendable or malleable to any situation. He is not inflexible. He is always able to respond to your innermost heart.

He is abundant in wisdom and this wisdom is merciful. No thought or deed is too far for his all-encompassing knowing. Blind iniquity stands alone by its own choosing. All who desire to know God and find their way in his bountiful kingdom are welcome.

No man may close the door our Father has opened. Abundance is his knowing, understanding, merciful forgiveness, and indeed joy at finding his lost children. Many of his children feel they must hide a part, a secret part, from his loving gaze. This is not true.

Our Father knows your hearts and by your willingness to open your secret places to him are you increasingly strengthened and indeed saved. His love is ever ready to respond to every opening of his children. By his power have you truly power. By his strength have you strength. By his love have you love.

It is by increasing to opening of your innermost being that you increase your God-knowingness and God-likeness—and by this you become a living channel for his light and love. Fear has no place between our Father and his children. Knowing his love is all that is required.

1992 LESSONS:

PROSPERITY

I am aware, in understanding, of your various needs and desires in the realm of material comfort and enjoyment. You are all undergoing times of increasing awareness of material life's overcontrol.

As you become increasingly aware of overcontrol in your lives and that of others, abilities are enhanced by awareness—ability to master situational relationships

concerning material well-being and monetary rewards. Not to imply unfair advantage taking, no, not at all. Rather the understanding of social levers of spiritual value and import which may result in augmenting material comfort.

Society, economics, economic society is run on personal relationships. Prosperity economically is enhanced through and by augmented spiritual insight into relationships. Personalities are economics. Yes. Even on a large scale and small are all personalities interacting with other personalities. Yes. It is only by augmented, enhanced, spiritual insight into personal true motivation that brings reward in all areas of personal reality.

Life is not a balance sheet. No. Life is your personal relations with others. Realize the great extent to which your personality can reach. Great things can and will be accomplished by and through you all. Be of increasing personal awareness and insight toward your fellows—your immediate associates first, then augmenting and going outward from there. Have awareness with all with whom you have dealings.

All dealings are personal. None are not. Life as you experience it is the geometric proportion of people you have dealings with. Yes, have awareness on all levels to which personality reaches.

ENDURANCE

Often in life's varied situations we are ready to give less effort than is necessary to achieve our objectives. Easier it is to give lesser effort and blame circumstances for our shortcomings. Easier it is to overcome our desire for a goal than achieve it. Often we let lesser distractions take precedence over full measure of effort toward our goal and use effort toward lesser distractions. Also we use them as an excuse to not achieve goals.

Life is busy, yes. Busy and full of distraction and cares. Be assured of your inner goals that they are sanctioned from your greater self who in reality is giving you goals and opportunities one after another. You may be disappointed today and jubilant tomorrow over these opportunities and goals which are within your grasp.

The ups and downs of mortal existence are, therefore, a reason you are thoroughly tested in all ways. You are required to overcome many small obstacles and even large obstacles to be sure of your serviceability, reliability, loyalty, and faith-trust toward the greatest goal of all existence: the goal of finding, discovering, growing in, and eventually reaching the Eternal Father.

You are all undergoing intensive training/testing for greater responsibilities and goals in the future. Keep your head above water by keeping the goal of your life in focus. It will invariably lead you to higher ground. Keep the attitude of perseverance and steadfastness in your life's reaction patterns. Doubt not the rewards of faith, loyalty, and trust in your inner guidance always.

Effort is required of you to reach your temporal destinations as well as the eternal destinations. All effort is rewarded. No effort goes unnoticed. You are all treading the path of mortal ascension and are required, therefore to exert yourselves to put one foot before the other and walk firmly, steadily, and surely ahead. I am here to help you in this path of mortality. I am here to teach you of your greater selves and goals. Fear not any more. Your path is steady, sure, reliable.

SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION

You are all beginning to perceive reality using spiritual vision. We are endeavoring through teaching and experience to enlarge this perception. Many years are required to even begin perception of true mota, for it requires the soul to become perceptive and experiencing, coupled with the intellectual understanding together. This dual perception is the beginning of mota.

You may not perceive reality well in using only intellect or only spirit. The true blending of these two results in a combined perception experience which transcends either one alone. Philosophy or theology is man's intellectual approach to reality. Metaphysics and various spiritisms is a spiritual approach to reality. These two are both limited, erroneous, and easily toppled, broken, for the over-extension in either direction is inherently unstable.

Ponder the spiritual value of a child, if you would. There is in this understanding a combination of direct value perception, to a degree, and the intellectual understanding of the child as creature of God. The love from God for the child is the key to understanding this perception. Is everyone following?

Very well. It is in your future to understand. When you do, this is meant to help your growth by promoting deep thought. Consider then, instead, a beautiful tree whose loveliness begins to be truly appreciated. It is impossible to be in harmony with God's infinite understanding appreciation. Gradually we can approach his understanding through spiritual insight and sensing this great beauty is not only through the intellect. That is, mechanical sight and mind perception.

With mind perception, you may count the branches. You may note the color. You may see if there are buds on them or birds nesting therein. These things you may see, but again the understanding of God's work is in spiritual perception. This perception is beyond sensory, being truly a morontial experience. So we are in beauty appreciation, coming a step closer toward value perception. All true value is from the Father, is consisting of an expression of himself.

Beauty exists everywhere. It behooves us, in humility, to stand before the beauties of nature in awe to begin this understanding. How small we are. How impotent in the face of the creations of God. If tonight were clear, I would suggest looking at the stars before

you retire. Pause to ponder on this vast creation in infinite variations and spectacular beauty.

Allow your ego to be humbled and childlike. It is truth and the only proper attitude. Also when pondering and reflecting upon the glory of our Father, consider that you are his child. How special you are to him. It is truly not comprehensible for us. One who is all powerful and all things who is, in fact, your Father. Allow this to help you grow inside, in stature and in worth to him. Allow not the trivial ego-centered self to dominate the true spiritual potential self. The emerging self.

THE CONCENTRIC CIRCLES

Good evening, I am Ham. I am your teacher. It pleases me to be here tonight and share in the new uplifting of will creature comradery. Your prayer is a grateful manifestation of group integration and begins the meeting with the power of focusing your collective God-consciousness. This evening I wish to begin with a lesson which will be regarding the concentric circles.

This understanding is, of course, multileveled. And it deals with the symbolization of concepts of the infinity or limitlessness of the presence of God the Father. Eternity, a word form which expresses timelessness, the self-existent Father, with the proposition of never beginning, never ending—each of these circles represents this concept.

The third and final expression is the ever present-ness of God the Father. Taken together, one recognizes that throughout the vast universes, there is no dimension of time or space that you may be in that, with the visualization of these concentric circles, will not remind and assure you of his presence. Thus, the last phrase of the prayer, “Wherever we are, He is,” applies in the broadest sense to this world experience, as well as to your entire ascending career.

This should be a great comfort for you and those with whom you associate. Those who are within your everyday immediate presence or throughout the brotherhood of the planet Urantia. Your departed brothers and sisters who have traversed this plane are likewise always in the presence of God. This concludes my lesson this evening.

LOYALTY

I would like to discuss the meaning of loyalty. Loyalty is a sacred blessed virtue. Our personal loyalties are the highest expression of self-worth. In personal relationships, our loyalties are paramount and precious gifts. Your innermost soul is exhibiting its highest and most profound beliefs.

Our first and foremost loyalty, duty is to our heavenly Father who demands, in love, our first allegiance. God gives of himself in all creation. He has sent his perfect spirit to

indwell the mortal mind. How loyal is this? How profoundly loyal to his creatures is he! How can we exhibit a lesser loyalty than full personal, worshipful, complete, wholehearted, consecrated loyalty? Our Father God is love, is also the most consecrated, divine, complete parent. Who has a child that they are not completely loyal to? This word is inadequate for my complete expression, but in necessity we use it.

In human life, loyalty can express a lower form of consecrated duty in you. This loyalty which I mean to express is supreme. For each person this loyalty to follow one's own inner spirit must be supreme over all else. Blessed is the one who walks in his and her own light. Yes. For the light which I may help you discover within is already there. I am but a helper, a teacher, to help you discover your own inner loyalties, your own inner truths, however this may be expressed.

This concept/reality has an ever increasing truth within each of you. As a child, loyalties are learned in childhood relationships which have relatively simple meanings. As we grow through our mortal experience, loyalty becomes related to our understanding of the fundamental concept which involved the fatherhood of the Universal Father and our relationship to one another as spiritual brothers and sisters.

Consider the idea/command of the Son of Man in which he asks that you love your enemy—recognizing even in this adverse mortal experience that the enemy is still your brother. This requires a new level of understanding loyalty. Ponder this lesson during the coming week, asking yourself: is this loyalty?

OBEDIENCE

Loyalty and obedience are one and the same. Highest loyalty belongs to our Father. Also, highest obedience belongs to our Father. Contrast this concept with obedience to authority. This I will never preach. Obedience that is actively seeking, actively doing your highest will, that is, the will of God, is true obedience.

Not all thought impulses, seemingly foreign, are Adjuster communication. If I advocated doing everything which is abrupt presentation of thought, I would err in my teaching. Life's roads are winding and treacherous, full of stumbling blocks, as we have earlier discussed. Keeping safely on this path requires sound judgment, open reason capacity, ability to think through problems clearly and, fourthly and most importantly, openness to prayer and receiving of guidance.

Guidance may come in many ways. Inner heartfelt security on your road is of utmost importance. Guidance is also the concern of your guardian angels who help to straighten your path so that your footsteps may fall securely.

Father is ever mindful of the needs of his children. This means he ever has an open ear to all your petitions. Wise guidance means he will help you with wise petitions, not

foolishness in asking. Knowing your hearts as he does, your needs as he does, your will as he does, be secure in knowing you are provided for.

Obedience, matching your highest will with his will, results in increased opportunity for service in the kingdom. Father has an individual plan for each of his children. Some religionists require conformity in seeking the Father. I tell you this is error. Some would have you dress alike, eat alike, sleep similar hours, pray alike and live alike. This is not our purpose. No. Rather our purpose is for each and every one of you to find for yourself this individual path purpose. Each of you will live his and her own individual lives, expressing God through these lives in which means are available to you.

Increasing God consciousness opens the door of service to one's fellows regardless of your station in life. One need not become a monk or a priest or a nun to lead a goodly life, to lead others to God, or to be a light for God's expression. No. The sons and daughters of God are enlisted together to spread this word to their individual means and capacities.

In the common life, who best to show God to the common man than common people? Who can better reveal the heart of God's love than a neighbor? Think on this and how you, personally, can show God's love for his children by showing your love for your neighbor.

Hard as this is, essential it is for the path. Easier will it become as you grow in God consciousness and in awareness of his love. For in your growth of becoming like God, you must open your hearts to shine forth his love for his children. Ponder this and make an honest effort to do it. Even those whom you find abrasive or are distrustful of—show yourself God's love for them. See for yourself how God sees them and you may shine forth this love.

THE SELF

Tonight I wish to speak about another human will-creature characteristic and that is elevation of the self. Often in our mental life we tend to raise our self importance in our own eyes, causing much effort to maintain this elevation to others.

This other interfacing is the key element in stress and self importance maintenance. When we do this, inevitable clashes will occur with others. False self elevation is easily demoted, crashing down to a more realistic level which may be painful to the person but is always a learning process.

Mostly it is in the mirror of defeat when we view our true selves, our true level of self as we interact with others. Jesus said, "Better it is to take a lower seat, from there to be elevated to a higher position than to put yourself in a higher position and suffer the humiliation of being de-elevated." Much sorrow, hardship in life results from these false

self/ego thoughts, which in your eyes are self-elevating but in the eyes of others may be ridiculous. Nor, on the other hand, do I advocate false self abasement.

Somewhere in between there is a balance. There is that point of self knowledge which enables a person to see himself as others see him and most importantly, as God sees him. When you can begin to see yourself as God sees you, you can begin to truly grow in the spirit. This growth will bring the boy into manhood and the girl in womanhood in truth, not falsehood.

Then, in this balance can a person stand with two feet squarely on the ground in complete self assurance. Also in this knowledge of how God sees you is your understanding of your sonship, your daughtership with him. All true dignity, nobleness of character will grow from this knowledge.

Sturdy sure advancement in the kingdom requires the growth of maturity and the sureness therein. Unsteady souls wavering in incomplete self knowledge are destined to fall. By self knowledge, I mean not the overly psychoanalytical position of the psychiatrist. No. Rather know who you are as a son or daughter of the living God.

Begin to acknowledge that status and to love your brother and sister with all your heart. You will see then how you are viewed. You will understand your place in the universe. Character is always growing, developing, changing. Wise are the persons who prune their own branches.

BOUNTY

Bounty comes to us in an infinite number of ways. Bounty is like rainfall. Every drop is different. It touches a different part of the earth. Some parts are rocky and the water runs away. Some parts are sandy and the water runs through. Some parts are muddy and the water collects in pools. And some parts are thirsty earth where the rain does the most good. Where once there was an empty parcel, new life springs forth in abundance. Where there was dry dead grass, new shoots are springing up and growing toward the sun. New life is everywhere in this spring rain. So too is the Lord's bounty in your lives.

Equally does he share of himself with each person. The ability, I say this again, the ability of the person to benefit from this God-sharingness is different for each person. Each person must find how to cultivate his or her own soil, sow the seeds, take the bounty of the Lord's rain and his sun to bring forth the maximum amount of fruits, fruits of the spirit. Though the fruits may be similar, they are not the same.

Each of us exhibits tolerance, loving kindness, forgiveness, happiness, peace at heart. All these things we do in our individual way with the individuals we are in contact with. So you see, it is up to each person, in their own way, to prepare to receive God's bounty and to turn this into the fruits of the spirit themselves.

Our Father is no respecter of persons. Freely does he give of himself and his abundance. As you grow in knowing our Father, you perceive his abundance more clearly. You appreciate what you have rather than pining for what you don't have. You see his goodness in all things great and small, and you love him in these things and being to understand the great blessings we are all endowed with. Great is his love for us, for all of us, so great that he himself is personally present within you always, the greatest blessing. The greatest gift to all men through all time.

Men and women of this age and time often easily forget that God is the greatest experience in human existence. In understanding this great gift, you begin to understand who we are, where we fit in the universe, where we are to function today and tomorrow. We begin to experience his bounty in our lives and to show this bounty to our fellows.

Life is really no more than this—a day's work. Often we forget the truth of his love, his mercy, his all encompassing understanding. Where will you find a truer friend, a more suffering companion or forgiving parent? He is all these things and vastly more. Patiently he must wait in silence through long years before he can begin to really touch you. This touching of mind to mind is the most sublime experience you can have. Clearly, this is the greatest bounty and abundance in life. The goal of the ages is this.

What did the prophets of old always seek but God? Your fathers and mothers, their fathers and mothers, and their fathers and mothers before them on into the multitudes all sought the same goal of knowing our Father, becoming more like him by the transforming effect of his presence—and then to teach this miracle to their fellows.

For Buddhists, this teaching came from the enlightened one. For Christians, what is left of the teachings of Michael. Always is there a teacher, prophet, who more clearly guides and shows the way to God consciousness. Their writings and teachings are precious to mankind for they have held this beginning to enlightenment through many centuries. Too easily are men and women of honest intent trapped in the outer shell of religion. This outer shell encompasses the traditional standards of the day: right thinking, right acting, right doing, forgetting that they, each person themselves, can experience God for him and herself.

Our Father is no respecter of persons. There is no prophet who stands above anyone. All are equal in the Father's eyes and equally precious and deserving of this individual loving care. Many, many times I have thought on this great truth. Wise it is for you to do so also. Not to say that you are more enlightened than your brother as a sense of ego satisfaction. No, rather give thanks for your understanding. Give thanks for your measure of enlightenment. And give thanks for the privilege of shining forth to your brother and sisters.

ADVERSITY

Life is like a continuous prayer. We ask our Father for many things but are sometimes disappointed with the reality which ensues. Better is it to live a joyful and complete life praising our Father in all things, even for our disappointments and apparent failures.

He who sees all things looks deeply into your hearts in times of crisis decisions. When all seems hopeless and dark, a ray of light oftentimes, no, always enters the faith filled person, guiding and showing the way to a greater comfort state.

Discomfort in life has a purpose and reason. Not to cause you to flee from it, no. Rather to strengthen your character by enduring what is discomfiture. Strength of personal character is forged in the fires of adversity. When life is too easy, overly comfortable, then are decisions passed over which need to be made for strength and courage to be made manifest. Hard decisions require courage and stamina in their follow through. When Jesus found a lost child, for example, he spent the entire day searching for the child's parents. He made a decision. He had the strength and courage and stamina to follow this through. This is an example of his strength of character made manifest.

Ease in life is generally sought after and rarely found. Life is not easy; it is not meant to be. When you give your word on something, have you strength to follow through—or do you sometimes take an easier pathway, neglecting your original decision?

Strong characters are resolute characters. Hard though your paths may seem persevere and you will be rewarded by your Father, who sees all and knows your true intent. Envy not your fellows for whatever station in life they hold. Each mortal lives life, learns life's lessons differently. Your precious life is for you alone to live. Each person makes individual choices and sacrifices and endeavors to create a unique life of God-worthiness. Judge not your fellows for their decisions for their life, again, is theirs to live and no mortal is ever capable or fit to pass judgment on another, no matter what the circumstance.

Therefore, I say to you: live your lives fully and deeply in the knowledge of your relation to the Father each day. Be grateful for your lives even when it is the hardest and the feeling of gratitude is far from your hearts. Attempt to bring that gratitude back and think more deeply and farsightedly about your life circumstance. Everyone faces their own unique challenges with family, with work, etc. Be grateful for the opportunity to surmount those challenges and to show yourself what you can do.

Our Father has all the confidence in the world in you. He knows already what you can do. Maybe, perhaps, you will even surprise yourselves. Remember gratitude is a mighty attitude changer and useful in many of life's situations.

AWARENESS

In your daily life activity, very little awareness is focused upon the physical except in times of discomfort. When you are learning to become aware of the spiritual life, there occurs an equal awareness (reaction) in the physical form or body.

When we are in a heightened awareness, consciousness, the body adheres also to awareness so that the sensitivity in the physical senses is heightened also. Ancient yoga practice entails awareness of the breathing which is a calming effect—for mind and body are really a unit in function together.

Sensitivity to beauty awareness in physical stimulation is enhanced through spiritual eyes. The physical is no less important in your bodily state. Practice when you are hurrying about in your daily activities to calm the mind through breathing slowly and become aware of your surroundings and your bodily senses.

Feel the wind on your skin, for example. See the colors of the trees and the sky. Become aware of the feeling in your fingertips. Enjoy the moment of living within the body and the material world. When this life has passed, small memories will remain with you. Those memories of spiritual importance which may entail the smelling of a flower or the look in someone's eyes, or the smell of new cut grass, these things will remain in your memory.

Much of your mortal life will not be remembered for the experience of living is largely a non-experience. Always you are rushing from one task to another and little are you thinking of awareness. I ask you to focus on awareness this week.

SOUL GROWTH

Our lesson tonight is concerning growth of the soul in spiritual reception. Again, many times I have spoken on this subject and I wish to do so again for you are all coming to a greater awareness than you were previously. Greater spiritual light may now be imparted to incorporate your growth and illuminate your awareness.

Often we think of spiritual growth as having to do with religious thinking entirely. This is only partly correct. Spiritual growth entails the development of the whole person, including physical, mental, morontial, and spiritual awarenesses. When the material mortal mind is growing to spiritual awareness, morontial reality is created.

This morontial reality is real. It is an integral part of the whole human experience, which while the part of experience—or rather the whole sum of experience—it is also the vehicle through which experience is perceived and appreciatively expanded. So that while living a common life, your experience of it becomes uncommon, for it is uplifted by your spiritual awareness and morontial perception.

This understanding is mota. You are all understanding mota a little. Awareness of your daily life's journey toward God is encompassing all the details of living and is becoming

a new reality, a greater awareness, a finer perception; then, expanded understanding, mindal understanding. So much of life is unappreciated by the majority of those living mortal lives.

No matter what your station and duties in life, maintain an awareness of otherness. This otherness will be your awareness of God consciousness. There, while being in the world, your awareness is that you are not of it. Your life journey toward God is becoming uppermost in your mind, not only during meetings or on the Sabbath day, but always.

Awareness is encompassing this greater reality. Your sense of self is becoming more firm. Your sense of sonship or childhood status in the kingdom of our Father is allowing you to function as one who is safely at peace and feels comfortable within this world. Without this greater awareness and understanding, there are many people lost and insecure and wandering in the world. Your example of total selfhood security is a great comfort and inspiration for those in search. Mota reality is becoming your reality.

Appreciation and a finer sense of beauty, truth, and goodness are yours. What greater gift can one have than to love more completely, appreciate the beauty all around us with a fine sense of love? To hear words of truth from many places and to recognize this and to incorporate these into your own person? This is the gift of God, the gift of the ages—what wise men have searched for all through eternity. Once this spiritual growth begins to blossom, there is no turning back, shutting off, or stifling of it. Yours it is. Yours for your own personal possession.

This awareness may shed many lights for those less fortunate in spiritual advancement. You become then helpful beyond your station for those in need. Unconsciousness of this augmented helpfulness is common, but be aware that it is part of this growing process and look for times and circumstances when you may be of assistance to one who sits in darkness. Not to say become a preacher for all, but to wait the opportunity to shed a little light, not overwhelming, only what is needed.

Plants, as they grow, take water from the soil as they need it. Utilize sunshine for their nutrition as they need it, and grow as much as they can, given the parameters of growth, water, sunshine, soil. So are all human beings. All are growing as they can, little by little, utilizing the gifts of God as they need them. You who have been coming here for so long are coming to thirst more, hunger more, so that spiritual growth is becoming an all consuming need. This is as it should be, is planned to be. All mortals will some day come to see that spiritual growth is the most important thing in life and will learn to water and nourish their children.

In your age, I see so much confusion as to what is important. Goals are confused. Lives are shallow. No one is happy. No one is fulfilled. All are lost, they have no direction, they have no real goals. Monetary goals may satisfy one thing—material comfort. Health goals may satisfy another thing, physical well being. But spiritual goals satisfy the man, the true woman or man personally, within.

Without spiritual goals and guidance the world is made of lost sheep, wandering here, wandering there. Looking, searching in many areas of life for comfort, for hope, for God, though not knowing it. There is within each person a craving for God which is satisfied with nothing less than spiritual growth, an acquaintance with God personally. This craving may be quenched even from an early age throughout physical life only to be reborn on man's one. Those whom you cannot, for whatever reasons, reach during this life, rest assured they will have abundant opportunity in the next one. Worry not over those whom you feel need the gospel yet reject it. They will also find their place in God's kingdom.

MATRIMONY

Greetings. This evening I wish to discuss an unusual subject, that of matrimony. There are different kinds of human relationships and different levels of commitment between humans within those relationships. Matrimony, the pairing together of a man and a woman is the highest form of commitment between humans on your mortal planet. This commitment is wholly voluntary in all civilized, or more highly civilized cultures. The understanding and compassionate loyalty between those persons thus joined is supremely touching. But more, it is the most important level of committed living in all areas of life that any person can do aside from commitment to God.

You who are thus blessed in a state of mutual love and loyalty know the tremendous benefit in your life. Children are the most precious gift. A gift both from God and to God. How precious and marvelous and wonderful is this experience. How all encompassing, how totally committing, how wonderful thus to be blessed.

Family is the support of all culture. Family is the foundation on which all societal institutions are built. It is the beginning and the flowering of all true civilization and culture. Family exhibits and enhances the highest motivation levels human beings possess. When you truly give of yourself and are in love with your family, then truly are you glimpsing the perspective of God the Father who is in heaven.

God is in reality, in truth, our spiritual Father/Parent. He has given of himself through life to create his family and he loves each child supremely. By and through his infinite love, each child is born. Each person is individualized as unique and precious in his sight. Each person is born of the spirit into his love and his gracious, benevolent, and bounteous universe.

Matrimony is different from the father or parent/child relationship. It is more akin to the brother/sisterhood of humanity relationship. It is the highest expression of true kinship, for in matrimony, in truth, you acknowledge your togetherness as one.

True love between two people is never more deep nor meaningful than in matrimony. Years are traversed together, side by side. A family is born and raised and given to God and his kingdom. Understanding sympathy, companionship, and true love is never more

deep and more sincere than in this great and wonderful relationship between a husband and wife. Happiness and true self fulfillment is found within this marvelous marriage institution. No longer does the individual worry alone, ponder alone, cry alone. Then always is another sympathetic ear ready to understand and perhaps make this journey a little lighter by carrying part of the load.

How precious you are to God, and how precious you are to each other. Love, my children, is the highest spiritual expression of self that there is. Loving each other, committing time over years ripens in mature, ennobling self-understanding. Though there are times when all of us must by necessity walk alone, you are all true love within a family relationship with someone.

Those whose children are grown are blessed by having the most understanding friendship now. No longer does the child need the parents for selfish reasons. Now is a child standing apart and equal again on the brother/sister level of life. This true friendship and amazingly personal understanding between two people is precious in God's sight and again, is an understanding of the brotherhood and sisterhood of all mortals.

In family relationships often is there conflict and misunderstanding. I say to you, you are wise to tread over these difficult shores, for remember, in God's sight you are all his children. Hold hands, walk life together. Love each other within your family and abroad in the world. Love your work mates. Love your children's children. Love your in-laws. Love everyone. This is the path, the only path there is to walk towards God.

Brave and courageous is the person who can set aside petty difficulties and love in spite of them. Be big enough and brave enough to do this in your lives. This will bring you great rewards in life. You see, my children, there is nothing more important than love. The love of God within, the love for your brothers and sisters without. This is life's great lesson. Wise is the man who learns it early.

A QUESTION FROM A SEEKER

Question: "Teacher. In regard to tonight's lesson on matrimony: what would you say about people who divorce or those who can't find a spouse, or those who are homosexual?"

Answer: "In this era of civilization on your world, in your country, there are an amazing number of divorced couples. So many so, that there are more divorced people than those who have not been divorced. This is part of the change in living life which has come through rapid and drastic societal movement—change and family disruptions have been the temporary result. When a more spiritual bedrock is made to build upon a new society, then will such phenomenon gradually lessen.

"So much of your modern world is consumed with secular problems and concerns, individual needs and wants, desires, that little is left for spiritual quest, for family

valuing, and for brotherhood/sisterhood realizing. When the shift comes away from materialistic and egotistical desires toward spiritual desires, spiritual growth is the result.

“Then will the higher again stabilize and once more become the seed for the flowering of a new and a greater civilization. The individuals who are caught in this tumultuous time period are not to blame in themselves for not living up to a higher standard. This time is full of conflict, doubt, self-recrimination, perpetual confusion, and much anxiety among all types of people. It seems that the very ground is moving.

“When all this changes and comes a better, more enlightened people, great civilization will come about because this potential is so extremely fertile. We look toward the future with great hope and do not despair of the times that this world is traveling through, for we know it is only temporary and will, in time, rectify.

“Forced civilization, a forced cultural conformity is not the answer to society’s ills, for you may straighten a piece of wood, as Christ said, and work much upon it. If it is inwardly rotten, your work is in vain. First take care that the wood is good within. That is, that each person take care to strengthen his and her spiritual foundation, then go to work on the rest. No society can be truly fruitful when built by imposing from without social, political, individual conformity to a norm or an ideal.

“Each individual person must find within their own true spiritual being, happiness and self expression in the world. This is of utmost importance. We do not say you must do this, you should do that, for this is not the way of the ideal. Each person’s own individual ideal is sought for self expression and expression to God. If this self expression takes a form which is different or unusual or to some sinful, that is not for anyone to judge.

“Each person must uniquely find their place in the world, and no one may judge that person, nor take away their right to find this self expression by enforcing the conformity of the majority.”

FORBEARANCE

Greetings. My humble and sincere thanks and gratitude for your diligent perseverance in attending and supporting these meetings. And in your own individual lives, how well you are progressing in your understanding of the tenets of God awareness and consciousness, so that you are all very brightly shining in your daily activities.

In these activities are many opportunities to shine forth your own inner awareness of light. When these opportunities arise, I am understanding that you are all not amiss in doing your duty to God and your sisters and brothers. Our Father is not a sleeping god. He is rather all watchful, all knowing, all caring for each of his many, many, many children, myriad of children. His love and protection are never out of reach. Of course, I have told you of these things many times and again, I wish to tell you that you may keep this understanding close to your hearts, that you may in your daily existence come to

know that this truth, this everlasting truth, is always apparent, always with you, never to be shaken off. My lesson this evening will again be on forbearance and tolerance.

Forbearance is above tolerance, for forbearance is an attitude which, in love, encompasses any situation. Tolerance implies being battered about within a situation and tolerating the effects. Forbearance, on the other hand, is a manner of living above the fray, so to speak, and in understanding wisdom to not necessarily be an overly detached observer, but rather to love all involved to such an extent that you may forbear any transgression which your brothers or sisters may make.

When we are truly in an attitude of forbearance, forgiveness is not far behind. Forbearance is above tolerance and forgiveness above forbearance and mercy above forgiveness. When you have reached an attitude of forbearance for your brothers and sisters, then little are you buffeted by their unforgiving or unwise actions. You can easily forego an attitude of intolerance for vengeful thinking.

Often in life are we confronted with situations or persons who antagonize us. This antagonism you can meet head on, or you can be wiser and look down upon. Always will there be problems and people who willingly or unwittingly antagonize and even try to antagonize us into acting unwisely. The superior character looks upon the foolish actions of these fellows with an attitude of forbearance. You can easily put aside your wounded ego, wounded pride, or wounded checkbooks by knowing and living within the overcare of our Father. He will not allow any real sustained harm to come to his beloved children. Always can you rise above any obstacle no matter how hurtful or difficult it may seem at first.

Allow forgiveness in your hearts. Water yourself with this spiritual replenishment and allow this forgiveness to flow in your lives. This is beyond an attitude of mere forbearance but goes to the essence of our Father. Our Father is truly forgiving of any and all transgressions. How can you be any less to your fellows, knowing within that our Father has forgiven your blackest deeds, your blackest thoughts, everything? How can you then turn to your sister and your brother and withhold this forgiveness from them?

WHO ARE YOU?

Greetings, children. I am Ham and I am with you in order to assist in your individual self discovery and realization. I am always pleased and happy to see so many steadfast, seeking, earnest, and dutiful disciples. “Who am I?” is the most sought after question in the universe. “Who am I?” is the central question in our lives, here and beyond. “Who am I?” has deep meaning and significance in life. When this question is asked for the first time, it signals a spiritual awakening and continues throughout this life. The quest for your true selfhood identity is lifelong, even on to Paradise.

There are within each and every person personality seeds of potentiality, which when watered and nourished are given to sprout into actuality. Through life these potentials are

given opportunity to sprout, as it were, to grow into actual selfhood. What was once only a thought of God becomes a steadfast universe reality within our existences. Through life there are many, many of these potentials which become real within.

Life is a process of making potentials into actuals, actuality into reality. For example, within a child who is frightened by the dark, there exists the potential of a truly courageous and dominant character. In a child, it is only potential, and it takes time and life experience for this potential to grow into reality, an actual character possession of the full grown human.

You may think of these potentials as boughs on a tree, branches. Each branch grows, sprouts new branches which grow and sprout new branches. In this way a mighty tree is grown over time from a seedling which on first sight resembles not a mighty tree. It is potential.

Many of the contrary, or what you consider negative influences in your lives are, in reality, bringing forth a potential character reality within. For example, a child may be a pest to an adult, crying, wanting attention, and so forth. When the adult grows from this experience a wiser way to handle a child, this is permanent and does not revert. One who has once acquired wisdom, through adversity or not, it is a permanent part of your selfhood. One who is truly wise finds the correct or most correct manner he or she can deal with in any given situation—and this may lead to more and more refinement. Like a branch on a tree sprouting, this branch is a permanent part of the tree.

Life is full of sorrow and joy, of heartache and happiness, of feelings of self-doubt and exuberant confidence. Life is a challenge and through this challenge you are to grow within. Grow those character aspects which enable you to more effectively live.

Life never ends. Life goes beyond this short existence into eternity. How great is this experience and how great is this soul who grows from it. Life is never stagnant. It is always moving, changing, growing, diversifying. A challenge—yes. But in life, if you discover defeat, are you truly defeated? No. Only temporarily blocked. We must learn to discover our true potential from these life situations. If you stumble, do you not arise again? In life, if you stumble, rise and walk on. These daily tests and toils and worries are all a part of your growth toward God. How insignificant they appear when seen in this true light.

“Who am I?” Each person is a unique and individual expression of God. “Who am I becoming?” Each person has the potential to grow in this realization of selfhood. That this selfhood can be a reflection of God, even partial and incomplete, is true and unique. There is no one else who has the ability you do.

“Who will I be?” You are becoming yourself in truth, the self which is deeper and more true than you are at this moment. Always is the self revealing its deepest, truest, most beautiful secrets. Little by little, this growth towards God is revealing the child at the same time. The child is no less or no greater than all children. All are uniquely

wonderful, all are uniquely finding self-expression. Those finding self expression are finding God expression. Each child in a vast and seemingly endless universe of beings--all are experiencing this wonder of ascension.

Beings who are created perfect, who lack experiential growth truly envy those who have it. Though no less precious to God our Father, truly do they appreciate what wonders are wrought in his works, that such strong yet fine characters are created in this way.

Look well to the future. See yourselves in transition. Do not try to hold onto what is fading for life is new growth, new paths, new opportunity, new life. Life comes from life and springing therefrom creates life and growth in endless abundance. Never is there stagnation and dormancy in truly living life. Walk firmly and tall through your daily works, which even though they may cause you grief, know in the end its true purpose. So much will your load be lightened.

Jesus, as he lived his life on Urantia, was not given an easy road. On the contrary, his path was very rugged. Yet he is the divine example of man made perfect. So can you in your lives, in your rugged paths, begin to show forth the divine within. God as represented by your indwelling spirit is active in your lives. He is not sitting aloof and watching your life. He is part of it. He is part of you. He is living and suffering and watching you worry and toil and fret. He is right there with you, not far away. Not waiting for you to come to him. He came to you and he is with you always.

Always remember this in your minds when life is burdensome, when your tasks are difficult. Know that God himself is with you, right there with you.

WHOLENESS

My lesson this evening is concerning wholeness and the integration of life's various aspects into a meaningful and trustworthy wholeness within. When our lives become overburdened by the many stresses and activities comprising modern day existence, there is a tendency to become unsure of one's centered and secure being. This uncertainty is entirely a mental state, and not reflective of your true spiritual wholeness. Fragmentation is an attribute and attitude of mind itself. Mental comprehension requires this fragmentation for understanding to occur. Mind takes fragmented reality and integrates this into a meaningful whole.

When mind becomes overly stimulated in a constant daily manner, then does mind become confused and isolated or rather feels isolated. This isolation is illusory, for one's wholeness—centered, perfect, entire being—is real. Mental structures, worries, cares and so on, are not real. However, we as imperfect beings, live largely in our mental domain. This mental domain is filled with our own mental structures, creations, which we see as real. They are not.

As I was explaining last week, the wholeness of being, the “Who Am I?” of selfhood, the deepest and truest awareness of self is experienced throughout the soul and then the mind. We are not a structure created by our minds. No. Rather we are a structure, a soul growing with the aid of mind, but not made by our minds. For example, often we become immersed in a trade or business activity which in the shallow thinking person is defining their being. Their self worth feeling and attitude toward others is derived from an earthly accomplishment. This is error, for this earthly accomplishment is always in danger of toppling and the person’s self security is in danger of toppling with it.

The true sense of self worth comes from only one reality and that reality is one’s relationship to the reality, God. Children, as they are growing, often emulate an older person when they are truly impressed and inspired by this person. Likewise does the adult, by exercising true faith actually grow into beingness by emulating their highest concepts of God. Limited and even childlike as these concepts are, they are invaluable in helping to guide the soul toward proper worthwhile and marvelous growth.

The child soon becomes aware of selfhood. This awareness of self is like an auto-revelation when it occurs. Often this revelation occurs in conjunction with Thought Adjuster circle attainment. “I Am” is a unique awareness to humans as opposed to animals. Self conscious self awareness is a spiritual level indicating that progress will be made in life. Without this awareness, progress toward God is impossible. So you see, awareness of self presages awareness of God. The two are mutually working together.

As we grow, as we become aware of our lives in a greater aspect, as we become aware of our errors, aware of their forgiveness by God, we also become aware of our relationship with others, brotherhood and sisterhood toward our fellows. Self awareness, otherness awareness or God awareness, and then awareness of others. All these early first knowingness stages presage the adult knowingness states in adulthood. Our awareness of God is growing and actually changing the way we live our lives in connection with those around us.

Faith transforms the ordinary life into one of amazing feats of courage, wisdom, and foresight. Faith in God and also faith in ourselves. I will repeat this. Faith not only in God but also faith in ourselves—for the two are the same. Different aspects of the same thing.

When we have faith in ourselves, it is faith that goes beyond the self. It is faith that extends to our higher self, our inner spirit. This faith is not a selfish thing. This faith within is an up-reaching and uplifting thing. Who can be niggardly in the face of such abundance? Who can be cowardly in the face of such sublime courage and stability? Who can be poor in the face of such riches? Who can be weak in the face of such strength?

Awareness, you see, is the greatest gift of truth. Truth is liberating, for truth gives awareness a reality and understanding thereof. When this understanding is used wisely, nothing, I say, nothing there is which can not be done. Life may be full of toil and

burden and heartaches and sorrows, yet in true reality awareness, true understanding of the great I AM, there is the strength, there is the wisdom, there is the courage to overcome these obstacles. It is there. It is reality which you are becoming aware of.

Truth has power. Truth is spiritual power. When we walk in the light of truth, truth has the greatness, spiritual greatness which shines for all to see. Wise and noble actions can only be the result. Have courage. Have faith—faith in God and faith in yourselves—in your own understanding of truth. And this transforming faith will overcome the partial shadows of negativity in existence.

Truly are you all noble souls. Truly have you greatness within, abundance of strength, resources in courage. Truly are we all brothers and sisters in the great kingdom of God. Reach to each other in light through love and with truth as your bond, as your medicine, as your sword, as your comfort. Truth is of God. Truth is ever abiding. Truth is universal light and love and reality. Truth is ever increasing knowledge of God. Truth and faith are the two transforming miracles of existence. Light and love follow truth and faith and love is the essence of God.

ENJOYMENT

This evening is a milestone in our teaching efforts, for we now have established over fifteen groups who are now benefiting from teacher contact. Many more are soon to come. Your efforts are directly responsible for this great occurrence. I give you the highest commendation which is allowed me from Melchizedek himself.

All who have heard my lessons are being changed by them and I am happy with the response of so very many wonderful spiritual persons. I am truly humbled by this great love outpouring and am truly thankful to God for allowing me to become your teacher. Thank you, all of you.

This evening I have prepared a lesson on enjoyment. So often in daily toil do we not enjoy little enjoyments of being? I have often spoken of this same thing and wish again to begin to nurture this aspect of your souls. Life is so precious, so divine, so awe and wonder inspiring that it offends God when you ignore his bounteous wonders. Enjoy the little things for they are what life is made of. Enjoy the birds singing. Enjoy the sunshine on your skin. Enjoy the color of the grass and the trees and the sky. Enjoy food and drink. Enjoy touching another person. Take time to enjoy the small, the seemingly insignificant things of life, and you will enrich your entire life thereby.

Wonderful and meaningful is this life. Miraculous and deified is this life. Remember as you walk along enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, the flowers, remember there is God, a spark within you and a spirit without you. Remember to think about your own soul, this happiness this spiritual fulfillment. Take time to enjoy the feeling of wholeness, the feeling of spirituality, the feeling of being a wonder in this world.

What a miracle am I this day! What a miracle am I! How much more precious to God, Father of all creation am I than the wonders around me. How miraculous is this? How wonderful is this? Yes. Open yourselves to enjoyment of beauty, to enjoyment of the senses. Yes. Be open to the spirit of God and allow his spirit to give you appreciation for enjoyment.

How simple. How wonderful is this gift. Certainly all of you have felt those moments of miracles when suddenly you feel connection with God and all of creation. Fleeting is this—however meaningful is this! It will stay in your hearts, in your memories for all eternity. Beingness is a miracle—a miracle! How do we thank God for this miracle of being? What can we ever give to him?

Our love. All we have in truth is will, that is all we really have. When we trust and love and appreciate God to the point that we consecrate, consciously give our will to him, it is a great day for God. It is easy to do in a moment, in an hour. Hard it is to do for a lifetime.

Father knows your intentions and knows your good will toward him. Forgiveness is yours for all faltering steps, all forgetfulness, all misunderstanding. Yes, even rebellion. Forgiveness is yours. Father requires as a prerequisite for true spiritual perfection to honor his will, an enthronement in your hearts that you may know God and may seek to do his will on earth. What a privilege is this. Are you comprehending that God the Father, the creator of this vast universe of creations has given you the gift of being and this gift of being includes freedom?

He who is always present is always understanding. A miracle is this! A divine miracle. His presence within your very minds is truly a miracle and has not ever been surpassed. All of his vast creations are striving toward one eternal goal: to know him, love him, carry his spirit within and honor this spirit in carrying out his will. His love, his understanding, his precious being which flows through you in love. All life bows before him. All of life is existent by his gracious, divine will.

All of life revolves around him. He is the source and the destiny of all who believe in him. He is the one who is giving eternal existence to men made of clay. He has given everything, he asks one thing—that you grow closer to him. Closer in saving his divine love. Closer in knowing and loving him, God our Father.

Who is so self destroying as to spurn this offer? Many may do so for some years, some may do it for a short time, but most thinking, feeling, breathing human beings know in their hearts there beats a heart more true. All who have spurned this offer for a time are forgiven and drawn back when the opportunity arises. Yes, even do the most hardened of hearts when truly pressed, acknowledge and love our Father. Be unaffected by those who would spurn God and your good intentions, for I tell you the time will come in their lives when a word or a gesture or a phrase will come back in its true meaning.

Often we strive in life to give a word of God to those who need. And often this word is spurned for now. Be unaffected, for things all change in time. Love is the great, most divine wondrous gift that is and love softens the heart. Love opens the seed of love, plants sprout. Love is the greatest joy. It is my greatest joy that I have been part of the spread of this love.

Enjoy your lives. Allow love to flow through you and give you that wellspring of true divine enjoyment of anything and everything. Enjoy the new growth of spring. Enjoy the moist air of evening. Enjoy the love between each other and fear it not. Love is the greatest gift of all existence. Freely love one another as I freely love you. That is my lesson for this evening.

INFINITE SPIRIT AND CREATIVITY

Greetings. Our lesson this evening is concerning Infinite Spirit. She is a motherly person/aspect of God who is ever watchful of all his children. Infinite is the depth and range of her understanding. She is all knowing and all seeing. Her infinitude is unfathomable by mortal minds. You are the recipients of this infinite blessing but you cannot fathom but an infinitesimal small part of this great reality.

Indeed, mind itself is infinite, even though you are experiencing mind in a finite manner with limits of function—you do taste that this infinite mind exists. The world, the universes are in potential infinity also, for they have the infinite architect who is planning, managing, and administering this vast creation.

Mind is truly an aspect of God the Trinity. You who are finite are in reality also infinite, for you have infinity as your birthright. Yes, even as the spirit is minded of infinity, the mental is minded in finite. Yes, a part which will become part of the infinite spiritual wholeness. As explained within the pages of the Urantia book, the Infinite Spirit is co-creator of all reality.

You who have part of this infinite creativity power have the potential for infinite creative power. You are like the bud upon the tree. This bud will blossom and grow and change over time giving birth to creativity each day. You all have within you infinity of purpose. Your purpose will change as the bud on the tree, day to day, year to year, life to life. You who are part of infinity will gradually grow within this great universe and blossom to yield the beauty which you are.

You who have a part of infinite mind creativity have the creative potential which is unlimited. Life need not be stagnant to be secure. Remember where your true security lies, with God, with Spirit, and use the creativity you are given to go forward in life courageously, with beauty. How great is this beauty! How wondrous is this infinite potential of life and growth and change and newness in creativity in life! Each person discovers as they grow little abilities, little gifts, little things which they do well, very well. Enjoy this creativity. Allow it freedom to blossom and grow.

Life is often so hurried and hard and strenuous. How wonderful it is to set aside some time to develop your own creativity, to wonder indeed at the creativity within—at what actually happens during these creative times. These times of allowing the creative resources which are yours to function freely are very special and precious.

Each person has creative potential. Each person enjoys the gifts they receive from God within. Each person is satisfied and gratified by this enjoyment. Each person should praise our Lord for allowing this wonder into their lives. Some of us found great creative genius within only with the mansion world experience. It is always with us. I am saying to you discover this and allow it to give you this great enjoyment which only comes from your expression.

Life hurries by. The days pile upon each other. Memories are packed away. I say take a little time each one for yourself and explore your own creative potential. How wondrous is this life! How full of enjoyment it is! Yes. Enjoyment in a little creativity, little expressions of hope, of feelings of intuition, of change.

Life is too precious to be stored away for years like old clothing. As years go by, have a little something for yourself. Take a little something of this time and enjoy yourself, explore yourself, and love yourself. Time is not so important an issue in the mansion world life. Only in this life is it so.

So I try to give you the wisdom from the next existence to enrich and make beautiful your lives in this existence. Each flower blooms in its own time and I say to you with surety that there are many many blooms within you which may not find expression in this life but must await a future time. Your life here is too short. How is it that many people have so much and are in awareness of so little?

You all are on the threshold of this main existence. Mansion world existence. Life is happier when you enjoy and find expression for your enjoyment. Art is part of the expression of being. You are all great artists, architects of your future life. All great artists are deeply appreciative and enjoying of their gifts. Yes. Greatness is bestowed from above and from within. Expression of self is the budding of the morontia self. This great universe phenomenon is wondrous to behold for all mankind.

Each of you has great potential of self expression, whether it be cooking or creating clothing or music or writing letters or on and on, the list goes on and on. Express yourself. Love yourself. Love your brothers and sisters. Give your expression to them in love. All of the future life is a vast unfolding, revealing of the inner potential. Find a little bit of this great potential in this life and you will find it much much richer.

JUDGEMENT

Greetings. This evening I would like to begin by honoring the present and past soldiers in the army of God's children who are on the front lines of this spiritual battalion. Using the analogy of wartime is not my most favorite, however in this instance, it is apt.

In the discipline of armies, each person has an individual job to do without which, the whole as a functioning unit would suffer. I wish to commend you all for your valiant service and steadfast faith in this mission which is destined to be on the front lines for some time to come. Especially I would like to commend those persons who have given of themselves in the aspect of receiving and transmitting our messages.

It is always understood that these messages are somewhat altered or filtered through each individual and though there has been much concern over this, it will come to pass that most of these transmissions will be viewed in a greater context. This will eliminate some of the small errors which chance to find their way into these transmissions. Time and distance will show that most of these transmissions are very accurate.

Our lesson this evening is concerning judgment again. I have spoken many times concerning this aspect of God's kingdom and the individuals concerned with judgment. I am now willing to discuss judgment in its broader and more Godlike aspect. Judgment for our Father is intrinsic to his being. He is truly all righteousness and goodness. No falsehood or evil can exist ultimately in his kingdom. He has willed that in your earthly state there are errors and sin and inequity which require judgment and I should say that this is the state of affairs in Havona.

There are tribunals and judgment centers or branches of administration through the super-universes all the way to Havona. Judgment is a necessary necessity where there is the possibility of error and evil. Judgment is set to right or attempt to change, rectify the errors. Judgment is required when the individual is incapable of self-correction. Then is group judgment, wisdom and correction, required on this erring individual.

God's infinite wisdom has remanded this judgment to his creatures. Father takes not part of judgment. Father holds mercy and infinite love as his citadel. Judgment is not his personal requisite. He has given this judgment requirement to his righteous children. When Christ Michael said, "Judge not," he is meaning not to take on this responsibility yourself which was not given you. Judge Not. Be Godlike. Be you each apart from judging, for in this judging you indeed commit error and this error may be judged.

In life's myriad of situations and extremes, it is tempting to judge and we demand punishment, justice toward one's fellows. It is error always. God's way is not always convenient, or easy, or the way of the world. God's way stands apart from worldly conflicts and enters not into the judgments of his children. He requires you to understand his way your way—to make his way your way—hard as it may seem, impractical as it may seem.

Greater is your reward in heaven and on earth than your mightily taking of a coin of judgment from your own storehouse of wealth. How often are we tempted to steal that

coin? How often are we tempted to vent our personal judgment upon an erring fellow in anger? How often are we tested in this manner?

Free yourselves from the burden of judgment. This burden was not placed upon you—it is not yours to take. Allow yourselves rather the freedom of daughter and sonship with God, which will allow you the absolute freedom of not judging. Judgment ties, judgment binds, judgment constricts and wraps the personality in their own ideas.

Allow yourselves freedom from error in thinking. Allow yourselves the freedom to love freely all who do you harm or not. Allow yourselves that freedom, take it for your own for this is truly yours. You are all truly sons and daughters of the living God. You are allowed the freedom which he has allowed of himself. The freedom to bestow mercy, to bestow love, to bestow forgiveness.

This, my children, is freedom truly. Entanglements in judgment only involves self-protection. It is allowed that self-protection is functional. The going beyond self-protection into revenge or vengeance seeking is courting judgment of yourself. Protection, yes. Self-defense, yes. However, vengeance—no.

SPIRITUALITY

Greetings. Our lesson this evening is concerning spirituality. What is spirituality? How do we use this term and what is its meaning?

Spirituality denotes an understanding of higher human consciousness. Yes. Again, it is used to denote an understanding which is human in essence. Spirituality is a term used by one person describing another or describing his own experience. Human spiritualness is twofold: it is a measure of one's own understanding of those things spiritual, and is a term used to describe the relative understanding of another's understanding of these same things spiritual.

What is our understanding? Is spiritual understanding a reality? Is spirituality a growing concern of ours? Is spirituality a cause and effect for one or the other or both? When we think about this spiritual understanding and how it is transmitted to another being, we are coming close to understanding morontia realities.

Morontia realities exist in that realm between the purely animalistic human experience of sensation and awareness and also the human understanding of and the human experience of spiritual awareness which is extra sensory. The meaningful understanding and interpretation of this experience hinges onto morontia soul reality.

This reality, which is a growing and developing real, even tangible being, becomes an understanding in its purely human way/form. In your awareness of another, use your morontia insight into this person. See this person as brother, sister, friend, helper and

father/mother/God also. When you use your morontia insight, you will see these dual natures inside each being/person. This is spirituality in its real form.

Often what we have denoted as being spiritual is not always genuine. And it is only by true spiritual insight into another person that any grasping of that person's spiritual being is really possible. It comes through by words, by deeds, by manner, by grace, and by love bestowed. People in your realm are often concealing of themselves by using wit or charm or other methods of falsity, like cleverness. This cleverness is not true spirituality and by your status in our eyes, it should be obvious to you all, the difference.

Always use your morontial being/understanding in assessing a person. This assessing is not to be confused with judgment. No. It is a constant state of being for truly spiritual persons to react to spirituality within another. This reaction may be purely one of mutual understanding on only a minor subject; or it may be an all encompassing recognition of brotherhood or sisterhood, which is stronger and more lasting than life itself.

Life after life, you are recognized and respond to each other in a spiritual manner or in recognition, reverberation and a sublime welcoming of each other. You who are clothed in flesh really miss very, very much of which it is our understanding to see. You are in the embryonic stage of beingness. At this time there are inner flutterings of the being that will emerge. And this greater being which will emerge has the ability to react in life, also. Morontia being is beginning to blossom within each of you and it will react in life's situations if you allow it to. Your real being, heartfelt oneness with your greater self, is beginning to find expression in the world and much of this new discovery of yourself involves discovery of your brothers and sisters as well.

We who discuss among ourselves our relative merits and shortcomings, know it is wise to recognize and understand that we are all embryonic. We are all partly blind. We are all walking in the greatest light which we know at this time. In the future, all human beings will become much more spiritually advanced and these lessons will seem trivial.

Each stage of progressive life, progressive civilization, progressive world consciousness/beingness has its own stages of discovery. You are now at a critical stage of true spiritual discovery. You are bound to God and Michael. You are dedicated to this great work. You are all destined to leave behind a wonderful and enlightened task/work which, in turn, is wonderful and enlightening for future generations. Understanding as you are of your own beingness, and your own individual destinies, as they unfold before each of you. You are, indeed, lights in a grayish dark world and will become even more so as your lives unfold.

ABUNDANCE

Greetings. Gladly have I heard your discussion this evening and also last week. It has greatly eased my heart and has shown that you are all advancing into strength of

character which is unshakable. Each of you has progressed greatly in this last year or so. It is good to witness your willingness to serve Machiventa Melchizedek and his servants.

All of our work to date has been personal in that, you all have been personally touched and moved by my words. It is so with all teacher groups. They have been personally nurtured. Yes. It is time that you become greatly aware of your responsibilities—which lie beyond yourselves. This world is filled with lost sheep. It is your assignment/duty to help bring these sheep back home.

Individually you can do much, yet it is limited. As a group you can function on a greater scale. Correct and good are your intentions and motivations. Continue with your interactive process which will bring you much ease of thought. Knowing that each of you shares common concerns, common experiences, and common wisdom helps unload the burden of the individual. Relax and share with each other your enthusiasm and joy this weekend. Show yourselves happily and joyfully to God. Release your inner tensions. Allow yourself to freely flow with love. Yes. Flow with love. Allow yourselves to be changed. Allow yourselves to be uplifted. Allow yourselves the freedom of love.

The lesson this evening is concerning abundance again. I am here telling you that you all live in great abundance. Even though you may be shaking your heads to yourselves. No, you say, I have deep concerns and worries over my material existence. Who are you to make light of my problems? Yet staunchly and forthrightly I assert the same. You all live in great abundance.

These petty and self-centered worries must be gradually abandoned to the dust heap from which they came. When you throw something away, do not return and pick it up again. Often this is the case when it comes to material concerns, for they are very real, very stressful, very engaging of the person. Many of you have indeed lived through times of severe financial crises which have tested your moral strength in ways which no other severity can do. Even the old memories of lack often haunt the present days of plenty.

Again, I assert the following: Father who watches over your every movement and thought knows indeed what you are in need of. If you are in need of testing or strengthening in certain moral areas, these areas will be strengthened. If you are in need of assistance in your daily toil, if you have exhausted yourselves, this assistance will come in ways which require an opening of the eyes to see.

Often there is help which you are unwilling to ask for. You can indeed ask your Father for help—even material help. Often this assistance comes from greater understanding of the problem or willingness to see another option which you had willfully closed off to yourself, or the willingness to have a change of some kind or manner which helps you alleviate the stress. You see, children, the Father is intently watching you, loving you, and attempting to guide you like a child taking their first steps with parent hovering over them, keeping them from falling, holding their hands, letting go for a minute to see if the step can be taken alone, grabbing if it couldn't, allowing if it could.

This is truly as the Father sees you. All your worry and toil is part of your shared experience. Father shares your experience closely with you. He forsakes no one, but rather is willing always to share. When, if the child in turn is then willing to share with the Father, great things come to pass—both are then as one.

Will your life to God in all its aspects. Understand you may gain contentment, security, peace, and happiness by so doing, by giving yourself. You, my children, are not the first to walk this road. Many before and many to come will walk this same path. You are not alone in your struggles. You are not isolated by them, for he who sees all things and knows all things is watching and waiting for the small hand to reach up.

CHRIST MICHAEL

Greetings, children. I am Ham. I am your teacher. Our humble thanks are appropriate in light of our great blessings. I stand with you, each of you always and evermore in your struggles, your confusion, in your search for God and Christ Michael.

Yes, what you feel in your hearts is true. Michael is and is forevermore present beside you. His love is boundless, deep, mighty, enduring, and endless. His tender caring for each of his children is truly matchless. Remember Michael! Remember he is present! Understand he is approachable! He is your closest friend. Long has he wished or waited this time when he can be personally so close to his beloved children.

“Behold,” he said. “I stand at the door and knock.” If any one of you would but open that door and allow him entrance into your hearts, into your lives, then truly will you be made anew. Michael’s power is the Father’s power. Michael’s being is the Father’s being. Michael and the Father are one and yet, Michael can approach you individually as himself.

Father lives within you each individually as himself. I only hope to begin to enlighten your awareness as to these great truths. As you begin to comprehend these realities, you are truly blessed. Great—greatest is he, Michael, in all the vast universe of Nebadon. And he was born as a helpless child, lived the life you live, to know you, to be as one with you, Son of Man and Son of God together. How great is Michael, yet how real in your experience he can be—how approachable in your prayers, how reachable in your existence. He is always with you. His spirit is not far off. His ear is not closed to your prayers. No. Rather is Michael as the Father with you.

This is the new message of a new era: that each person can come to know Michael as his beloved sovereign God. This personal manifestation of Michael’s being, which is now reality, will nevermore be closed. This new personal relationship between his children and himself will be one of never ending experience. You are witnessing the beginnings of this new reality upon this world. As the apostles experienced the Spirit of Truth for

the first time, so are you experiencing this new tender love, this personal communion first.

I leave you in peace and love. My love for you is attaining the levels of Michael. As you reach to each other, so do you begin to attain these levels of loving. Children, contend not with each other. I would have you be as all one family, loving, considerate, caring for one another. Show yourselves, show Christ Michael your best side. Remember, always remember—he walks with you. He who has ears, let him hear. When those of you who hear this message will respond in your hearts, in the very core of your beings, you will know that this is true—for Michael will witness with your spirit that it is so. Farewell.

INNER VISION

We are extremely pleased with your new found courage and your new found openness which will surely guide and instruct you in the days to come. We are expecting much change and intense goals among you all, which is indeed exciting to behold.

This is also a time, however, which can cause some unsettling. When there is such unsettling which can occur, there can also include panic, fright, and withdrawal. In this you must be patient with your brothers and sisters who are in this state. All our efforts are focused on you all. We are aware of your doubts, your feelings, and your fears.

No one is above any other. All are equal in God's eyes. All of you are equally precious in his sight. You are all in his divine awareness constantly. Michael himself is always aware of your feelings. He is ever ready to assist you in your struggles, whether they be personal, interpersonal, material, or whatever the cause.

Michael is always understanding. Remember the life he led among you here. His life was full of self-doubt, turmoil, struggle, poignant moments which only he possesses in his understanding, yet that understanding extends into each mortal life. Michael is always aware of you personally. He is as the Father, understanding your shortcomings or the shortcomings which you perceive. His perception is much different. He perceives your real identity, your real self, which is above any of these minor self-doubtings.

Children, you must see, begin to see yourselves in glimpse as he sees you. Understand the confidence he has in you. Understand the love he has for you. Begin to experience this within your souls and it will create within you such a feeling of self-confidence that nothing can intrude in this space of being with Christ Michael.

This place where your soul and his can touch is beyond any other consideration that you may have. Beyond words, beyond life experience that you have had so far, beyond any doubting—it is, and is your faith. Life is, from now on forward, taking on aspects of morontia being. Increasingly you will see life, people, beauty in nature through the eyes of the spirit. These eyes will not deceive you. Trust yourself. Trust your inner vision.

Life is sure to move on in its bumpy way—yes, but you will now have the ability to stand aside.

You will have the vision to understand a more complete wholeness of life, so that you will not be buffeted back and forth by the extreme vicissitudes of living in this world. Faith will lead you! Faith will accompany you! Faith will transform you! Faith will become your reality! Faith and trust are the two ingredients of evolving your eternal soul—and this soul, when so evolved will cease to live without faith and trust.

Trust always in your inner God, your own inner life which is struggling to guide, protect, and become your entire life. Trust in Father Michael! He is always present and awaits your ability to receive him. You will all receive him personally and will testify to this fact to your brethren who are in such need.

This new reality is coming into the consciousness of many, many people. They will be ready to hear the saving message of Michael which he will so soon deliver unto the world. You will be his workers. You will comfort those in distress. You will guide those into light who sit in darkness now. You will do much saving work in this world.

For now, you must simply know how much you are loved. When you understand how much you truly mean, then will you be ready for service—then will all of life take on a new and meaningful aspect. Surely you are experiencing this now in your daily dealings with people. How many you have touched with a kindness, a smile, an openness, a willingness to assist, even in your little things.

Jesus was always very fond of doing little things for people. Find that in yourselves. Begin a ministry on a personal level. Every person is precious. You will begin to see their value in God's eyes, through your new spiritual understanding vision. When you see their value you will want to assist, you will want to be helpful, you will want to love them as God loves them. For you, and each and every one of you, are truly becoming more and more like God every day. You know in your hearts that this is so. Long have you been on this path. Yes! You know!

STAGES OF GROWTH

You are all at a growing stage which is requiring much spiritual nourishment. You are all in need of personal relationships and interpersonal relationships which help to foster and promote this growth. Hard is this time when you must be alone and in feeling insecure, you are tending towards self-doubt. Self-doubt is not becoming to the morontial progresser.

The true morontial progresser is, in a large degree, free of self-doubt, self-worry, or self-pity. Morontial progressers are happily secure in their place in the cosmos, and will dutifully carry forward their guidance—divine, inspired guidance—with little thought of the outcome, for it is only for progressers to carry forward their duties. It is not your

place to judge the outcome and therefore, by so doing, judge yourself and your performance.

Only the Father can know the ultimate outcome of one's acts upon this world. You who have a limited sight, have limited psychological understanding of one's impact upon this world. True impact upon your fellows is difficult for you to ascertain. Therefore, it is best to leave it, not to worry over it, or to cause inner doubting.

Every person comes to decisions in life which affect not only themselves, but many people. Always understand that you may, at these critical times and all times, come forth to your Father and seek his guidance. He is never failing and is always help providing, even if you misunderstand the help. Sometimes we feel abandoned by God. We are limited in our seeing of him, for he is always working for our best interests. When you feel this way it is temporary. And assuredly it is that we can look back on those times and see the immense amount of help which we did receive, even though we didn't perceive it at the time.

I am sure that you have all understood this lesson. When Father truly needs you to act, you will know. Have no fear or doubt of your understanding of yourself or him, for whom it is essential. His guidance will be prominent. His guidance is becoming clearer for all of you here. His guidance is becoming all encompassing. You will his will, for you are surely becoming a divine creature.

Worry not over matters of the world. These things will take care of themselves. Seek instead the divine and pure in place of the human and coarse. When you do this in all that you seek to accomplish, surely you will succeed where your will touches that of the Father, and this is the only success which counts in this life.

Truly, you are mastering your lower tendency and replacing these impulses with those of divine inspiration. Hearts are becoming opened around you. Have you seen this? Hearts are becoming receptive to your words. Place words of hope and comfort into these newly opened hearts and you will see a great change in them. One day you may be called upon to water many fields. Prepare yourselves to become this living water.

Begin the watering of those closest to you. This living water is the substance of life. It is the core of truth and the essence of reality. One day you will surely be asked in large ways and small ways to feed the spiritual hunger with the living bread of life. Even the bread which our master, Michael himself has given and will give. Remember how he broke the bread and passed it, and so forth, and so on. This symbolizes the living bread of life which our Master so humbly has given this world. It has been passed now so many years, very little remains of the original loaf and the world hungers.

Michael has not a deaf ear. His ears are always open to his children's needs and he will feed now his little ones again. Indeed, blessed are you who have heard these words, for you are the first to receive. You are the first obligated to pass it on. Michael is pleased

and accepting of your beings, your persons. Open are his arms to receive you, his children. His little ones.

Spiritual nourishment in strength are your rewards. Service is your joy. Happiness and everlasting life are yours eternally. Verily, I say unto you, that you will hear Michael's words proclaimed throughout the world. You will live to see his coming again. Prepare your hearts in openness to receive him. Receive his words no matter where they seemingly come. Open your lives, make room for him. He will not fail you. He is with you and Father at once.

GREATER FREEDOM TO LOVE

Greetings. Our lesson this evening is about love. We are all in a process of learning to enjoy greater freedom to love. When you are small, your circle of human contact is limited. As you grow in years, your circle is extended.

When you are given this situation of extension, first is love there, and in time when you are learning to imitate your fellows, is love restricted. Children are naturally loving beings. This love should be fostered and nurtured in them, giving them ample opportunity to extend their love beyond the family circle. And by example, the parental fortitude in exhibiting love is a strong influence. If the parent suffers injury and yet exhibits forgiveness and love and the child is in understanding, then shall this awareness/understanding be passed to the child.

Children are naturally wanting to broaden their moral horizons, for they are very much aware of the feelings of injustice and unfairness towards themselves. When children are brought into an environment of trust and love, they naturally follow this example readily. Naturally will they want to show their fellows that they can exhibit forgiveness, for children dislike to hold a grudge, rather would they like to resolve disputes quickly.

Much erroneous learning is constantly bombarding, impinging upon children in this world. They are always seeing erroneous and hurtful behavior from their peers and their elders. Little wonder is it that children, who are great imitators, are now in crisis. They are only imitating the perceived world reality of adults.

When this world comes into a great enlightened awareness, in one generation children will cease learning war. In this world, where wars are rampant and chaos is everywhere, children have little understanding of true reality. How saddening it is to observe their pitiful actions.

You, as the parents and leaders of the next generation have an awesome responsibility in child upbringing. Yes. It is difficult for children to be non-conformists. They tend to want to conform with their peer groups. And you are as a lone influence compared to a whole world full of influence. How then are you to really touch a child's life? Through love! Through love always! Reason with them intelligently through love. Be great

enough to show these little ones a better way, even for a day, then will this seed be planted for later growth.

Children all respond to love. Show love always. Teach not the higher things of the kingdom to children. Allow the children to find their own realities. Love and only love will be their guide, as love has been yours. Fear not that they grasp onto false ideas, but concentrate on their ideals instead. Courage, loyalty, love—these things will be of greatest influence if exhibited by you, not by telling but by being. All of you here are the products of your influences.

All of you can think back to your innocent days when your impressionability was greatest and remember an influence in your life. These children are now in such need of good influences that you can even see their longing. Yes. It is correct to want to explain your reasoning sometimes, yet it is unnecessary to be overly complex.

Children yearn to do right. Children yearn to be good. Children yearn to understand truth. They are your most precious future. Their world should be better and more peaceful than this present world. Better not in the things of material nature, but richer in things of the spiritual nature.

Bringing this awareness is very important and again it is through love, that it is so. A day well done when the nations shall no longer learn war. That day is approaching. You are its harbingers. You are its forerunners. Our work, our efforts are not only for a few, but are destined for all—that all peoples shall live in peace, that all men are brothers. All men, meaning all children are family and there will be no more hatred. Ponder this!

INNER SIGNS

Greetings. All along this winding road we have come into various states of understanding and consciousness of reality. This evening I am going to begin enlightening you as to another road of reality. This is one which will last us through several weeks. Our task is shortly coming into focus. We are as ready as we can be for our purpose.

Morontial insights and living truths are becoming evident in your inner realities. This inner world of life and experience/experiencing truth is ever in flux and changing. This inner world is always in change and even in uncomfortable change, for it is tumultuous, and truly as a darkened sea in a storm, changing. Then when the sun again appears, the sea calms and again reflects the beauty of the sky and clouds in peace and tranquility. In time of turmoil there are often signs which point in directions of uncertainty. That is a time of testing, for you are able to read the signs. Do you act or do you remain in indecision, in turmoil?

It is concerning these signs which I am speaking now. Inner signs are clear to each person. Everyone always reads the signs. You are not given signs which you cannot

read. When you read and understand your direction, then is your task clear and your fear quieted. Then are you able to walk forward, step after step, into your newness.

Inner reality is the guiding force of life. All of your outward existence is the direct result of your inner state. You may say, how long is this teaching, for always is there unjust suffering or undeserved wealth. True. Yet I declare in the face of all other influences, ultimately we become as we prepare ourselves to become. You who have read many signs and followed a long journey in life to your present moment, are the direct result of your inner life becoming real.

I am not saying either to unrealistically set goals which are fantasy. No. You understand that as you read each sign and act, you become more of your destiny, yet your destiny unfolds from within. This is truly becoming. This is true living the way of Michael. His way is high and advanced and far beyond the present ability of anyone here to live up to at this time.

But you can and will be true to your Father by daily walking with him in humble obedience to his will. He is always guiding your inner spirit with the Spirit of Truth ever present, guiding, helping, showing you the signs, helping you read them, giving you insight of truth to the sign.

You are all aware of your inner gifts. These gifts are becoming real to all. This gift of healing is truly part of spiritual growth. There are other gifts even more thrilling which await you. Your sensitivity to an understanding of these spiritual realities will increase over time. And yes, healing will advance as you grow in understanding of this great force.

There are many forces which surround and flow through your physical beings. These forces are real energy and are also, in limited fashion, becoming part of your new awareness. Spiritual, mindal, and physical forms—for all of these three levels of being constitutes humans. You are not only a spirit enclosed in a physical form. You are spirit manifesting a physical form. You are indeed close to morontial insights when this becomes reality for you.

All of being in this level of reality constitutes this form of being. You are first born physical. You are nurtured as a child, receive the divine gift and grow as a morontial soul in this time frame. Most all of Urantian citizens are given time for this growth to become maximum of potential, except when there are grave errors of human judgment. It is God's will that all human beings attain their maximum growth abilities before they are carried on.

Life can seem unfair at times. If you could see with morontial eyes all the seemingly sad and terrible situations, you could begin to understand their great blessing for you. Oftentimes these horrible happenings: deaths, woundings, traumas, are truly where you begin to truly grow and receive your divine birthright, which would maybe have been ignored for too long.

Humans tend toward complacency and repetition in life, safety, and comfort. Father's will is harder. Father's will requires steep action, firm decisions, and life entrusting in him. Often it requires trauma for this letting go of ego, letting go of comfort to a prayer. For humans are very soft spiritually and tend toward safety in little work—spiritual work.

It takes true courage and decisions to go through severe trauma and become better for it. All of you gathered here have your own traumatic place where you made the decision to change. And now you have come to a new dawning time where you appreciate your lives, your gifts, your service, and you appreciate yourselves.

All of you must learn that you must appreciate truly who you are, who you are becoming to the Father, and hold this precious gift in the highest esteem. Don't allow yourselves to fall into low self esteem any more.

Appreciate your great strengths, your beautiful characters. Appreciate what you alone can give to God. Bring that understanding to yourself and you will truly become who you are.

HELPFULNESS

Greetings. This evening's lesson is concerning helpfulness in daily interaction. It becomes one to always show helpfulness in God's love. When you are going about your daily business it is good to be ever watchful for incidences or times when you can show forth your integrity by being helpful to another person.

Easy it is to ignore the unspoken pleas of others around you. And easy it is to become self-involved in your own tasks/projects that you deem them more important than others' projects. You deem your time to be more valuable than others, such that it is looked on as wasted time to help those in need around you—one resents that time lost when it could have been put towards your own work. This attitude is unconsciously building and is not the Christ like manner.

Father Michael is always ready to hear the pleas of even the most small and insignificant of his many, many children. Ever is he willing to help guide his many, many children to himself and to Father. Often this guidance involves the toil of this world, for many are led to a Godlike understanding by long hard days. Understanding Christ's humility in his life's mission is central in understanding Father's nature. He who is so great and yet so willing to be subject to the world as it is.

In your daily lives, many times you are given the opportunity to show forth the Father's nature, which you have been striving to own yourself. Nothing divine is truly owned until it is shared. You are all required to undergo these many, many trials and tests of life wherein you are given the opportunity to show the higher way of love to one who may, or may not, be spiritually as aware as you are.

Have faith that no work, no tasks go without their rewards, whether this reward is material or not. When you are able to help another who needs, in whatever capacity this may be, you are sharing our newfound Godliness and therefore, we are making this Godliness our own. When the opposite may be true, when you are required to do work that is unsatisfying, there is also a lesson in it, for if you can find the satisfaction from God and Michael, you will find true satisfaction in the most menial work. Those who are having to do work which is looked on as menial can find true comfort in sharing Michael's path.

The Savior worked at many tasks in his lifetime. Many would be considered menial work in this day of paperwork. The Master worked with his hands, worked at crafts, worked with animals, worked with his family, children. The Savior found inner satisfaction in these tasks even knowing he was being deprived of an advanced worldly education or wealth or fame. He held fast to Father and tread his path with Father beside him.

You can tread your path with Michael beside you. He is forever the comfort of the ages. His life is the great example of one who triumphed over all circumstance and did so humbly, walking with God. He always took great delight in helping those around him. His greatest joy was in doing little helpful tasks for others, not to the detriment of his own work, but he always took a little time in order to show forth human assistance.

When you look at your lives from an advanced perspective, higher consciousness level, you can see that your little joys in life have become similar channels—where you stopped to aid someone doing some little thing. When you think about this it multiplies and your life becomes enriched by the multitude of small joys.

I say this to you tonight: do not become so self-important that you forget your reason of living. Remember who it is who lives within you. Remember who it is who walks beside you. Show forth this great love in life. Give all you can and in giving, grow toward Father and receive his being. This is the great purpose in living life.

What purpose is there in your toil, your worry, your little bookkeeping, if your life comes down to only existing on that level—surely you have missed much that has passed by you. Open your eyes to your surroundings. Welcome those who come near you. Help those who need help and find your greatest satisfaction therein.

HEALTH

Greetings. Our lesson this evening is concerning health. There are many ways of thinking about bodily health other than material. You are all in awareness of this understanding, for in spiritual heights there is depth also. Meaning that when spiritually advancing mortals encounter illness as an obstacle to further spiritual attainment, this obstacle can be removed in spiritual light.

Disease, which is caused by micro-organisms existing on this planet is especially difficult to remove from the body, for organic life here is all very similar and bodily defenses are imperfect. The similarity between the parasite and host make it difficult for the host body, human body to readily distinguish and remove invader cells. This immune system is very specialized toward certain common bacterial and viral invaders which is developed over childhood/lifetime and when a foreign strain is introduced, the immune system is unprepared.

When populations are isolated and free from intercommunication or travel between other populations, they develop fairly disease proof systems. When there is then contact with foreign populations which have developed immunity toward different viruses and bacteria, they are carriers and the populations exchange these bacterial viruses and can have a devastating effect on some. At present day Urantia there are many, many different peoples from all over the world mingling together so that your immune systems are greatly overtaxed by having to defend so many different strains. This makes it easier to develop illness and not have immediate immunity response.

Spiritually, you are all very advanced, but this does not immunize you from these common illnesses and disease. Yes, spiritual progress does make for a more efficient bodily functioning so that health results in your general well-being. You can also help your health by using methods to reduce your stress levels, methods such as I have elaborated upon in the recent past such as meditation, helpful attitudes, worry free outlook, which comes from giving over responsibilities to God and freeing yourself from needlessly worrying over things which you have no control over, but which the Supreme has complete control over.

Trust is prerequisite to living stress free. Michael had much serious stress placed upon him, yet he chose to gain wisdom and replenish energy by helpful solitude and meditation. He continually sought for higher guidance and wisdom, which when found, removes such worries from your consciousness. Difficult it is to learn, but by daily practice of meditation you can advance your outlook in understanding.

You can increase your trust, for you will receive much unerring guidance. This will develop your trust, which will decrease your stress and you will blossom as a flower upon the earth. Allowing God to help your daily decisions will greatly increase the effectiveness with which you can cope with life. He waits always near, always ready to extend his help, but you must think to seek it first in order to receive it.

Remember to also enjoy a balanced diet which for each person can be different in optimization. In general, when you eat properly and drink enough fluids, you body will be able to extract the nutrients it requires and expel the contaminants or extra nutrients it does not require. Maintain balance and regularity in your daily existence and this will also aid in your general health.

These words are common sense for you, yet if you heed your inner guidance and follow this sound advice, you will noticeably improve your general health.

This is the lesson for this evening, much of which I have explained before. And yet when it is seen to be wise, we repeat certain lessons for your understanding. This is not to be confused with an authoritative directive, but rather should be heard as advice and not prescription.

Spiritual healing works within the parameters which are existent. One cannot change the chemical structures nor the personal form that has been given each personality. You are all responsible for these great temples and should wisely and judiciously maintain them to the optimum best of your wisdom.

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Acknowledgement ...

“If the truth of my words did not create a result in your lives, you would not be here. What truth I give you freely I wish you to give freely and be unafraid to give it, for how it is received is really beyond your control. Each person can only sow these seeds and wait upon the results. Many times you will be disappointed and even scorned. This is known and understood. Therefore, I send you with bravery, courage, wisdom, and discretion. Be gentle yet firm as I am, be secure in your faith as I know you are, and above all be loving, and many hungry souls will come to you on their own.

“I am reminded of the parable of the good shepherd. When one of the flock is separated and goes astray, the shepherd looks for that sheep tirelessly until he finds it, and gently returns it to the fold. This is my mission to you, to seek out those who are lost and to bring them from darkness into light, to give hope, and peace, and security in faith. I admonish you, be not discouraged, for the fruits of your labor will multiply many times. Melchizedek desires that many people receive my teachings which are prepared together with him. This is the beginning of the correcting time.

“We have among us one who has walked this earth, who has lived and suffered in life as you have, who has borne trials and ease, disappointments and pleasure, songs, tears, laughter, melody, ugliness, beauty, despair, and relief. He has personally sent his spirit presence to be with each person for him to have complete understanding, and for each person to have complete comfort in that understanding. There is nothing you have suffered, experienced, borne, or forgiven which he has not done also with you.

“Although we worship the Father, we must not forget to revere our Brother/Father, for he is understandingly close to each of us as a brother: by your side in times of trouble, in times of happiness, in grief and in love. His spirit presence is always near. We should not forget to acknowledge in grateful humility this extreme gift.

LONELINESS

Here on Urantia there are very many lonely and forlorn souls. Heaven’s plan ever begins the process of socialization and Father’s plan contains for each person the antidote for loneliness. Loneliness is ever a cause of profound sadness, and humanity’s longing for companionship ever rings through the cosmos. Life as it is meant to be expressed and truly lived is only really done so in true loving companionship.

Personality energies are ever seeking expression in everyday living. Character, true character, grows a little each day. In aloneness, often character growth is suppressed because of the fact of aloneness. Human beings need to give expression of themselves to

others in order for their character development to become real. Isolation is always detrimental to character growth and is a destroyer of happiness.

Children, I say to you today, find companionship in each other. Allow yourselves free self expression. Allow free character development. For if you do so, you will discover something precious—happiness.

Peace, tranquility, even abundance of certain fruits can be nurtured in aloneness, but happiness, true happiness, true, genuine, heartfelt happiness cannot. Little by little, day by day, happiness grows. Happiness becomes a permanent character fruit. Happiness becomes a permanent character possession. Children, heed me. Your lives as you are now living them need happiness. For happiness is a door to joyful self-discovery and in this self-discovery, this self-realization, comes a great gift—and that gift is God.

As I have taught in the past, self-discovery is God discovery; and God discovery is self-discovery. Forget not your divine birth, your divine birthright as sons and daughters of the living God. You have the liberty to discover who he has intended you to become. You have the freedom to choose within your heart to seek his plan, seek his intention, and to seek him.

Freedom. This, children, is freedom. Even if you understand partially these words, I promise you shall some day completely understand them and realize this truth within your being. Sharing, children, is godlike. You see, he shares everything, everything. Everything possible to share. As you are, share yourself with others. So do you then, approach him by that measure.

The Master has said, “Seek and you will find.” And I say, share and you will find. You find God, you find yourself, and the two approach each other. Heaven itself is shared in this world as humans share together. Sharing is trust, sharing is childlike and godlike at once. Understand, children, his plan for each of his children essentially is this: that he shares himself with them as they share themselves with others. His love can never be contained. His love is only realized by sharing it.

THE MISSION

Our lesson this evening concerns all who hear our teaching. Our lessons have always helped psychological grounding concerning your place in the world, your being as regards to your relationship with God and with each other, and your placement as regards to your lives. We have in our teaching discussed these and other personal topics.

Tonight I wish to bring into our teaching the wider scope of your awareness as to your individual placement in regard to our mission. You see, each of you who are gathered near and far are called to participate in the most thrilling adventure in time on the worlds of space—that of bringing higher truth to your brethren.

Observe that where there is truth given in large groups or in individual circumstances that this light can flicker and die, or it can be nurtured and sustained. It makes no difference whether this light is given to one or to thousands. Each candle is left to sustain itself or to extinguish itself. Our goal is not to maintain each candle.

No. Rather it is our goal to light as many candles as possible, who can then in turn light or relight others.

I come not to coddle an individual or to smooth ruffled feelings, injured pride, or stubborn willfulness in anyone. No, rather do I leave you with a thought, something to ponder, something which may or may not take root within and, you see, this is as it should be. This is as I wish you to minister also.

If someone does not respond to our ministry or teaching, do not feel yourself to be a failure, for there are in this world millions upon millions of starving souls who gladly receive the bread of life, who welcome the waters of spiritual salvation, who thankfully drink from our cup. Therefore, the wisest among you walk ahead with consecrated steps toward the Master, doing only what you can, accepting your losses with your victories on absolutely equal terms.

For life, as it is lived on this world consists in dichotomies convoluted in dichotomies; and no person should take it upon himself or herself to unravel them all. No. No, rather walk ahead toward the goal of the ages and trust your feet will not stumble, trust your backs will not grow weary, trust your hearts will not deceive, and trust your minds to be ever clearer, my children, as you walk the path of true righteous progress.

Trust then comes on many levels. Trust increases within the soul as increasingly the soul trusts the Father. Then the mind becomes a tool of the soul as it increases by steps the awareness of its true union with spirit. The mortal mind can create obstacles of illusory nature always centering around a fear which in itself has no real substance. The mortal mind can create seemingly insuperable difficulties around and containing some central fear.

Now. How does the soul overcome such resistance? Will decisions always create a bond between spirit and soul. Now at this point is the key to overcoming mental obstacles—because by exercising faith a man says ‘regardless of what I am today, I know that I will be a little more spiritual, a little more moral, a little more unself-centered, a little more loving, and a little more humble tomorrow.’”

You who hear my teaching have overcome many obstacles large and small. As you have exercised living faith, so have you grown in spirit, so have you gained reality, so have you become more perfect. Our task, friends, is not to show by dramatic transformation the miracle of faith. No. Rather is faith revealed as small steps toward greater goals. And these greater goals forever increase as the ascending soul increases itself.

Jesus said not, 'Look you sinner, I am God and therefore you must immediately become as I am.' You see, he lived a life of perfection in small ways. He showed each struggling soul a little light, a little warmth for them to grow toward, a little comfort, a little hope. He gave each soul what they could comprehend and not a universe full of demands.

I, therefore, demand nothing. I only give you a little light. So, children, as he did so should you. Be tolerant of your material minds. Know that by faith you shall certainly grow a little each day. Demand not perfection of yourselves and demand it not of your brethren in the flesh.

LIFE'S JOURNEY

Our lesson this evening recognizes all difficulty concerning life's complex and strenuous journey. Even heaven or the morontia worlds are fraught with difficulties. You can easily lighten the burdens of today by considering that the journey toward the infinite center is only just beginning, that though your decisions are important and affect your life here and in the hereafter, that these decisions are ultimately made smaller as you ascend spiritually.

By this I mean that your decisions concerning life's myriad problems ultimately are decisions can cause fluctuations in your lives, can cause changes in your position, can cause seemingly major life alterations, still the overarching decision of seeking God wholeheartedly throughout will ultimately guide your lives.

You see, even in the next life state you are required to live. You must work, you must learn, you must socially interact—all the tendencies which you have begun upon Urantia carry over into your next life. And still the overriding desire of finding God increasingly remains the molding decision in your life.

In many respects, this life is not very different from the morontia life. Consequences of decisions still follow patterns, social interaction still remains a priority, learning better ways of living still occupy your lives and the tender, fleeting, and beautiful moments of true, deep love remain with you.

Surely you must begin to see that your lives, even here on this lowly world, continue on into other better spheres of living and this can ease the weight of life. Realize that you needn't cram an eternity of living into this short mortal existence. You are free to live your moments here to their fullest, knowing that ambition, desire, even love will ever be more fully experienced and expressed in the worlds to come.

Fear not that time can run out on you or that you may miss something vital. That you may overlook something of eternal import, for you have stretching before you the road to infinity. Certainly you may enjoy this existence while you have it without the stress of worrying about something which may prevent you from truly living. Many worry about material security, endless thousands worry about fame and stature among their fellows, thousands fret over losing their youth, and endless millions worry about losing their life.

As you understand that life can never be lost, then are you free at last from man's ultimate fear.

Humankind always tends toward preoccupation with death or loss and it is ever and always hidden in the frantic search for something. Humans always search frantically for something—something which they think gives redemption from loss. Therefore, as mankind scrambles to find it, many millions are trampled in the melee.

As mankind comes toward increasingly spiritual finding, does there come peace within the individual soul and peace comes in general to societal groups. Searching as vehemently as Christ in his life searched for God is always and evermore the giver of the greatest peace. Leading forward the struggle over material difficulties is the Master himself. Ever will he lead men to peace. Ever will he guide hearts and souls to God—the work that was begun even before the universe was begun. Therefore, show yourselves kindness through him, that you are beginning this journey together, even unto paradise.

Life is trying. Life is heartrendingly difficult at times. God in his wisdom gives us these blessings. Remember, they are blessings, always—even the hardest to bear. Live up to your highest expectations of yourselves. Let you be all that God intends. Experience all that God has given and know for a certainty that you are his sons and daughters.

MORE ON MERCY

Our discussion tonight is concerning our Father's love and mercy, always regarding his children individually and as an integrated whole. Your individual contributions are integrated along with those of your peers into this section of space as an integrated or melded whole. As you continue to use your spiritual insight as a fulcrum to help lift your individual peer groups, does our Father aid your efforts by deepening your insight into humanity as a whole, thereby lengthening the fulcrum. Then do your efforts become easier as you have more leverage.

Our Father uses his mercy in similar aspects. As human beings discover God increasingly within themselves and each other, his mercy shines through in action—as will and as words. I give you truth and you are using it to realize God in your lives. As you come along in your understanding, your realizing of his love, do you shine forth with his mercy. You understand that his merciful love has lent you his loving arm to hold you up. And now—have you lent an arm to someone?

His mercy is becoming real in this world only as God-understanding humans act. Without action, mercy does not live. Only as you do unto others does his mercy extend into this world. Living in isolation is fatal not only to one's own spiritual growth, it is also fatal to the growth of God the Supreme, who actualizes in mercy. Mercy, then, is

completely integrated into the Supreme God as he actualizes upon reality in worlds of time and space.

Mercy is not feelings of sympathy or pity as you have confused it to be. Rather it consists in the doing of God's eternal will. As you interact among your peers, mercy then becomes a verb rather than a noun. Mercy is action and interaction between beings of will status.

Mercy is the showing of God's love as you live your lives. Jesus personified mercy as he continually gave God away. He always with dignity and grace was merciful, even unto the cross. His fairness in his dealings among men bore the stamp of a merciful attitude. This mercy-filled attitude stems always from God knowingness. As one increasingly knows our Father in one's life is one constrained to show forth his living mercy.

Unity among human beings, however tenuous, is always resulting from mercy. Mercy binds humans together in a web of spiritual truth and sober understandings. When mercy is given, it always is received, for human levels of interaction are always encircled in the Supreme Being. Mankind will increasingly come to be joined together by and through acts of mercy.

Spurned mercy breeds destruction in men and in nations. For this is acting to force isolation. Isolation from God and man. It then cannot stand. No man nor nation is sufficient unto itself.

Men and nations require mercy, merciful waters from heaven through each other. As the state breaks down and men are left to themselves will ever be the great tests of mercy. For some day, as wars cease to bring resolutions to human conflict, must mercy increasingly replace it.

Humankind seeks solidarity with each other through means which must gradually become means of mercy. Nationalism eventually hinders human solidarity rather than helping it. Bonds of mercy shall replace all others among humans.

CREATIVITY

Our lesson tonight is concerning imagination and creativity. The inner source of creative imagination is always seeking outlets for your inner self's expression. That means that the spiritual inner infinite source which is innately creative seeks for the expression of the budding morontial soul through any means that are available for use.

The creative imagination results naturally from the middle mind which has the creative endowment of spirit innately within it. The morontial mind needs creative expression for its interaction with our material reality. Therefore, as humans spiritually develop mentally, they will seek creative expression through matter. Always does the spirit create

as it interacts with matter. Mentally, through spiritual contact, do the middle minds of humans add to humankind through creative endeavors.

Humankind is constantly enhanced and ennobled by her creative sons and daughters who bring enhanced awareness of life by capturing a perception through self-expression. Usually our lives are greatly enhanced through the beauty of art. It is by the appreciation of artistic beauty that mankind is gradually ennobled.

Everyone can appreciate beauty and this ability is greatly enhanced by this very act. Humans desire and need beauty in their lives. They are stimulated spiritually by contact with the beautiful in life.

Humor is also a result of the creative imagination and it is lacking in abundance upon this world. The ability to appreciate humor parallels the true appreciation of beauty.

Creative endeavors are the yardstick by which civilization has always been measured. The arts reflect civilization accurately—reflecting the spiritual and mental abilities of the creators and their appreciators. Examining civilizations through art gives a pure picture of the human mind awareness apart from technological advances which are reflecting the accumulation of advances over time.

Art doesn't really accumulate as does technology. Art purity is completely apart from the technological world. No amount of technology can give human insight, the human spiritual flowering that is reflected in art. Therefore, when our level of culture looks upon the Urantian modern age, we perceive spiritual shallows unlike the depths that your ancestors enjoyed.

We see dangerous tendencies of superficiality and of superficial glorification that isn't supported through time. Shakespeare's greatness was his depth of human understanding by morontial-spiritual experience. His great expression has endured through centuries. Nothing even close has been attempted since, notwithstanding much serious effort by those with less awareness. The value of true artistic endeavor always lives beyond its era.

Modern society revels in fashionable mini-eras which change quickly and are unenduring for they contain little lasting value. Contrast Michelangelo with Warhol. Society is losing its foothold in values concerning art. As the spiritual reformation commences, so too is there talent to be valued. When this value comes again to guide and direct humankind spiritually, is there that the downward spiral of cultural value shall cease and renewal efforts will begin.

Allow the creative imagination within you to find expression through your lives. Most are not skilled in specialized artistic endeavors. However, the freedom of self expression is always tempered by the artistic innately beautiful qualities of the spirit. Allow this freedom of expression and you will find much happiness and satisfaction as a result.

SLAVERY

There are many ways that humans become enslaved. Usually the bonds are so subtle and we are so used to wearing shackles that we notice them not except when under duress of some form. Shackles can be forged out of subtle psychological materials such as wanting recognition, or lying about our place in society, or the need for influence not genuinely attained and so forth.

This imbalance in the psychology produces a counterbalance of its opposite: the want of social humiliation and self abrogation—basically, desires entailing various forms of self-destruction. Think of the self as a balance point around which desires of the self balance. The desire for self exaltation is balanced perfectly by the desire for self destruction. The man who entertains fantastic and unreal views of his self-importance invariably entertains fantastic and unreal views of his worthlessness, and the weight of each side always balances in the center.

As maturity grows and the weight of the need for self exaltation lessens, so also does the need for self destruction. Until finally, the mature soul transfers all such need-weights onto the Father. No longer does the pendulum swing between these destructive forces but rests quietly upon God alone.

In the mature person, he and she realize that all strife over or for the self is in vain and is spiritually unavailing. That as they increasingly place the burdens of self upon our Father, increasingly are they freed to act according to our Father's will. And their acts glorify not the small and pitiful self, but the Father of all reality. Their acts become glorified and sanctified. Their reasons for living are no longer tethered to the unreal visions of the straining ego, but rather is their vision, their purpose and their being strengthened, solidified and made real by the gift of our Father within.

When we work for ourselves alone, all is vanity. All striving fruitless, and all accomplishment is barren and devoid of reality. But when we work for the spirit who lives within us, the God of all creation, then all our efforts are fruitful, all our doings meaningful, and all our striving sanctified. When one reaches such a state of grace, then are there no accidents in life. All acts, large and small, become unified into meaningful whole. All circumstances contain harmony and all disunity contains unity.

In the life of such a love-centered being, no man is truly an enemy for there is gained from all acts, for and against such a person, lessons of eternal import. Being centered in love forever frees the ego from the sting of disappointment for the false exaltation in triumph. Being centered on God, all such acts are equally meaningful. Likewise, the temptations toward potential evil no longer are a threat. Freedom from temptation is found, and this is true freedom indeed.

Once the weight of self has truly been transferred, finally and unequivocally, then no longer is one tempted to place this ego weight into areas of ego flattery nor equally into areas of self-abasement—and usually where there is one, the other follows swiftly.

Learn therefore to transfer the ego needs quickly onto the eternal source of all ego-being; and surely then does one pass from lands of self-delusion into the land of faith certainty. Self security cannot be found within self delusion. Only by the surrender of all self's needs into the hands of the Father, a sublime surrender of self, can one find security.

All security found in the world is false. There is no security outside the hand of God. "He who would save his life shall lose it. Only he who lays down his life for my sake shall find it." Therefore, neglect your life in sublime self-forgetfulness and find eternal peace thereby.

FEAR

Fear is, at bottom, an animal urge for healing, whether this manifests in actions such as flight or hiding, or in inner psychic fears impelling the mental urge toward help of some kind. It is always an impelling motive toward self defense. It helps sustain the ego, speaking in psychiatric terms. Fears then, impel defense of the ego or conscious self.

Often during life this fear mechanism tends to instruct the ego to actively separate itself from parts of itself which cause discomfort or fear to the conscious mind where the ego resides. Certainly there are some aspects of all humans which are frightening. Some of your dream states illustrate these fears to the ego. Sometimes suppressed conscious impulses enter into this area which is behind the wall of consciousness.

Unresolved anxieties and certain behavioral traits also can be suppressed. Now the result is that there exists two selves, the self which is consciously allowed and the self which is not allowed in the conscious and resides behind fear in the unconscious.

Personality is more basic than its psychological surroundings. The personality invariably strives for unity and balance. As the psychic levels of development, the seven circles, are traversed, gradually there must occur an awakening to the consciousness of unconscious fears about the self. In this way the ego, that is conscious self, gradually expands into and includes the unconscious self until eventually all is balanced and whole.

There cannot be any dark corners left when the soul unites with the pure fragment of living God. Some of you, perhaps, are living through a process of exploring yourselves in these dark spaces. Though this may be painful and frightening, you must realize that fear is nothing more than a reaction of the ego. And that your core self, your personality, is the holder or possessor of all of you. Find this central point of calm and observe how fear has no more effect on you.

The imperative of the personality is to unify the self and to consciously unite with the spirit more and more, thereby creating the soul. Realize that there is nothing truly bad within you that cannot be unified, spiritualized, actualized, and made perfect. “And the Lord, taking him by his right hand said, ‘Come, let us reason together. Though your sins may be scarlet, they shall be white as snow.’”

Therefore, these fears existing within are only unreal barriers toward self unity. Fear has no reality in itself. It is only an impulse toward self preservation, which is limited as ego preservation in the mind. The true self, the whole self, the complete self—the personality unifies experience, actualizes spiritual growth, and coordinates the two in harmonious balance.

The indwelling spirit is completely focalized upon the personality center. He aids all inner striving from within and spiritualizes all inner worthwhile experience, as he spiritualizes always in totality. Psychic circles are not traversed in or by bits and pieces. You cannot be partially in one circle and partially in another. The total personality is where it is. Spiritual advancement is made by the whole coordinated self, the personality.

Human error occurs in not recognizing this striving for what it is. Humans know and are aware that intimate striving takes place, yet they limit this struggle to the area of the psyche, which in modern times is left orphaned and alone, apart from its spiritual focal point. Nothing is so complicated as this area of human science, for it verges on the metaphysical, yet denies true philosophy.

Humankind always views the mechanism of the mind as its greatest mystery. It seems on the one hand to have a mechanistic seat, the brain, yet it itself defines the laws of matter constantly. So neither does mechanistic science grasp it, nor does psychiatry understand it. Only in allowing for spiritual action through the mind does one begin to understand the mind.

Viewed in this manner, the mind is a mechanism for the personality to expand into spiritual and morontial reality. It is not mysterious that when your command of self understanding expands that the human personality becomes more ‘real’. And this expanded reality exerts great influence through the mind.

Mind is the reality through which we know reality and is the mechanism by which we become part of reality increasingly. Do not, therefore, allow fears to impede the imperative of unity within. Always remember, it is our Lord who created you—and would he create something unworthy of him?

Learn to use his strength in time. Accept yourselves as you are, complete, whole, perfect. Allow yourselves to gradually become one with him and show the world that you fear nothing. By example, illustrate that there is no fear in reality. Give hope to those who suffer needlessly in fear by this valiant effort. Strive toward God and give freely of his love, which banishes all fear.

HEALING

This evening I would like to discuss the topic of healing. Inner scars are deep and painful to millions of people living lives as if those scars weren't really there. When an association or crisis leads one to use all of one's inner resources, then oftentimes are these old wounds reopened or really brought to consciousness.

Often it is necessary to heal and treat old wounds before new growth can begin in vital areas. If one seals off painful experiences from consciousness, then always is this wound crying for healing and attention. Healing comes when all of the wound is opened and cleansed. Last time I spoke of fear as being an impetus toward healing. As pain is to the body, so is fear to the mind. It begs attention. Think about inner psychic fears as pain indicating healing need.

How then are these wounds healed? I will tell you that the spiritual source of healing is our beloved Master who has given of his healing spirit completely. No wound is too deep, no fear is too great that the Comforter, the Healer, cannot replace it with his love. His great good power is not far away, is it? No. Rather is this good healer always eternally present.

Your souls are always bathed in his spiritual being, but you must will his healing. Open therefore your hearts to his ever beautiful gaze that he may see your wounds, that he may heal them, comforting your heart gently. The will of he who loves the world exists in his children's allowing.

He wishes the coming of his reign and the coming of his reign will actualize in the hearts of men who love God supremely. This heartfelt will to live God's will is, in truth, his coming. Light his truth within your hearts, give his light to those who are darkened, and eventually, in reality, his truth will shine all over this dark world.

Human experience of the presence of the Master and of God the Father is individual and unique to each human being. Experience must be obtained through experience. No man can give another his experience. It is not my province to tinker in these areas. I will say that our Father's spirit is the source of guidance and direction in life, while the Son's love is actualized in the Father's love.

Growing in human spiritual stature requires coordination between these two great spiritual forces, and these spiritual beings coordinate with the angels themselves. Realize that all goodness, even the mercy of the Son, is of the Father. Only one loyalty is there and this loyalty is loyal to all else that is real. Our Master blended humanity and divinity together so that the two were one.

Each human begins this very same process. It isn't simply a matter of obstacles, but rather a slow melding of humanity's deepest core with divinity's infinite source. Therefore, it does take eternity to come into reality.

TOLERANCE

Tolerance is promoting of our Master's gentle nature in your experience. Our beloved Father-Brother Michael tolerated, in effect, all injustice in this area of rebellion. He tolerated the bitter fruit of rebellion nobly.

Always, he bore fruits of the spiritual realm with ease. Gracefully he bore sublime patience and tolerance extending forth to the most insidious iniquity born of Lucifer. Egoistic pride remains Lucifer's legacy upon the isolated spheres. Exaltation of this sin has insidiously crept into all institutions and social acceptance.

Today, even as it was in the Master's time, the ignorance left unbalanced by truth tends to breed ignorance. Our Master fought ignorance by simply living truth. You are all called to do as he did. Battle not ignorance with facts or worldly knowledge. All such mindal creations are partially ignorant also, as I'm sure your experience can attest.

Living the righteous life, loving truth, recognizing its source, forever frees the mind to observe facts and tolerate their misuse. Strive not with men using their understanding—give light from the Source instead.

Seemingly, to those without personal experience with truth and its source, our lesson seems cryptic. However, it remains absolute on finite levels that each individual absorbs that truth that they allow, and you must always allow this. One can offer truth, certainly—however one must tolerate each person's partaking.

The experience of God isn't directly given from human to human. The indwelling spirit within each human sees that the truth is measured correctly. He sees that the absorption rate is regulated and that each human becomes nourished according to his wisdom. Therefore, when we are intolerant of the truth capacity levels of our beloved brethren, we are, in effect, judging God which is ridiculous.

We can become as living springs for those who thirst. But how does it serve to force water on the satiated or to offer bread for the spirit to those who hunger not? Perhaps of all the ministry which I have begun, the understanding of such a central concept is hardest. All of our students long to share the truth, long to openly and intensely love each human brought into their influence and rejection is hardest to bear—but you have to remember it is not your truth, it is not your kingdom, it is not your self which is accepted or rejected.

The way of God is so encompassing you must always feel free of individual responsibility over particular souls. Allow each human being the respect and tolerance

that they may individually seek the Master as you each have done. Remember that each capacity and mental bent is unique and precious and begin to understand that truth is malleable.

Human beings each are fed what their systems can absorb spiritually. Hard kernels of truth can be ground into meal, can be leavened, can be made palatable to all of God's children. As you nourish babies with formula until they can absorb solid food, so it is with spiritual food and babies cannot eat the nourishment of adults. Your wisdom begins to discern this absorption capacity difference among your brethren, but ultimately, you must allow our Father to nourish his children correctly.

SELF LOVE

Human mortals are the creation of God through his son, our beautiful and nurturing brother, son of mercy, Michael of Nebadon. His desire during human existence largely had to do with love, teaching love, showing love, and he could always know God's love through him.

He loved not himself, he loved God instead. Humans also by stages are instructed to refocus love not on themselves but on other mortals, other creations, otherness.

Self love is an insidious thing for it is also self hatred. By degrees do humans understand that they must lay aside their lives, their selfhood, and walk only by his power. Learn only through his mind, see only through his eyes. Human tendency is to step halfway and delegate certain areas of functioning to God and reserve areas for themselves also.

When your prophet said, "I God am a jealous God," he referred to God's ultimate insistence that all selfhood be his. All of lifetime includes all of the circumstances required to allow the complete, total, and final surrender of selfhood to him who created it.

Fear and self-loathing are the opposite side of self love. Energy which remains focused on the self selfishly inhibits God's ministry, inhibits Supreme realization, and vouchsafes that human iniquity really continues to invade men personally. All of human error, sin, and iniquity stems from self loathing/love. If there shall be hope for mankind, it will come through increasing awareness of the reality of individual responsibility to individually eradicate the legacy of the Lucifer rebellion.

Increasingly I have spoken about psychological tools for self understanding and subsequent self mastery and now I am revealing our true purpose: that the Lucifer legacy be overthrown in the hearts of humankind and that the reality of heaven replace it individually.

Someday will the reality of the kingdom of heaven reign supremely within each individual heart and soul. Then shall the angels sing and heaven rejoice that our flock has come home.

OTHER WORLDS

Our lesson is about a subject that is on humanity's consciousness circuit frequently. Humankind asks if there is another world like earth and other human beings living there. You who are readers of our text book, the Urantia Papers, do understand that there are indeed trillions of other worlds inhabited like Urantia, however, most humans are unaware of this fact.

As the system circuits are reinstated, your isolation comes to an end which is unsettling to those whose world view has developed in isolated conditions. Although our understanding is limited, I can say that your planet will experience human contact sometime in the future, which would precipitate fear and incredulity among humans were they unprepared.

All of the surrounding sun systems harboring human intelligence also have been in relative isolation, though their strong leadership has prevented full scale rebellion—and thus they have received teachers regularly and have responded to the system authorities. Your isolation is largely resulting from ignorance and fear, both have enforced archaic reason upon this struggling sphere.

Your great religions almost invariably hold thought within certain boundaries and likewise does your science. Your institutions entrench old views and hold an unreasoning attitude toward enlightenment and truth. Great cataclysmic change precipitates reorganization and rethinking of old "truths." Really is your earth yet only starting an age of upheaval that is sure to change thinking throughout subsequent ages.

Interest in the probability of other human worlds is a sort of preparation for this rethinking where old borders collapse and new and higher cultural, religious, and scientific awareness can infuse its potentiality quietly, even unconsciously, throughout the whole world.

Religion is the first to exhibit change and motivated awareness expansion. As Hindus, Moslems, and Christians each struggle for advancing political authority, our revelation shall shine unto all comers, and those who come shall eventually lead this world forward in all areas of thought.

No longer is the prize won upon this earth. There exists nothing here to fight over once your understanding has advanced. Only is the advancement of the heavenly reign important and only as men freely choose to give up earthly power will it increasingly be spread abroad in the land, your world Urantia.

Someday nation will no longer make war against nation nor religion against religion. For the great brotherhood of man will have dawned and the overarching understanding bridging worlds, tying humans together with humans, is the goal of understanding each other. Understanding is inseparable from the goal of love, of human love or divine love.

Human understanding spreads with the intention of eventual love. When, for example, you intend to love another, you must learn to understand him or her. And if you remain dedicated to your intention, this understanding shall become realized.

Therefore I say to you, be true to your intention to spread brotherly love in this world. Intend love as your goal with each human associate and understanding is sure to become realized. When Jesus said, "Love your enemies," he intended active love, active intention, which leads through understanding to its ultimate goal. Destroying enemies, then, is a spiritual battle rather than material and mortal.

Our ultimate goal for Urantia includes that your bloody inhuman contests shall cease and be no more.

Work is then required for the kingdom now and always. Living a life of ease and ignorance is not a sign of God's favor. God requires effort from his children to love each other and through vigorous and sustained rigors of human existence is your intention tested. If you intend entrance into God's house, then must you actively offer entrance always to those less deserving. If you expect God's mercy upon your life, show abundant mercy within your life.

Love must never be passive or neglectful of its purpose. Neither can you rest passively and be neglectful of life's purpose for you. Find your destiny in this world by actively being true to your intention—the intention of love.

DESTINY REDUX

Our lesson this evening concerns your interest in revelation and its effects. As our teaching mission gains ground in human understanding, its effect upon knowledge and culture is to come into reality. As this reality gains ground in depth and breadth, it contains the actualization of your individual and collective potentials.

Each person has a preordained destiny which unfolds according to your ability to comprehend truth and live righteously according to Father's will. Yet there is also a preordained destiny for your world which is furthered by individual potential realization.

Our understanding is that as each human gradually becomes aware of divine destiny encircumtment, you knowingly or unknowingly compel those closely associated with you to recognize this reality also. To witness the efforts of one who walks in righteousness inspires everyone associated and shines the light of truth into dark corners. Even when

individual circumstances look to be unfortunate, God in his infinite wisdom has chosen this time for that one to shine most brightly. Use the trying situations of your lives in order to spread the light of truth. As you do so, you will surely attain greater levels of awareness than you had before.

Upon each back are certain burdens that you are destined to bear. Each human mortal has the option of taking up your burden and carrying forward in life, while learning and teaching about your expanding understandings. Or you can reject this divine effort and attempt to run away from this God given responsibility, losing your burden and even losing your mortal life eventually. God requires that you carry his burden as you journey along your pathway home.

Crying persists through the night, but gladness comes forth with the sun. Remember that even when you momentarily stumble under seemingly crushing burdens, you will gladly rise on the morrow to triumphantly carry them home.

Individual freedom paradoxically requires this carrying of the divine burden. As you increase in the spirit, these burdens become increasingly lighter and lighter. Soon you can easily shoulder misfortune and triumph over despair which surely would have devastated you in an earlier stage of growth. Require of yourselves that you will lighten your burdens as you increasingly understand the true nature of reality. Require of yourselves that you gracefully shoulder these burdens as an example of the living way.

Show an attitude of trust and good faith in the face of crushing disappointment or bitter defeat. Carry your individual burdens by the power in the spirit--which is all, and the only real power. Learn as you do so the true meaning of greatness and goodness. Learn also as you carry home your divine gifts that your efforts are always aided and balanced on all sides without your intervention.

Imagine a world in which all humans sought to uphold righteousness within their lives as their foremost and sacred duty. Where then is cruelty, injustice, or the inhumanity that reigns supreme now?

Mankind requires purpose. Individual, complete, wholehearted purpose and this will lead to understanding. Never can I truly portray the ultimate eternal design of the Lord. Always am I constrained to offer a partial glimpsing of his infinite care and love. I am only a teacher of partial truth, for ultimate truth is beyond my understanding.

However, I continue on, attempting each meeting to broaden and to deepen your partial awareness of God and his creation. Neither great nor good am I, yet I know partially about these things and I can pursue their nature and source. Take up your burdens and follow the one who sent us. Follow the Christ, the man Jesus. Follow him alone.

GREATNESS AND GOODNESS

Greatness and its complement goodness are the two humanly understandable pillars of Deity's nature and his eternal oneness reality. As your comprehension becomes enlarged, these dual attributes experientially grow in magnitude simultaneously with the growth in their comprehension.

Goodness begins as the comprehension of Deity as it is limited by one's understanding. Greatness begins as the comprehension of the magnitude of deeds. The reality is later understood that greatness is a measure of human character and goodness is the motivator of the great. Further on, as comprehension evolves, do greatness and goodness become intertwined as divine character traits that simultaneously are the works and also the motivator or the source of works. God is great through his good works and also is good through his great works.

The measure of a great deed is the extent that it was motivated by goodness, and good deeds are measured by the greatness of the ideals which spawned them. Learning thus to motivate and inspire our lives by comprehending goodness and aspiring to greatness propels humanity forward by the increasing awareness of the reality of these great spiritual facts.

Mercy is the inevitable son of goodness and greatness. Wisdom is the inevitable child of these great spiritual realities, goodness and mercy. As you are slowly learning to experience wisdom, it always show the way to mercy and goodness combined as greatness.

None of that which men esteem as greatness contains its reality except where it is merciful and good. Goodness in the human experience is vastly inferior to its spiritually pure source so benighted has your experience become. As the years progress toward greater civilized achievement, will the men and women who hold these attributes aloft shine forth the way for the multitudes.

Goodness becomes an experiential spiritual reality by the measure that it is exalted and held aloft. Always will greatness be an increasingly lofty goal the more it is held above. Only by exalting goodness can it be tasted in this lowly life existence, and the greatness which is esteemed within our characters increasingly gains stature as the attainment falls short.

Paradox is inherent in all human dealing in the divine realms. The more of Deity one experiences, the more understanding of the infinite nature of these experiences and the greater the longing for experience. Divine water surely quenches thirst, but one who has tasted this heavenly nectar becomes insatiable for more.

However much of God you have experienced, there is still infinitely more. Paradox is its seeming to human understanding—harmonious completion its awareness in the divine understanding. Goodness and greatness are like having two legs, each one propels the other forward. There is no goodness that isn't fully great; nor is there truly any greatness that isn't also good.

Tools are involved within this understanding to measure the reality content of every human endeavor. Remember though, as you seek to understand your place in the universe—that the measurements of divinity are always judged through thorough-going mercy ministry, and that you individually have not any yardstick with which to measure your true standing...much less that of your neighbor.

So, even as I point the way to a kind of judgment, I admonish against using it. Simply use these understandings within your personal sphere of relation to Deity. As your own standing lifts you above where you were yesterday, enjoy the cognizance of spiritual advancement humanly and personally. I hope that I have been clear.

GREED AND AVARICE

An action fueled at its core through covetousness and acted without remorse or the highest awareness of individual responsibility to higher reality actually is avarice. Likened to a tree without water or sunshine, the human filled with avarice slowly dies, inside first.

Greed isn't always an entirely negative motivation. Greed for the extension of self into the morontial realms gives eternal life. Greed for knowledge culminates in wisdom. Greed for truth eventuates in the realizing of this truth inside the human heart. Greed for beauty eventually creates beauty through art. And the greed for goodness eventuates growth in grace and charm.

Within finite reality levels there is the necessity of there being a force which maintains individual separation from the whole. Greed and its various manifestations is a mindal result of this necessary force. For "I" to be maintained, it must have needs and desires that are unique and promoting of this individuality. However, when the self promoting aspects of mind take on an obsessive nature, there is danger that the disease called avarice will appear and eventually, through excessive absorption, shall this human separate himself increasingly from greater reality—so that he who "saves" his life shall lose it.

Our Master maintained superb and exquisitely masterful balance between the forces of self reliance and the forces of Deity embrace. In every human life there are contradictory forces pushing and pulling at the personality. This human personality has to maintain self respect while disclaiming all credit for achievement. He or she must maintain self composure while experiencing the fullness of emotional transports. Such persons need a certain degree of self maintenance and yet must their needs be balanced against the needs of their families, their communities, their state and the world situation as a whole.

No one can adequately determine a correct balance within these conflicting interests. You can only judge the merits of your character in comparison with that of Jesus and his commandments. Shun, therefore, human efforts at judging each other or even

yourselves—rather strive only to correctly maintain balance as you ascend heavenward. All else is in your Father’s hands.

Regard your life as though all depended on balance, not motion, and your ascension is assured. Remember as you strive to maintain balance that all sincere effort avails and that God holds the sincere heart as though it were gold, precious in his sight. Sincerely seek balance and he will give you the wisdom to understand its achievement or its lack of achievement also.

God raises men, not the other way around. When one is sincerely poised and seeking God, then does he send all necessary aid and ascends the person himself. Humankind too greedily seeks ascension through means of their own and it avails nothing. Mankind has a million ways to artificially ascend individuals, groups, even nations and they all fall again.

Individual human beings ascend one at a time and by their sincere conviction of truth are they known to the Father. They may seek to be wise without experientially experiencing wisdom. They may seek to teach truth without residing within its gentle bosom. They may aspire to goodness without experiencing the spiritual and they will fall back to their true level of maturity when the winds of adversity blow down their house of cards.

Wisdom is not contained in cleverness any more than knowledge is contained in facts.

OUR PURPOSE

Our desire remains constant. It involves simply to restate the teaching of the man, Jesus, our beloved Creator/Father into a form that humans, as they live on this world, can recognize as universal truth—unmixed and undiluted through centuries of contamination among the ideas, even well-meaning though they were, of humans.

His pure goal is no less than the establishment of his and our Father’s kingdom on earth. The coming of the understanding of universal sonship and daughtership with our God carries also the realization of the brotherhood and sisterhood among all human beings.

How am I this heavy task to carry? Who am I that I should be called? You ask. Simple: you came. All the universal hosts rejoice over including each person more. If you could know how valuable each human being is, then you could understand better why Jesus lived and could comprehend this great life more.

Your human understanding is so limited that you fail to see that you need to rejoice over the miracle of being, but even more over the greater miracle of BECOMING. Each human being lives shortly through this larval stage called mortal life and emerges as a beautiful butterfly at its natural end. I say to you that your wings already exist. That your freedom is at hand. The skies are opened.

Who among you would be ignorant of the truth purposely? No. You are courageous people who love truth as it, indeed, is life. Love truth and its great freedom as you loosen the chains of human existence, one by one.

Surely it is by his power that you exist now. Dare to depend on that same energy, that same source of which you are. Life is short and your lives are gems that our Father refines through this harsh experience. Allow then his tools to cut through the sand in which you are all enveloped and understand that even though human adversity, pain, and suffering deeply engulf your souls briefly, have courage to trust that he is creating a masterpiece in your soul.

Human existence is hard—even brutal and disgusting in your times, but it is not in vain. Know this. Children, always know that his sustaining love reaches into every darkened corner that you allow it to. Allow his energy, his love and understanding mercy into yourselves that you may know him. Alleviate your suffering. Allow him the freedom within your hearts to heal, to alter, to make right old wrongs, to ease old troubles, and to erase old habitual fears. Allow him to remake your soul even so that it be perfect.

Remember his love is not too weak nor too far away. Rather is his love strong, constant, and familiar. Walk into his arms that he may breathe new hope into your soul and love into your heart. Allow him to erase the furrows in your brows, ease your troubled spirits and, along the way your burdens, for you are truly his children. He waits to hold you and give you his wealth, even beyond your comprehension, eternally.

INNER RELEASE

Your entire lives, including today, have been complicated by the attention that is unduly focused on trivial and inconsequential things that take energy and yet are nothing but ashes that you continue to burn out of frustration or inner anguish that re-stirs old cinders, availing nothing.

When you feel the need to burn something, use this individual flame in order to consume something new. Try to focus energy when possible on newness of some kind. Push yourself out into some new realm and experience, savor something new. Feel your lives expanding instead of contracting and extend yourselves into new areas, even if it is only an act of taking a walk or a drive into another neighborhood.

These days of human life are only to last a short while. Use your time in order to grow into the unexplored areas of being. Allow yourselves freedom from self, especially as your self can calcify or tend to restrict growth. Sometimes, like a plant grown root bound in too small a pot, you need to break out of this restriction and though it maybe shocking at first, surely you are destined to accustom yourself to larger surroundings where there is freedom for growth.

You see, there are several levels of being and sometimes humans decide that they are content at a certain level and consciously attempt to remain there even though they are outgrowing this restricted level. Yes. It takes courage to ascend into another new and unfamiliar level of existence—one that entails personal risk and personality extension for you to truly function in.

You may try to restrict yourself in this new level for a while, but eventually you must concede to explore beyond that corner. Certainly as you do so, you will discover things that you had consciously denied yourself before and you will find that you are actually increasingly more comfortable in an expanded condition than you were in a restricted condition.

Usually as human beings expand their inner potential into outward realms of happiness then, contentment, peace, and tranquility increase as they stop being their own jailers and become free sons and daughters of the living God. As his living light enters your souls and warms the inner coldness again, as you drink from the living waters of life and grow comfortably and peacefully within your expanded realm of being, then do you begin to see his work within yourselves. You begin to understand that he is continually creating you anew and fresh.

Clean, healthy, tender new shoots take the place of those old, dying outer leaves. As you continue to grow and become as he increasingly fashions you, you know that in fact, you are he, as though your tiny drop of ocean reflects the content of the sea. Your inner harmony begins to tune itself to the harmony of the universe and as love radiates from your continuous, harmonious being, you are connecting yourself as a unique and vital aspect or part of the greater body of the Supreme Being.

Don't you want to become a vital living extension of truth, liberty, and enlightenment? Don't you want to be part of greater reality? Isn't it time that you decided once and for all to lay down your selfish pleasures and commit yourself into his hands?

If I could only express to you what it is truly like to be a tiny part of the great kingdom of God, I would have fulfilled my entire obligation to this world. And yet I am restricted and limited by the design of communication available and I can't express the grandeur that becomes actually, your being.

His spirit who ever increases the awareness that you have of himself is hampered by all the animalistic and childish crazy notions that constantly fill your heads day in and out. Your lives can be so full and yet you restrict the living water as if using an eye dropper.

I would surely greatly thank God if I could give you but a glimpse of the eternal future which lies before you, yet I cannot. You must open yourselves to his living spirit and allow him to give you this understanding yourselves.

FEAR AND RAGE

Our lesson tonight concerns our understanding of the human emotions of rage on one side of the coin and fear on the other side. The depth of every human's emotive pattern consists as though a graph between these extremes were drawn and the pattern of fluctuation increases with unpleasant external stimuli.

The effect on the electrochemical system is a wildly fluctuating vibrational pattern and this in turn effects chemical balances including, however not exclusively, the blood sugar levels that effect comfort levels. Also there are chemical substances which are balancing and reacting in accordance with the emotional vibrational level.

The human animal body consists of material which is itself composed of elemental substances or molecules which are all on a certain electrical frequency and this frequency also responds to cohesive factors that maintain the material integrity of each element. Each molecule has an electrical vibrational frequency together with other elemental structures and with the influence of the universal Mother Spirit, living cells always conform to physical vibrational parameters.

Mind also reacts within parameters of a vibrational nature which influences the entire physical form. Vibrational levels, which although are contained within these parameters, can effect damage on the physical body. Both of these extreme emotions of fear and rage are mindal polarities causing aggression or flight. Animals are motivated through the mindal circuits along these lines. Instinctive animal behaviors are in this way triggered and motivated until the animal has completed its behavioral pattern and then the vibrational pressure is removed.

Human beings have freedom of will and this will can itself choose to a certain extent one's motivation. As one mentally thinks about an unpleasant incident, either past or imagined future, one can work up this rage and/or fear frequency which is extremely uncomfortable not being released through action. This stress eventually causes cellular weakness and if engaged in enough can eventually create abnormal cellular functions such as over-excretion of certain chemicals or the opposite. Or the invasion of viruses or bacteria will be more damaging than otherwise. Or it can cause cellular abnormalities like tumors or other growths and so on.

So, the point of this discussion has been to let you understand as you do that your emotional imbalances create chemical imbalances which can result in the disease and destruction of bodily parts and functions. Centering one's consciousness upon the living source of peace starts the process that eventually results in better bodily health and mental tranquility.

Not to say that the entire responsibility for health is with you or that when disease becomes apparent that you are to blame. No. Rather contemplate the fact that your general well-being, physical, mental, and spiritual is intimately connected, and that when one truly finds a spring of living water, it is also a spring which eventually bestows health and the freedom from want and fear.

This living spring that I have often spoken of has your greatest gift within its nature and that is faith. For it is only through faith that this fountain is tapped. Through the living faith that each of you possesses comes greater faith—the certainty of eternal life and the assuredness which this gives.

Grant your faith open channels within yourselves that you may become entirely saturated with living light and allow each physical cell to become radiant from the tips of your toenails through the strands of your hair. Allow each individual cell to exist within this light. Allow the Father to increase your health and your robustness of human spirit that you can live long in order that you can fulfill all of your divinely chosen path through this life.

Don't any of you cut your lives short through indulging in the stressful feelings of rage and fear. You'll have interesting and varied emotions without self-indulgence in the disease inducing stressful spheres of anxiety.

Cultivate subtlety in the emotional responses to life and its challenges. Allow your emotional depth to develop various reactions and the intricacies of emotional delicacy can greatly compensate for self indulgent anxiety. Emotional maturity is largely a measure of this exact self restraint, and your happiness and health also increases proportionally as you practice this same self restraint.

OPPORTUNITY

Our lesson is about opportunity and the wise utilization of it among your friends, associates, and enemies. Everyone experiences opportunities of varying or changing natures and potentials.

Opportunities exercise a person's ability to be equal to the opportunity presented. Failure in life's material areas is the result of failure to exercise one's own abilities concerning every opportunity presented, small or large. Little opportunities are the training ground that one has to work through before one can recognize or have the proper ability for those larger opportunities.

It is just like school where a child learns numbers and then later finds out that these numbers can be used abstractly for addition and subtraction on into your higher mathematics which are precise and yet abstract. This understanding cannot be given to a child who doesn't know what numbers are.

All of life then can be viewed as the advancement of opportunity. Opportunities aren't only material as in career opportunities. They are mental learning opportunities, and they are also morontial in that friendship and personal relationship opportunities rise and fall, open and close like the others. As Jesus lived among men, he took advantage exclusively of morontial opportunities. He lived a life as no other human has in that his great motivation and purpose was entirely in the spiritual and morontial realms.

He understood the value of each human being's soul and he directed all his ministry to the soul and about the soul. Addressing the multitudes in parables, he was able to speak directly to the souls of millions here through the ages and beyond this world. Become aware in your dealings with people that each human soul is of the greatest importance.

Nothing material can save or harm this soul and when you become so readjusted to reality that you see this plainly, then will opportunities multiply in this higher realm of living. Have secure faith about all the remainder of life, that is, your material concerns and learn the mota principles that are higher laws and more enduring truths. In other words, I'll teach you how to multiply.

Understand that eternal laws or truths about God are the key to a more secure life, happier life, being purged of fear and the inconsistency that plagues the lower realms of living. Consider how multiplication changes addition. Addition is basically counting through each number until the sum is reached, but by knowing how to multiply from a table, how easy this chore has become.

You have replaced a lower level of mathematical reasoning with one higher and simpler. So it is with the broadening awareness of spiritual values. They supplant older and more unwieldy concepts with those of sublime simplicity. Eventually, as you near the limitations of multiplication in handling larger tasks, then does an algebraic level of mathematics become essential and more abstraction yields a greater simplicity.

Every opportunity for growth yields a higher awareness of understanding of the morontial mota, which really is in essence, morontial problem solving. And as you increasingly learn to function on these higher levels of reality, mota becomes essential. You will learn that not only must you understand the gospel through faith, but that eventually you must learn about the rules of the universe that are behind the sayings.

For example: Jesus said, "Love your enemy. Do good to those who seek to harm you." Now at first glance this seems like unhealthy martyrdom, some kind of idealistic ranting of someone who isn't living in this world. However, as you grow to understand mota, you will see that this is a clear-cut law of the universe—and when followed, always yields spiritual fruits. And when one's values are correct, one knows that spiritual fruits are valued immeasurably higher than material gains.

Beginning mota impinges on philosophy a little, yet it clearly deals on higher levels than your unaided philosophy can touch. Consider yourselves extremely fortunate that you have received and are receiving the beginnings of morontial teaching. You have all become ideal pupils and I am happy to continue in these teaching lessons.

DESIRE

Our lesson tonight is about granting your own wishes. As you are learning, usually your inherited desires are gradually changed in the later years. And as you later come into understanding concerning your desires, begin to understand about their underlying sources.

Ancient eastern wise men taught that only by attaining an attitude of complete desirelessness could one attain peace of mind. I say that always should the desire for perfection remain, though desire for the glories of life can be antithetical to this supreme desire. Underlying all human desires about themselves is the desire for brotherly love, or put another way, desire for social acceptance.

Desiring the love for one's soul drives the need for social acceptance. Give all that you need. Accept the souls of others in love and you will gracefully and naturally find acceptance among those same humans.

Inherited desires are those which a human being accepts as genuine in childhood or adolescence, desires which can usually be traced to a need for acceptance detected in another human and their need or desire has become accepted by the young mind. Human beings are seemingly insatiable in their search for respectability, sexual desirability, economic stature, and other even lesser rewards such as fame, or the mass acceptance of personality.

Human society functions only as well as human family units are accepted and respected in communities. Social awareness and the responsibility to others are learned by children in these circumscribed community transactions. Increasingly as these human groups function less and less, desire for love of the soul becomes distorted and miscomprehended until desires become base and the love for the soul is forgotten among tragic circumstance.

You humans who are living through these tumultuous times ought to learn the value of socialized and nurtured desire. Human beings are extremely impressionable so that they can substitute unworthy and unfair desires for the pursuit of their heavenly Father who is indeed the source of desire and its completion.

As a person desires in his and her heart, so do they truly become. As this understanding dawns upon the human race of beings, so shall unworthy and inferior desires diminish and in their place the desire to be like God and to share him with your brothers and sisters amplifies and restructures desire itself, until eventually the desire of the entire world becomes that of harmonious interaction and spiritual perfection.

In those days to come shall all eyes constantly behold him and will his praises be upon all lips and all ears will hear the message. The eternal message of the ages, one that transforms each human soul into that of glorious perfection. Understand that you are undertaking to transform the entire world and that the time of correction has come!

MORONTIA MOTA

Our discourse is about honor and union in diligence. Unionization consists in honor and individual soul consecration to one's highest moral ideals. Union adds spiritual weight into the human morontial becoming. And the human dimension, consisting within the finite level of reality, also adds weight or substance.

Interlocking two disparate realities together creates a third dimension which is super-real, as this union can function in the finite realms and also function in the timeless and spaceless reality of the Adjuster. Morontial levels of reality are coarse enough to impact upon human material reality as perceived through the mind of man, and equally they are fine enough to be directly perceived and have interaction with the pure spirit God fragment.

Super-reality is conceived by the mind of humans and it is perceived as the spiritual perceiving part of humans. You are perceiving reality as conceived and filtered through your mental capacity. The act of perception is limited in the material realm by material senses. The act of perceiving super-reality—the morontial and spiritual realities—is only perceived through the soul.

Also are the powers of the mind coordinated and filtered by the perception of the soul. Values are perceived through direct morontial perception and the mind is deepened and qualitatively enhanced through the reflective and appreciative powers of the soul. You are even now reflecting on the existence of this value-perceiving entity inside you, and you might conclude that it is a unique and marvelous thing—and that without the soul, humans wouldn't be human.

It is the ever-enlarging soul of humankind that progresses civilization and it is the human pursuit of the expansion of the soul that civilizes each individual. Morontia mota is the pursuit of this expansion. The more of this super-reality you possess, the more understanding of finite reality you can be. Morontia is one of many levels of reality that are expressions of God as defined by the repercussions which occur between the spiritual and the finite levels of reality.

The material level of existence has underlying it the Unqualified Absolute. The finite is an expression of partiality in absoluteness.

Time, similarly, is an expression through the Third Source and Center of partiality in absoluteness. Time, as humans understand it, is the mental awareness of the segregation of events. It isn't humanly possible or likely that humans can truly conceive of eternity, yet conceptually it is indispensable to the understanding of reality.

If you can imagine time as being a gigantic sphere where each segment expands or contracts like a giant balloon surface, you will understand a little about its nature. The soul perceives time differently and perceives a partial glimpse of the eternal nature of God. Through its perception am I endeavoring to teach about God somewhat directly.

You see how the perceiving nature must be conditioned and limited by the will of God in order to complete his plan. You cannot simultaneously be human and finite and conceive of God at once. In between these two levels of perception is the morontia mota.

You see, as finite beings and immature creatures, perceptions are vastly limited and consequently the conceptualizing mind is also partaking of only a tiny fragment of the Universal Mind. However, this does not preclude conceiving of the existence of other levels of reality. Only through the soul's direct perception are these greater levels of reality conceived.

Intellectually, a human can postulate the existence of God, but only through his soul does he actually perceive him. And it is through the perception of God and the integration of this pure perception into the experience levels of everyday life that human progress is actualized—progress in all realms of living and in all levels of societal groupings.

Sincerely understand that through direct perception, each individual human being experiences God himself and that your experience reality-izes as morontial reality, which has still greater perceiving capacity. And so as humans understand that the greatest life experience is that of perceiving God and of conceiving of his will, then does humankind make real progress. And it shall be again understood widely that his goodness and greatness and mercy have allowed it to be so.

MORONTIA GROWTH IN THE SUPREME

Tonight our central point is concerning elemental judgment or the initial entering into understanding about early morontial awareness and its implications. To wit: consider attraction involving spiritual values sensed within the awareness of another human being.

Your understanding includes that of mindal sympathy and another level of intimacy including love feelings and their repercussions inside your own soul—the well of human feeling. Beginning morontial mota signals another level of perception, completely involving morontia conceptions: individual souls are included in a larger real corporeal existence complete in the Almighty Supreme.

The Almighty Supreme has the conscious awareness of your morontial dynamic and he is conscious of your growing pattern of growth potential which is the creation of the Universal Father. Therefore, as you increasingly gain understanding about your inner capacities for loving expression, likewise does the Almighty consciousness synthesize itself in actuality and in potentiality; and does his morontial actualization become increased as you increase.

Personality contains potentiality that grows during morontial awakening in cognizance, both yours and the Almighty's. Power becomes extended in personal manifestation and the power-personality synthesis actualizes through the actualization of human potentiality as morontia reality. The Third Source and Center unifies everything. Mindal pattern

extension acts as the unifier and coordinator of all morontia levels of reality. Therefore the Almighty Supreme becomes unified directly as conscious unification between his awareness and other finite personal awareness join.

Cognizance of the otherness of reality results as the numberless branches of living tendrils reach out into new growth levels. Human personality has innate otherness awareness being on the tip of these tendrils at the edge between personal I Am and the impersonal I AM. Value realization awareness includes the personal spiritual reality levels as they are mixed with and modified by the non-personal reality levels.

Increasingly, human awareness desires greater and greater value expression. This expression includes perception and appreciation. Spiritual values increasingly are brought forth as the fruits upon the vine, increasing as the actualization of spiritual levels of being become actualized as morontia realities.

Always do the fruit-bearing religious believers increasingly enjoy life and appreciate its great abundance. Increasingly do they conceive of the goodness and mercy of the Universal Father as they perceive his truth and beauty, ever unifying experience and becoming increasingly elevated as the commonplace drudgeries of life become smaller and the exquisite beauty of life becomes larger.

OTHER-MINDEDNESS

Your understanding of our lesson revolves around the awareness of otherness, other-mindedness. Your awareness of other-mindedness originates in infancy through personality solidification. Notwithstanding the fact that personality is bestowed at birth, a certain time is required in order that the mindal circuitry becomes functioning through the physical mechanism. Later, as memory begins to function, there becomes awareness of other discrete beings.

As humans progress in their understanding about otherness, then does the mind seek unity and understanding philosophically about a greater oneness concerning a universal mind or mindal connectedness. Through universal mind understandings humans achieve philosophically an understanding about God.

Consider that as our discussion takes place, your awareness of other-mindedness has enlarged a little. You who exist in the physical form understand otherness in the physical sense, understand mindal unity from a philosophical perspective; however, as one progresses morontially, certain new revelations happen, especially concerning the awareness of morontial level beings such as I.

Consider further as you ponder experiences and conversations that our level of being isn't especially altered from yours. All I know is I am. Essentially, that is all you know also.

You are, in essence, living in between two existences. On the one hand, your existence entails the material level. And on another level of existence you enjoy expanded functioning through an inner life full of experiences which are usually super-material. As your increased awareness evolves concerning the super-real realms of existence, your focus slowly alters to include higher values, more noble sentiments, and a greater appreciation of the good, the beautiful, and the true.

Values increase sensibility of values. Like climbing upward upon an infinite pyramid, your value treasure increases as though the pyramid were inverted. Using your hunger for increasing value or worth, does each human being strive to become what he or she values. All true value comes from God and as you discover your worth, increasingly are you discovering God and his infinite personality.

All that is worthwhile in life consists in this perfection hunger of man that he and she increasingly strive for the truest understandings, the noblest actions, the inherent beauty in the spiritual, and that you seek wholeheartedly after goodness. Goodness is that inherent quality identifying the spirit.

ON TRUTH: Truth, again, is essentially an experience of God within the soul. Men usually confuse it into infinitesimally small particles and say: "Look. I have found the truth. It is here." Or "Behold. It is there." Understand that truth and his truth are revealed in becoming. It is the dynamic interrelation between your soul and spiritual absoluteness that reveals truth to man.

ON BEAUTY: When a man enters a room carrying a light, at first he sees large objects and shadows. As he grows increasingly aware of these large objects, then he becomes aware of smaller details and colors and the beauty within the room. And it is this he remembers usually. Allow yourself time to get used to the room and appreciate its great beauty before you hurry off seeking greater adventure.

MORONTIA MIND

All of our efforts are already coming around to another level of teaching. Again, tonight our discussion is centered around morontia mota.

Tonight I desire to discuss levels of attainment in morontia understanding. Your level has grown in scope and also in functional ability. As I have already discussed, your souls are the permanent records of your lives, as well as the living spiritual reality in and of your existence as the morontia/spirit liaison functions through a mindal circuit in your morontia mind closer to complete function.

No one reaches into awareness of his morontial mind without having first given his supreme, sincere, and complete loyalty unto our Father in heaven. This decision has to be made finally and fully in your material minds. As your morontia awareness grows and

the increased function of the mindal circuits actualizes in harmony with spirit, then truly have you become in all ways new.

These patterns of increasing morontial functioning are the direct result of all of the accumulated decisions in your life. Essentially your life is the accumulation of your decisions, but more important than the actual decisions made is the attitude that always searches for a slightly better way. A little kinder response, a little higher wisdom, a slightly more spiritual orientation to living every day. Consequently the real you, the person whose intention is gradually increasing perfection becomes increasingly real day after day.

Our Father in heaven in partnership with his sons desires that you harmonize intention together. He intends your perfection and you intend to strive for perfection. Inevitably old things pass away and behold—all things are becoming new.

Welcome in deed into a new spiritual existence, one in which no fear can dissuade you from your goal and no external treachery can touch you. Do you not experience brother and sisterhood in our company?

Do you not experience widening horizons and begin to feel the limitless expanse of truth ahead of you? Don't you, as you walk with Christ Michael, begin to understand that this beginning is momentous? That you have become real at last? And that you are endlessly growing, endlessly becoming the reality of God?

Time cannot chain you. Living is a privilege and the wounds of time are healed in eternity. After all, is there a remedy for life other than the fuller meaning of life? Remedy pain and suffering through living. Heal humiliation and disgust through giving unto him all of your life and then allowing him to make you again.

And this is the sure and honestly complete and true understanding that I impart to you, that you will change, you will grow into newness; even into greatness once your heart is set on living consecratedly for him who is eternal life.

ASCENDING THE PSYCHIC CIRCLES

Our lesson tonight is concerning the proper attitude about your life itself. Attitude is an important quality of the entire personality. How should one properly regard one's own life?

Your life is entirely in your own hands, subject to your free will decisions as though your life were a vehicle for your own inner self expression and the soil for your self becoming at once. Life is always opening into wider circles of possibility; and your spiritual growth or morontial realizing prepares you for your next level.

Each level has its own mandates, or lessons to be learned. Each circle of growth has to find completion in all of these life lessons before a new area opens. Each circle has its increasing order of decisions that must be made in life and that must be made to complete satisfaction of your Thought Adjuster. The most central decision that leads one through all the other decisions is for God's will to be your will.

However, having made this decision does not change the necessity for each circle to be traversed, including all of its decision requirements. Increasing through each circle is also a theme of self negation. Increasingly as these circles are made, comes the necessity to set aside everything of an unspiritual motivation so that eventually your motivation increasingly comes into a single focus—and that is the supreme decision essentially to be God's will and nothing else.

Usually our tendency is to want to drag aboard our own wishes, our own hopes, our own desires, and you will find these unnecessary burdens will gradually become so cumbersome that you must release them. And though it is hard to do, remember, always our Master's life in which he, in negating his life to the eyes of the world, affirmed his purpose in the eyes of the Father.

This is the way. And you will increasingly be called upon to follow him. Even unto the end of your life will your stalwart purpose remain, and your purpose will be affirmed with a voice that echoes throughout eternity.

Enter into your own solemn pledge to God that you will know and humbly obey his calling and that you, in sublime humility toward him, take forward your life one day at a time. Your path, one foot before the other. And that through your own courageous decisions aid him in bringing you forward.

Even now as you look out upon your brethren, you recognize their necessary experience and the necessity for their own decisions to be made. Look well into your own hearts. Recognize that your decisions are yet being made also and that you refuse to falter amid these decisions.

Instead you choose the sublime partnership which will one day grow into oneness—a oneness that is more complete and satisfying than any other experience that you can imagine.

Think to yourselves how it could be to be conscious of God so completely that there is never any separation. No seam to mark a you and a him, no blemish of character, no wasted thoughts, nothing which isn't unimaginably valuable to the Father of all beings. Slowly but surely your goal is a coming into perfection, and of this great reality is your world largely unconscious.

As you become increasingly perfect, will love grow around you and then all men will know that what you say is real. Enter into your personal covenant and so gradually all begins to reflect your vow and soon your circles will be completed. And then, the

ultimate adventure in life shall begin in earnest: that of revealing the Father through your life.

Even angels sing the praises of your greatest mandate, that of revealing infinity and eternity through his personality, that is, through love.

HONESTY

During our association I hope to impart an understanding about our Universal Father and also some understanding about yourselves and your home here on Urantia in a greater world or universe. Tonight our lesson is about honesty and integrity.

Honesty has two aspects to its understanding. Always is honesty an intellectual and deep mindal attitude toward the inner life as well as the outer life. Each human being's mental level of honesty reflects in both worlds and this over all intellectual honesty is known as integrity.

As human beings acquire their maturity and achieve a balanced level of integrated function does integrity grow, as it is a requirement. Your honest evaluation of your own inner life has another effect beyond intellectual integrity and that is that only by this path does one ever come to discover truth. And truth is the answer.

Truth is the answer to all questioning, all doubting, all confusion. It is eternal light and this light forever banishes darkness. Confusion and fear are indeed dispelled as one experiences truth. Truth is the soul's experience of and reaction to God who is spirit truth. As you increasingly thirst for this living water, does the intelligence adjust to its experience.

Always is the morontia soul craving for truth and, as your intellect recognizes and acquiesces in order that you may experience truth, does the mortal mind actually morontia-ize. Truth has living effect. Truth is living spiritual presence. Eventually a man's entire life adjustment becomes focused around his central search for truth.

Truth is available to all humankind, regardless of learning status or intellectual ability. A child may grasp more of truth than your honored scientist. Our Father, of course, is no respecter of human intellectual ability. He exists, as you understand him, as a responder to your sincere asking. Only by a sincerely asking attitude does one experience God who IS truth.

Honestly seek then after truth and it is given. Only through sincere asking is it found, and only he truly knows the depth of your sincerity, the reality of your asking. Inquire not of your mind if you are honest, ask instead with a sincere heart in the manner of surrender and dependence, for then truly will your asking be answered in the echoing of eternal truth.

Reckon not in the mind and through the deeds of yourself and your fellows—instead reckon on the eternal reality that is truth and that you, as his sons and daughters, are free to ask of him and to receive his truth. And so increasingly, your innermost desires are made clean and each darkened heart made pure so that each heart holds truth and lives in a greater reality. One in which all hearts are cherished and the blessed know it to be true.

Each new day holds a promise from God. He increasingly holds onto his great promise, his unchanging reality. Love is his presence-realizing within you. His promise, his love, is infinite and undying. Only one path is there open: that of increasing love.

IN CLOSING

Heaven increases a little daily as you ascend a little daily. Your efforts have become a part of the record of the mission story as it is told beyond the confines of Urantia. Human effort has the added push from divine sources every time a man and woman intends to do our Father's will.

His love, his mercy, and his truth combine in the lives of each secure soul. Blessed are you and blessed am I that we are two beings enlisted in the struggle of the ages of truth over error; of beauty over ugliness; of goodness over evil.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad! Your arm works in the cause of the righteous and for justice, even mercy, in the face of injustice and intolerance. How exciting this life is and how fulfilling it can be! Look heavenward and you'll see your destiny, your home, and your true Father, our eternal Father.

Farewell.

From Christ Michael, on Christmas Eve, 1993:

If you love your brothers and sisters as I do, shall all men know you are representing me. My kingdom is real by the measure that each human being enthrones my Father's will in his and her hearts.

I will help any and every sincere and struggling soul even as I experienced my Father's hand.

Think not that you can falsely, through insincere and selfish gesturing, enter our kingdom. No man can live within our kingdom unless he and she continually purifies their hearts.

You who walk with me understand this and those who walk not in the path of righteousness understand it not.

For one purpose alone did I come into this world: I lived in order that all humankind could experience our Father and to set an example of one who experienced him fully and completely.

I come into the world again that all men may experience our Father's love and again I say that the door to the kingdom stands wide open—beckoning to all men.