

Urantia University Institute

Actualizing personal potentials of matter, mind and spirit
through enlightened worship, study and loving service

The New Reader Course – Week 4 Part II of The Urantia Book *(cont.)*

- ▣ Our Lives in the Local Universe (Papers 43-48)
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Our Lives in the Local Universe (Papers 43-48)

- ⌘ We are in embryonic formation here on Urantia.
 - What we think of as death, is actually birth into our true intended existence.
- ⌘ System worlds
 - Where we spend our morontia “infancy” and “early childhood” years, early home life, (age 1-5)
- ⌘ Constellation worlds
 - Where we spend our middle “childhood” and “elementary school” years, and undergo universe socialization (age 6-12)
- ⌘ Local Universe headquarters worlds
 - Where we spend our “adolescence, high school and university” years, preparing to “leave home” and function in the larger universe, age 13-22
- ⌘ We grow up in our Local Universe – where we spend our morontia “childhood and adolescence”
 - Then we “leave home,” head out into our Superuniverse and the Central Universe as “young adult” spirits heading out into the world.

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The Local System and Morontia Life (Papers 45-48)



Paper 045:

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3. The System Government
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7. The Melchizedek Schools

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Paper 047:

The Seven Mansion Worlds

1. The Finaliters' World
2. The Probationary Nursery
3. The First Mansion World
4. The Second Mansion World
5. The Third Mansion World
6. The Fourth Mansion World
7. The Fifth Mansion World
8. The Sixth Mansion World
9. The Seventh Mansion World
10. Jerusem Citizenship

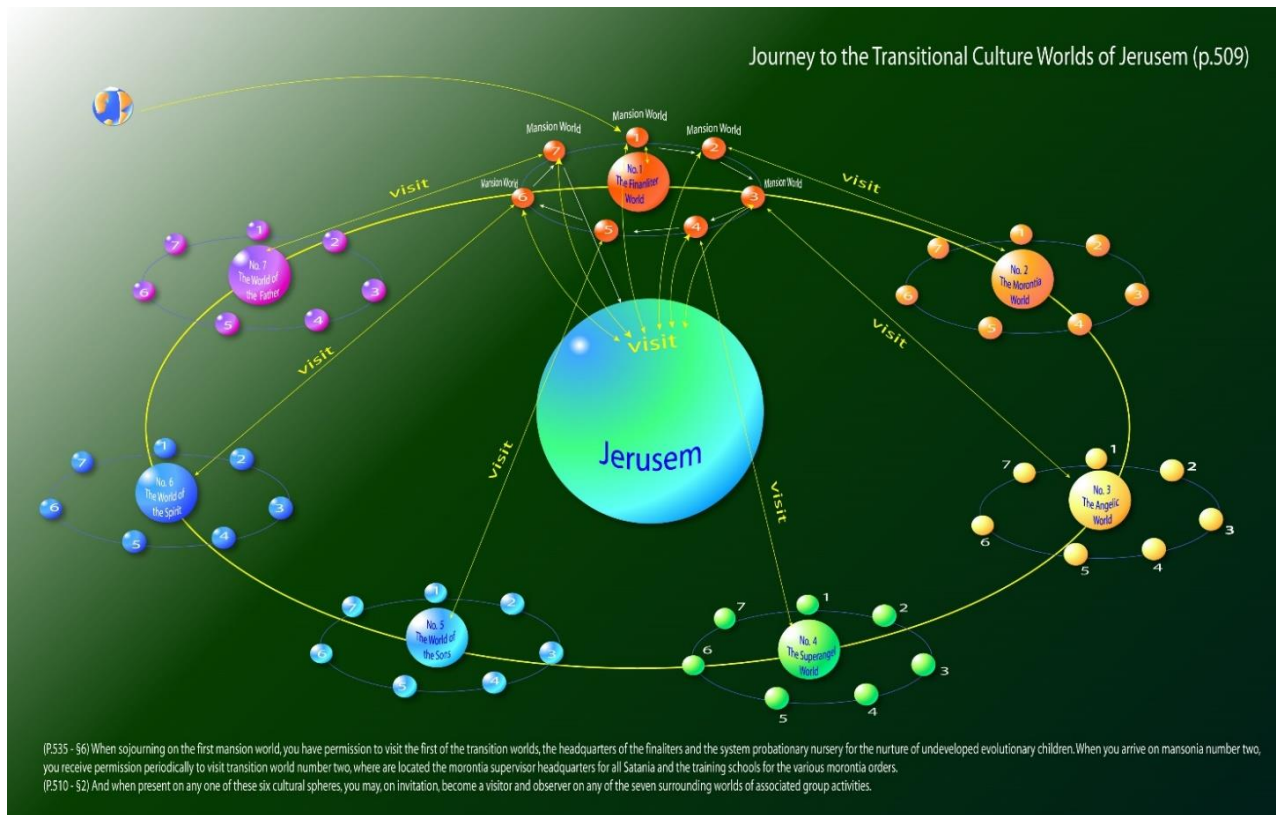
Paper 048:

The Morontia Life

1. Morontia Materials
2. Morontia Power Supervisors
3. Morontia Companions
4. The Reversion Directors
5. The Mansion World Teachers
6. Morontia World Seraphim - Transition Ministers
7. Morontia Mota
8. The Morontia Progressors

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Review our Local System Map



An illustration of the 7 Transitional Worlds of our local system which orbit Jerusem, the system capital (center). Each transitional world has 7 smaller spheres which orbit it. The 7 Mansion Worlds orbit the first transitional world (red), called the Finaliters World. When we die, we are resurrected on the first Mansion World.

47:3.1 (532.7) On the mansion worlds the resurrected mortal survivors resume their lives just where they left off when overtaken by death. When you go from Urantia to the first mansion world, you will notice considerable change, but if you had come from a more normal and progressive sphere of time, you would hardly notice the difference except for the fact that you were in possession of a different body; the tabernacle of flesh and blood has been left behind on the world of nativity.

47:3.5 (533.3) From the Temple of New Life there extend seven radial wings, the resurrection halls of the mortal races. ... Throughout all eternity you will recall the profound memory impressions of your first witnessing of these resurrection mornings.

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47:3.6 (533.4) **From the resurrection halls you proceed to the Melchizedek sector, where you are assigned permanent residence.** Then you enter upon ten days of personal liberty. You are free to explore the immediate vicinity of your new home and to familiarize yourself with the program which lies immediately ahead.

You also have time to gratify your desire to consult the registry and call upon your loved ones and other earth friends who may have preceded you to these worlds. At the end of your ten-day period of leisure you begin the

second step in the Paradise journey, for the mansion worlds are actual training spheres, not merely detention planets.

47:1.2 (530.6) Though the finaliter world is a sphere of exquisite physical beauty and extraordinary morontia embellishment, the great spirit abode located at the center of activities, the temple of the finaliters, is not visible to the unaided material or early morontia vision. But the energy transformers are able to visualize many of these realities to ascending mortals, and from time to time they do thus function ...

47:1.3 (531.1) All through the mansion world experience you are in a way spiritually aware of the presence of your glorified brethren of Paradise attainment, but it is very refreshing, now and then, actually to perceive them as they function in their headquarters abodes. You will not spontaneously visualize finaliters until you acquire true spirit vision.

The First Mansion World

47:1.4 (531.2) **On the first mansion world all survivors must pass the requirements of the parental commission from their native planets.** ... All who fail to satisfy these commissioners as to their parental experience must further qualify by service in the homes of the Material Sons on Jerusem or in part in the probationary nursery on the finaliters' world.

47:1.6 (531.4) No ascending mortal can escape the experience of rearing children — their own or others — either on the material worlds or subsequently on the finaliter world or on Jerusem.

47:2.2 (531.6) ... These wards of the finaliters, these infants of ascending mortals, are always personalized as of their exact physical status at the time of death except for reproductive potential. This awakening occurs at the exact time of the parental arrival on the first mansion world. And then are these children given every opportunity, as they are, to choose the heavenly way just as they would have made such a choice on the worlds where death so untimely terminated their careers.

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47:3.7 (533.5) **On mansion world number one** (or another in case of advanced status) you will resume your intellectual training and spiritual development at the exact level whereon they were interrupted by death. ...

47:3.8 (533.6) **Almost the entire experience of mansion world number one pertains to deficiency ministry.** Survivors arriving on this first of the detention spheres present so many and such varied defects of creature character and deficiencies of mortal experience that the major activities of the realm are occupied with the correction and cure of these manifold legacies of the life in the flesh on the material evolutionary worlds of time and space.



MORONTIA MORTAL

The Second Mansion World

47:4.1 (534.5) It is on this sphere that you are more fully inducted into the mansonia life. The groupings of the morontia life begin to take form; working groups and social organizations start to function, communities take on formal proportions, and the advancing mortals inaugurate new social orders and governmental arrangements.

47:4.4 (534.8) A newly developed and suitably adjusted morontia body is acquired at the time of each advance from one mansion world to another. You go to sleep with the seraphic transport and awake with the new but undeveloped body in the resurrection halls, much as when you first arrived on mansion world number one except that the Thought Adjuster does not leave you during these transit sleeps between the mansion worlds.

Your personality remains intact after you once pass from the evolutionary worlds to the initial mansion world.

47:4.5 (535.1) Your Adjuster memory remains fully intact as you ascend the morontia life. ... You will be conscious of all your worth-while experiences as you advance from one mansion world to another and from one section of the universe to another — even to Paradise.

47:4.6 (535.2) Though you have morontia bodies, you continue, through all seven of these worlds, to eat, drink, and rest. You partake of the morontia order of food, a kingdom of living energy unknown on the material worlds. Both food and water are fully utilized in the morontia body; there is no residual waste. Pause to consider: Mansonia number one is a very material sphere, presenting the early beginnings of the morontia regime. You are still a near human and not far removed from the limited viewpoints of mortal life, but each world discloses definite progress. From sphere to sphere you grow less material, more intellectual, and slightly more spiritual. The spiritual progress is greatest on the last three of these seven progressive worlds.

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47:4.8 (535.4) **Mansonia number two more specifically provides for the removal of all phases of intellectual conflict and for the cure of all varieties of mental disharmony.**

The Third Mansion World

47:5.3 (536.1) **Mansonia the third** is a world of great personal and social achievement for all who have not made the equivalent of these circles of culture prior to release from the flesh on the mortal nativity worlds. On this sphere more positive educational work is begun. The training of the first two mansion worlds is mostly of a deficiency nature — negative — in that it has to do with supplementing the experience of the life in the flesh. On this third mansion world the survivors really begin their progressive morontia culture.

The Fourth Mansion World



47:6.1 (536.2) When you arrive on the **fourth mansion world**, you have well entered upon the morontia career; ... Through the good offices of these superangels of the fourth transition world the morontia visitors are enabled to draw very close to the various orders of the Sons of God during the periodic visits to Jerusem, for new sectors of the system capital are gradually opening up to the advancing mortals as they make these

repeated visits to the headquarters world. New grandeurs are progressively unfolding to the expanding minds of these ascenders.

47:6.2 (536.3) **On the fourth mansonia the individual ascender more fittingly finds his place in the group working and class functions of the morontia life.**

The Fifth Mansion World

47:7.1 (537.1) Transport to **the fifth mansion world** represents a tremendous forward step in the life of a morontia progressor. The experience on this world is a real foretaste of Jerusem life. Here you begin to realize the high destiny of the loyal evolutionary worlds since they may normally progress to this stage during their natural planetary development. The culture of this mansion world corresponds in general to that of the early era of light and life on the planets of normal evolutionary progress.

47:7.4 (537.4) **On the fifth mansonia you begin to learn of the constellation study worlds.** Here you meet the first of the instructors who begin to prepare you for the subsequent constellation sojourn.

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The Sixth Mansion World



47:8.3 (538.1) **This is a brilliant age for ascending mortals and usually witnesses the perfect fusion of the human mind and the divine Adjuster.** In potential, this fusion may have occurred previously, but the actual working identity many times is not achieved until the time of the sojourn on the fifth mansion world or even the sixth.

47:8.5 (538.3) Immediately upon the confirmation of Adjuster fusion the new morontia being ... is granted the forty days of spiritual retirement from all routine activities wherein to commune with himself and to choose some one of the optional routes to Havona and to select from the differential techniques of Paradise attainment.



The Seventh Mansion World

47:9.1 (538.6) The experience on this sphere is the crowning achievement of the immediate postmortal career. During your sojourn here you will receive the instruction of many teachers, all of whom will co-operate in the task of preparing you for residence on Jerusem.

47:9.3 (538.8) Now begins the formation of classes for graduation to Jerusem.

... Any discernible differences between those mortals hailing from the isolated

and retarded worlds and those survivors from the more advanced and enlightened spheres are virtually obliterated during the sojourn on the seventh mansion world.

47:10.7 (540.3) Mortal death is a technique of escape from the material life in the flesh; and the mansonia experience of progressive life through seven worlds of corrective training and cultural education represents the introduction of mortal survivors to the morontia career, the transition life which intervenes between the evolutionary material existence and the higher spirit attainment of the ascenders of time who are destined to achieve the portals of eternity.

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Paper 48:3. Morontia Companions

48:3.5 (545.6) These companions are touchingly affectionate and charmingly social beings. They possess distinct personalities, and when you meet them on the mansion worlds, after learning to recognize them as a class, you will soon discern their individuality. Mortals all resemble one another; at the same time each of you possesses a distinct and recognizable personality.

48:3.18 (547.3) You can forecast that these beings are probably going to contribute much to your enjoyment of the mansion worlds, whether your sojourn is to be long or short. And you will continue to enjoy them all the way up to Salvington. They are not, technically, essential to any part of your survival experience. You could reach Salvington without them, but you would greatly miss them. They are the personality luxury of your ascending career in the local universe.

Paper 48:5. The Mansion World Teachers

48:5.6 (551.1) In the schools of the morontia life these teachers engage in individual, group, class, and mass teaching. On the mansion worlds such schools are organized in three general groups of one hundred divisions each: the schools of thinking, the schools of feeling, and the schools of doing. When you reach the constellation, there are added the schools of ethics, the schools of administration, and the schools of social adjustment. On the universe headquarters worlds you will enter the schools of philosophy, divinity, and pure spirituality.

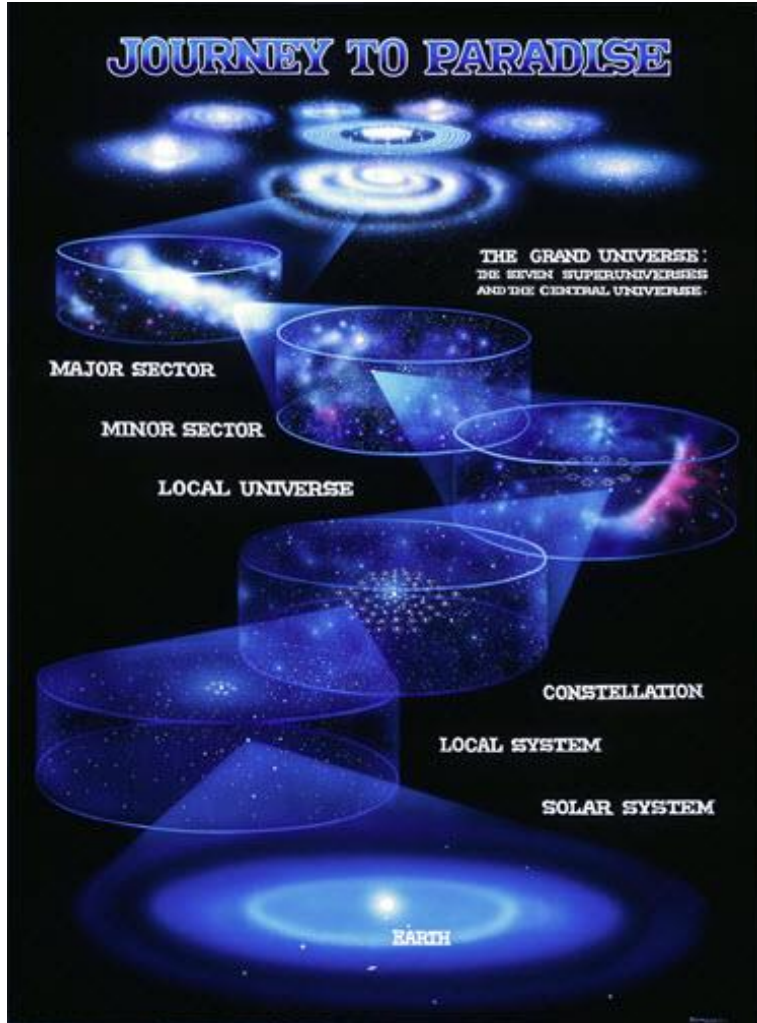
48:8. The Morontia Progressors



48:8.1 (557.16) From the time of graduation from the mansion worlds to the attainment of spirit status in the superuniverse career, ascending mortals are denominated morontia progressors. Your passage through this wonderful borderland life will be an unforgettable experience, a charming memory. It is the evolutionary portal to spirit life and the eventual attainment of creature perfection by which ascenders achieve the goal of time — the finding of God on Paradise.

48:8.2 (557.17) There is a definite and divine purpose in all this morontia and subsequent spirit scheme of mortal progression, this elaborate universe training school for ascending creatures. It is the design of the Creators to afford the creatures of time a graduated opportunity to master the details of the operation and administration of the grand universe, and this long course of training is best carried forward by having the surviving mortal climb up gradually and by actual participation in every step of the ascent.

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48:8.3 (558.1) The mortal-survival plan has a practical and serviceable objective; you are not the recipients of all this divine labor and painstaking training only that you may survive just to enjoy endless bliss and eternal ease. There is a goal of transcendent service concealed beyond the horizon of the present universe age.

If the Gods designed merely to take you on one long and eternal joy excursion, they certainly would not so largely turn the whole universe into one vast and intricate practical training school, requisition a substantial part of the celestial creation as teachers and instructors, and then spend ages upon ages piloting you, one by one, through this gigantic universe school of experiential training.

The furtherance of the scheme of mortal progression seems to be one

of the chief businesses of the present organized universe, and the majority of innumerable orders of created intelligences are either directly or indirectly engaged in advancing some phase of this progressive perfection plan.

48:8.4 (558.2) In traversing the ascending scale of living existence from mortal man to the Deity embrace, you actually live the very life of every possible phase and stage of perfected creature existence within the limits of the present universe age. From mortal man to Paradise finaliter embraces all that now can be — encompasses everything presently possible to the living orders of intelligent, perfected finite creature beings.

If the future destiny of the Paradise finaliters is service in new universes now in the making, it is assured that in this new and future creation there will be no created orders of experiential beings whose lives will be wholly different from those which mortal finaliters have lived on some world as a part of their ascending training, as one of the stages of their agelong progress from animal to angel and from angel to spirit and from spirit to God.

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Review sections in Papers 45, 46, Jerusem, the System headquarters world and its administration



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Review Paper 44



CELESTIAL MUSICIAN

Paper 044:

The Celestial Artisans

1. The Celestial Musicians
2. The Heavenly Reproducers
3. The Divine Builders
4. The Thought Recorders
5. The Energy Manipulators
6. The Designers and Embellishers
7. The Harmony Workers
8. Mortal Aspirations and Morontia Achievements

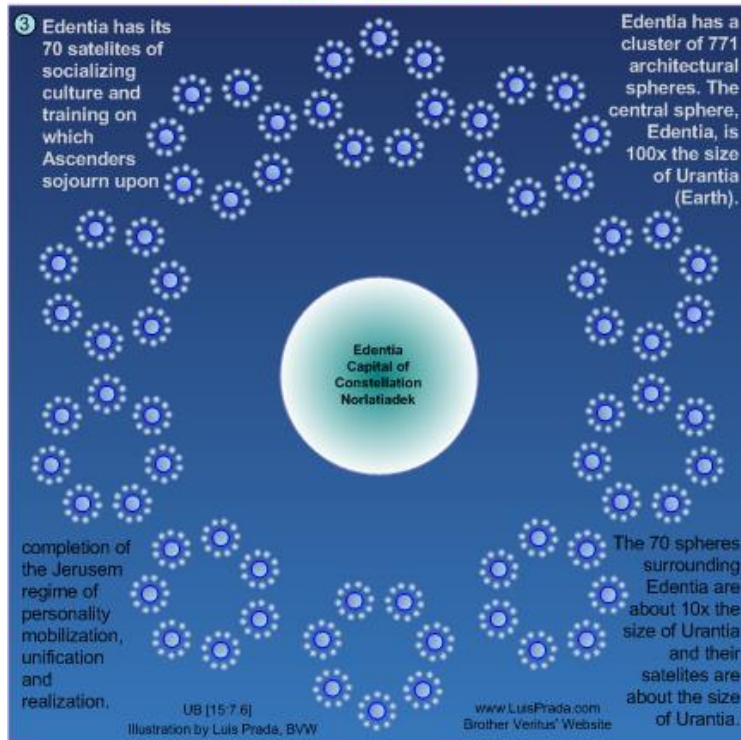
44:0.4 (497.4) Any morontia personality or spirit entity is eligible for admission to the corps of the celestial artisans; that is, any being below the rank of inherent divine sonship. Ascending sons of God from the evolutionary spheres may, after their arrival on the morontia worlds, apply for admission to the artisan corps and, if sufficiently gifted, may choose such a career for a longer or

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shorter period. But no one may enlist with the celestial artisans for less than one millennium, one thousand years of superuniverse time.

Review Constellation Map – Scan Paper 43

Edentia, Headquarters of Constellation Norlatiadek Schematic Representation



Paper 043:

The Constellations

1. The Constellation Headquarters
2. The Constellation Government
3. The Most Highs of Norlatiadek
4. Mount Assembly – The Faithful Of Days
5. The Edentia Fathers Since the Lucifer Rebellion
6. The Gardens of God
7. The Univitatia
8. The Edentia Training Worlds
9. Citizenship on Edentia

(174.6) **15:7.6** *Edentia*, the headquarters of your constellation of Norlatiadek, has its seventy satellites of socializing culture and training, on which ascenders sojourn upon the completion of the Jerusem regime of personality mobilization, unification, and realization.

(485.2) **43:0.2** The government of your constellation is situated in a cluster of 771 architectural spheres, the centermost and largest of which is Edentia, the seat of the administration of the Constellation Fathers, the Most Highs of Norlatiadek. Edentia itself is approximately one hundred times as large as your world. The seventy major spheres surrounding Edentia are about ten times the size of Urantia, while the ten satellites which revolve around each of these seventy worlds are about the size of Urantia. These 771 architectural spheres are quite comparable in size to those of other constellations.

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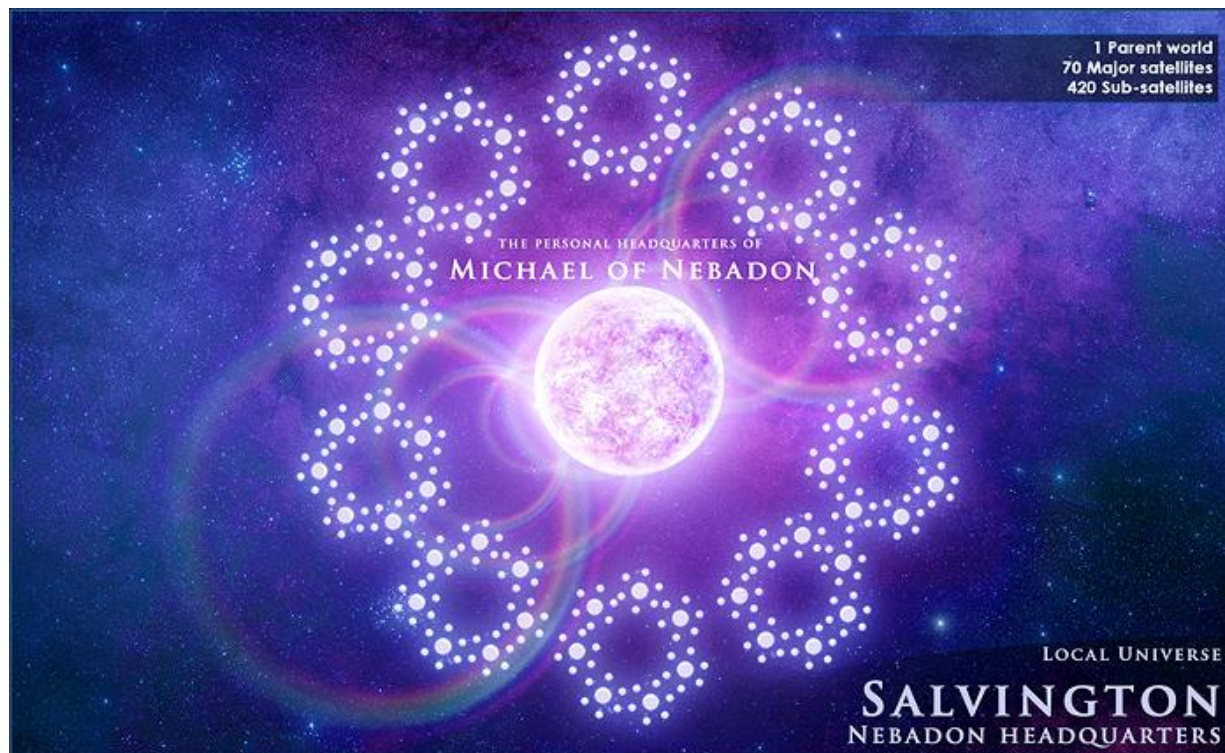
43:1.1 (485.5) Edentia abounds in fascinating highlands, extensive elevations of physical matter crowned with morontia life and overspread with spiritual glory, but there are no rugged mountain ranges such as appear on Urantia. There are tens of thousands of sparkling lakes and thousands upon thousands of interconnecting streams, but there are no great oceans nor torrential rivers. Only the highlands are devoid of these surface streams.

43:6.8 (493.1) If you enjoy the flowers, shrubs, and trees of Urantia, then will you feast your eyes upon the botanical beauty and the floral grandeur of the supernal gardens of Edentia. But it is beyond my powers of description to undertake to convey to the mortal mind an adequate concept of these beauties of the heavenly worlds. Truly, eye has not seen such glories as await your arrival on these worlds of the mortal-ascension adventure.

43:8.2 (494.1) The time spent on the seventy training worlds of transition morontia culture associated with the Edentia age of mortal ascension, is the most settled period in an ascending mortal's career up to the status of a finaliter; this is really the typical morontia life. While you are re-keyed each time you pass from one major cultural world to another, you retain the same morontia body, and there are no periods of personality unconsciousness.

43:8.3 (494.2) Your sojourn on Edentia and its associated spheres will be chiefly occupied with the mastery of group ethics, the secret of pleasant and profitable interrelationship between the various universe and superuniverse orders of intelligent personalities.

Review Local Universe Headquarters Map – Scan Paper 35



*Map of the Salvington Headquarters Worlds of our Local Universe of Nebadon
By Urantian artist, Gary Tonge*

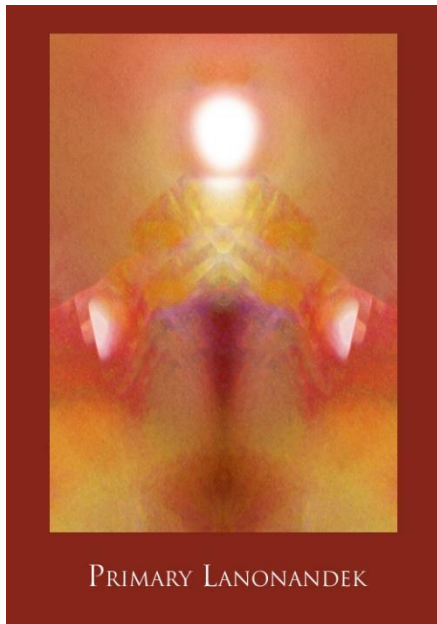
Salvington – Headquarters of Our Local Universe of Nebadon

The illustration above depicts the 10 clusters of university training worlds which orbit around Salvington, the capital of our local universe of Nebadon.

Each of the 10 clusters contains 7 major spheres of progressive learning and ascendant activities and each major sphere has 6 smaller satellite spheres orbiting around it. By the end of this extensive educational regime, the morontial mortal ascender is fully spiritualized and becomes a first-stage spirit who is ready to continue the ascension journey inward and upwards to superuniverse levels of training and experience.

See Paper 15:7.7 and Paper 35:2-4.

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Paper 035:

The Local Universe Sons of God

1. The Father Melchizedek
2. The Melchizedek Sons
3. The Melchizedek Worlds
4. Special Work of the Melchizedeks
5. The Vorondadek Sons
6. The Constellation Fathers
7. The Vorondadek Worlds
8. The Lanonandek Sons
9. The Lanonandek Rulers
10. The Lanonandek Worlds



MACHIVENTA MELCHIZEDEK

Review: Last week we looked at Paper 35: Section 3 on the Melchizedek University worlds, where we will spend much of our time at the headquarters of our Local Universe.

Paper 35, Section 3. The Melchizedek Worlds

35:3.1 (387.2) The Melchizedeks occupy a world of their own near Salvington, the universe headquarters. This sphere, by name Melchizedek, is the pilot world of the Salvington circuit of seventy primary spheres, each of which is encircled by six tributary spheres devoted to specialized activities.

These marvelous spheres — seventy primaries and 420 tributaries — are often spoken of as the Melchizedek University. Ascending mortals from all the constellations of Nebadon pass through training on all 490 worlds in the acquirement of residential status on Salvington. But the education of ascenders is only one phase of the manifold activities taking place on the Salvington cluster of architectural spheres.

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35:3.2 (387.3) The 490 spheres of the Salvington circuit are divided into ten groups, each containing seven primary and forty-two tributary spheres. Each of these groups is under the general supervision of some one of the major orders of universe life. The first group, embracing the pilot world and the next six primary spheres in the encircling planetary procession, is under the supervision of the Melchizedeks. These Melchizedek worlds are:

35:3.3 (387.4) 1. The pilot world — the home world of the Melchizedek Sons.

35:3.4 (387.5) 2. The world of the physical-life schools and the laboratories of living energies.

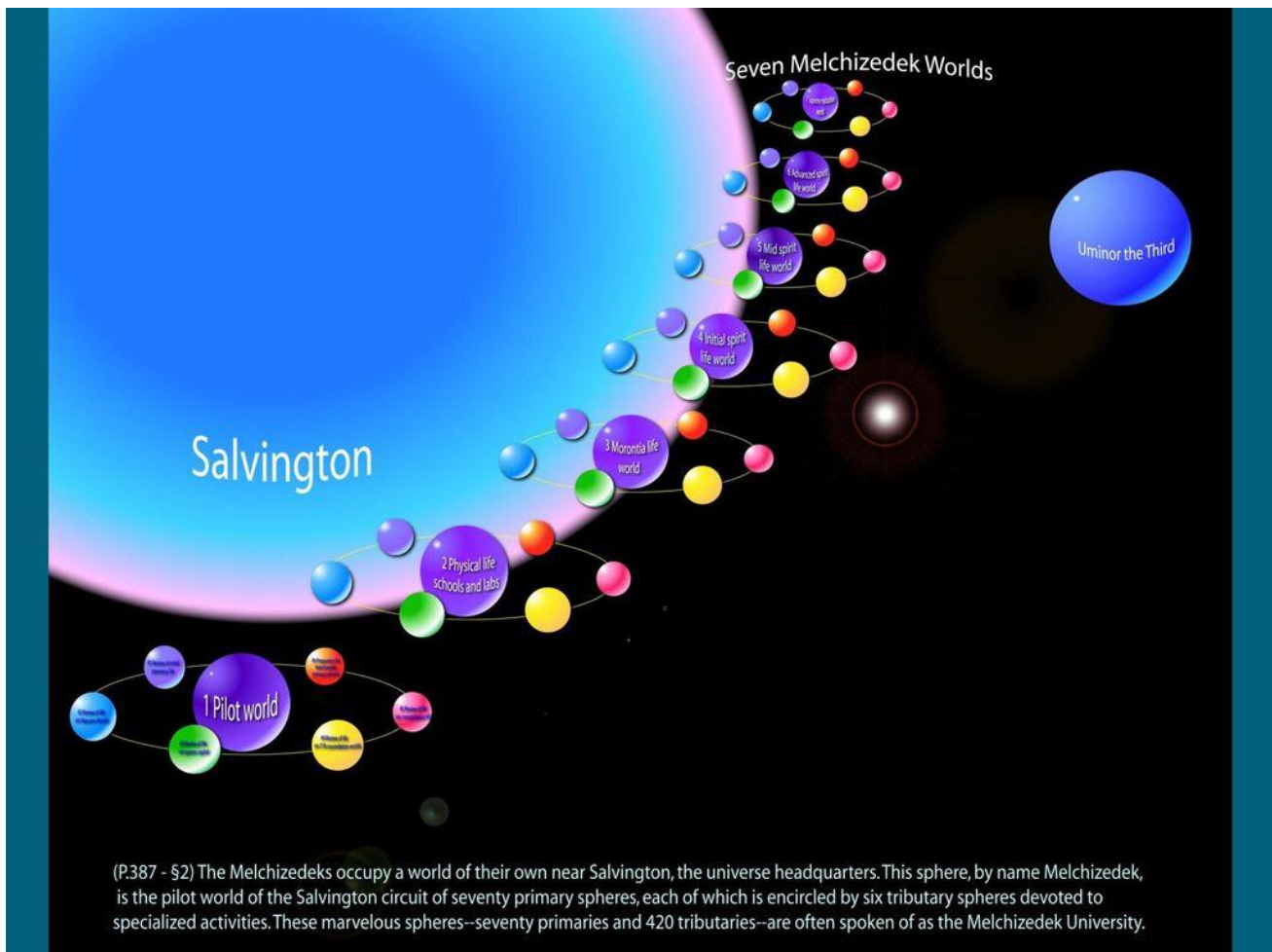
35:3.5 (387.6) 3. The world of morontia life.

35:3.6 (387.7) 4. The sphere of initial spirit life.

35:3.7 (387.8) 5. The world of mid-spirit life.

35:3.8 (387.9) 6. The sphere of advancing spirit life.

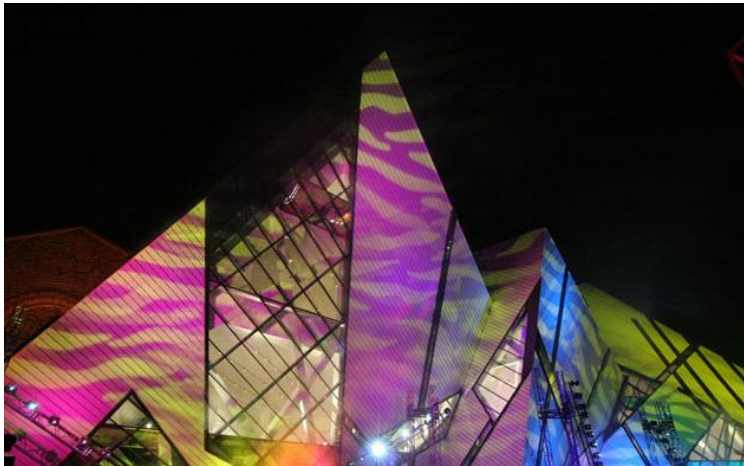
35:3.9 (387.10) 7. The domain of co-ordinate and supreme self-realization.



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35:3.10 (387.11) The six tributary worlds of each of these Melchizedek spheres are devoted to activities germane to the work of the associated primary sphere.

35:3.11 (387.12) The pilot world, the sphere Melchizedek, is the common meeting ground for all beings who are engaged in educating and spiritualizing the ascending mortals of time and space. To an ascender this world is probably the most interesting place in all Nebadon. All evolutionary mortals who graduate from their constellation training are destined to land on Melchizedek, where they are initiated into the regime of the disciplines and spirit progression of the Salvington educational system. And never will you forget your reactions to the first day of life on this unique world, not even after you have reached your Paradise destination.



35:3.12 (387.13) Ascending mortals maintain residence on the Melchizedek world while pursuing their training on the six encircling planets of specialized education. And this same method is adhered to throughout their sojourn on the seventy cultural worlds, the primary spheres of the Salvington circuit.

35:3.13 (387.14) Many diverse activities occupy the time of the numerous

beings who reside on the six tributary worlds of the Melchizedek sphere, but as concerns the ascending mortals, these satellites are devoted to the following special phases of study:

35:3.14 (388.1) **1. Sphere number one** is occupied with the review of the initial planetary life of the ascending mortals. This work is carried on in classes composed of those who hail from a given world of mortal origin. Those from Urantia pursue such an experiential review together.

35:3.15 (388.2) **2. The special work of sphere number two** consists in a similar review of the experiences passed through on the mansion worlds encircling the premier satellite of the local system headquarters.

35:3.16 (388.3) **3. The reviews of this [third] sphere** pertain to the sojourn on the capital of the local system and embrace the activities of the remainder of the architectural worlds of the system headquarters cluster.

35:3.17 (388.4) **4. The fourth sphere** is occupied with a review of the experiences of the seventy tributary worlds of the constellation and of their associated spheres.

35:3.18 (388.5) **5. On the fifth sphere** there is conducted the review of the ascendant sojourn on the constellation headquarters world.

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35:3.19 (388.6) **6. The time on sphere number six** is devoted to an attempt to correlate these five epochs and thus achieve co-ordination of experience preparatory to entering the Melchizedek primary schools of universe training.

35:3.20 (388.7) The schools of universe administration and spiritual wisdom are located on the Melchizedek home world, where also are to be found those schools devoted to a single line of research, such as energy, matter, organization, communication, records, ethics, and comparative creature existence.

35:3.21 (388.8) In the Melchizedek College of Spiritual Endowment all orders — even the Paradise orders — of the Sons of God co-operate with the Melchizedek and the seraphic teachers in training the hosts who go forth as evangelists of destiny, proclaiming spiritual liberty and divine sonship even to the remote worlds of the universe. This particular school of the Melchizedek University is an exclusive universe institution; student visitors are not received from other realms.

35:3.22 (388.9) The highest course of training in universe administration is given by the Melchizedeks on their home world. This College of High Ethics is presided over by the original Father Melchizedek. It is to these schools that the various universes send exchange students. While the young universe of Nebadon stands low in the scale of universes as regards spiritual achievement and high ethical development, nevertheless, our administrative troubles have so turned the whole universe into a vast clinic for other near-by creations that the Melchizedek colleges are thronged with student visitors and observers from other realms. Besides the immense group of local registrants there are always upward of one hundred thousand foreign students in attendance upon the Melchizedek schools, for the order of Melchizedeks in Nebadon is renowned throughout all Spondon.

Our Lives on the Inhabited Worlds (Papers 49-55)

Scan Paper 49: The Inhabited Worlds



Paper 049:

The Inhabited Worlds

1. The Planetary Life
2. Planetary Physical Types
3. Worlds of the Nonbreathers
4. Evolutionary Will Creatures
5. The Planetary Series of Mortals
6. Terrestrial Escape

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49:0.3 (559.3) **Satania itself is an unfinished system containing only 619 inhabited worlds.** Such planets are numbered serially in accordance with their registration as inhabited worlds, as worlds inhabited by will creatures. Thus was Urantia given the number 606 of Satania, meaning the 606th world in this local system on which the long evolutionary life process culminated in the appearance of human beings. There are thirty-six uninhabited planets nearing the life-endowment stage, and several are now being made ready for the Life Carriers. There are nearly two hundred spheres which are evolving so as to be ready for life implantation within the next few million years.

49:2.1 (560.7) ... the Life Carriers foster a generalized system type of mortal creature, but there are seven distinct physical types as well as thousands upon thousands of minor variants of these seven outstanding differentiations:

49:2.2 (561.1) 1. Atmospheric types.

49:2.3 (561.2) 2. Elemental types.

49:2.4 (561.3) 3. Gravity types.

49:2.5 (561.4) 4. Temperature types.

49:2.6 (561.5) 5. Electric types.

49:2.7 (561.6) 6. Energizing types.

49:2.8 (561.7) 7. Unnamed types.

49:2.15 (561.14) **2. The elemental types.** These differentiations have to do with the relation of mortals to water, air, and land, and there are four distinct species of intelligent life as they are related to these habitats. The Urantia races are of the land order.

49:2.16 (561.15) It is quite impossible for you to envisage the environment which prevails during the early ages of some worlds. These unusual conditions make it necessary for the evolving animal life to remain in its marine nursery habitat for longer periods than on those planets which very early provide a hospitable land-and-atmosphere environment. Conversely, on some worlds of the superbreaters, when the planet is not too large, it is sometimes expedient to provide for a mortal type which can readily negotiate atmospheric passage. These air navigators sometimes intervene between the water and land groups, and they always live in a measure upon the ground, eventually evolving into land dwellers. But on some worlds, for ages they continue to fly even after they have become land-type beings.

49:2.17 (562.1) It is both amazing and amusing to observe the early civilization of a primitive race of human beings taking shape, in one case, in the air and treetops and, in another, midst the shallow waters of sheltered tropic basins, as well as on the bottom, sides, and shores of these marine gardens of the dawn races of such extraordinary spheres.

49:2.18 (562.2) **In Satania, of the elemental types, seven per cent are water, ten per cent air, seventy per cent land, and thirteen per cent combined land-and-air types.**

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49:2.20 (562.4) The various planetary types of mortals vary in height, the average in Nebadon being a trifle under seven feet. Some of the larger worlds are peopled with beings who are only about two and one-half feet in height. Mortal stature ranges from here on up through the average heights on the average-sized planets to around ten feet on the smaller inhabited spheres. In Satania there is only one race under four feet in height.

49:4.1 (564.3) **There are great differences between the mortals of the different worlds, even among those belonging to the same intellectual and physical types, but all mortals of will dignity are erect animals, bipeds.**

49:4.6 (564.8) Mortals all have the same general struggles with microscopic foes in their early days, such as you now experience on Urantia, though perhaps not so extensive. The length of life varies on the different planets from twenty-five years on the primitive worlds to near five hundred on the more advanced and older spheres.



49:5.13 (566.1) 2. Brain-type series. The one physical uniformity of mortals is the brain and nervous system; nevertheless, there are three basic organizations of the brain mechanism: the one-, the two-, and the three-brained types. Urantians are of the two-brained type, somewhat more imaginative, adventurous, and philosophical than the one-brained mortals but somewhat less spiritual, ethical, and worshipful than the

three-brained orders. These brain differences characterize even the prehuman animal existences.

Scan Papers 50, 51, 52 and 55, and describe the Mortal Epochs

Paper 050:

The Planetary Princes

1. Mission of the Princes
2. Planetary Administration
3. The Prince's Corporeal Staff
4. The Planetary Headquarters and Schools
5. Progressive Civilization
6. Planetary Culture
7. The Rewards of Isolation

Paper 051:

The Planetary Adams

1. Origin and Nature of the Material Sons

of God

2. Transit of the Planetary Adams
3. The Adamic Missions
4. The Six Evolutionary Races
5. Racial Amalgamation - Bestowal of the Adamic Blood
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7. United Administration

Paper 052:

Planetary Mortal Epochs

1. Primitive Man
2. Post-Planetary Prince Man
3. Post-Adamic Man

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4. Post-Magisterial Son Man
5. Post-Bestowal Son Man
6. Urantia's Post-Bestowal Age
7. Post-Teacher Son Man

Paper 055:

The Spheres of Light and Life

1. The Morontia Temple
2. Death and Translation

3. The Golden Ages
4. Administrative Readjustments
5. The Acme of Material Development
6. The Individual Mortal
7. The First or Planetary Stage
8. The Second or System Stage
9. The Third or Constellation Stage
10. The Fourth or Local Universe Stage
11. The Minor and Major Sector Stages
12. The Seventh or Superuniverse Stage



*Suggested symbolic representation
of the Planetary Prince*



Adam and Eve being driven out of the Garden

49:5.21 (567.1) 4. Planetary-mortal epochs. This classification recognizes the succession of temporal dispensations as they affect man's terrestrial status and his reception of celestial ministry.

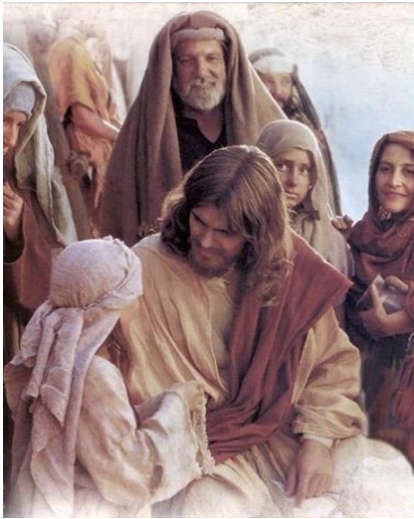
49:5.22 (567.2) Life is initiated on the planets by the Life Carriers, who watch over its development until sometime after the evolutionary appearance of mortal man. Before the Life Carriers leave a planet, they duly install a Planetary Prince as ruler of the realm. With this ruler there arrives a full quota of subordinate auxiliaries and ministering helpers

49:5.23 (567.3) With the emergence of human groupings, this Planetary Prince arrives to inaugurate human civilization and to focalize human society. Your world of confusion is no criterion of the early days of the reign of the Planetary Princes, for it was near the beginning of such an administration on Urantia that your Planetary Prince, Caligastia, cast his lot with the rebellion of the System Sovereign, Lucifer. Your planet has pursued a stormy course ever since.

49:5.24 (567.4) On a normal evolutionary world, racial progress attains its natural biologic peak during the regime of the Planetary Prince, and shortly thereafter the System Sovereign dispatches a Material Son and Daughter to that planet. These imported beings are of service as biologic uplifters; their default on Urantia further complicated your planetary history.

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49:5.25 (567.5) When the intellectual and ethical progress of a human race has reached the limits of evolutionary development, there comes an Avonal Son of Paradise on a magisterial mission; and later on, when the spiritual status of such a world is nearing its limit of natural attainment, the planet is visited by a Paradise bestowal Son. The chief mission of a bestowal Son is to establish the planetary status, release the Spirit of Truth for planetary function, and thus effect the universal coming of the Thought Adjusters.



49:5.26 (567.6) Here, again, Urantia deviates: There has never been a magisterial mission on your world, neither was your bestowal Son of the Avonal order; your planet enjoyed the signal honor of becoming the mortal home planet of the Sovereign Son, Michael of Nebadon.

49:5.27 (567.7) As a result of the ministry of all the successive orders of divine sonship, the inhabited worlds and their advancing races begin to approach the apex of planetary evolution. Such worlds now become ripe for the culminating mission, the arrival of the Trinity Teacher Sons. This epoch of the Teacher Sons is the vestibule to the final planetary age — evolutionary utopia — the age of light and life.

Scan Papers 53 and 54 and describe the Lucifer Rebellion

Paper 053:

The Lucifer Rebellion

1. The Leaders of Rebellion
2. The Causes of Rebellion
3. The Lucifer Manifesto
4. Outbreak of the Rebellion
5. Nature of the Conflict
6. A Loyal Seraphic Commander
7. History of the Rebellion
8. The Son of Man on Urantia
9. Present Status of the Rebellion

Paper 054:

Problems of the Lucifer Rebellion

1. True and False Liberty
2. The Theft of Liberty
3. The Time Lag of Justice
4. The Mercy Time Lag
5. The Wisdom of Delay
6. The Triumph of Love

53:0.1 (601.1) LUCIFER was a brilliant primary Lanonandek Son of Nebadon. He had experienced service in many systems, had been a high counselor of his group, and was distinguished for wisdom, sagacity, and efficiency. ... he was designated as one of the one hundred most able and brilliant personalities in more than seven hundred thousand of his kind.

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From such a magnificent beginning, through evil and error, he embraced sin and now is numbered as one of three System Sovereigns in Nebadon who have succumbed to the urge of self and surrendered to the sophistry of spurious personal liberty — rejection of universe allegiance and disregard of fraternal obligations, blindness to cosmic relationships.



53:1.4 (602.1) Very little was heard of Lucifer on Urantia owing to the fact that he assigned his first lieutenant, Satan, to advocate his cause on your planet. Satan was a member of the same primary group of Lanonandeks but had never functioned as a System Sovereign; he entered fully into the Lucifer insurrection.

The “devil” is none other than Caligastia, the deposed Planetary Prince of Urantia and a Son of the secondary order of Lanonandeks.

53:2.2 (602.5) There were no peculiar or special conditions in the system of Satania which suggested or favored rebellion. It is our belief that the idea took origin and form in Lucifer’s mind, and that he might have instigated such a rebellion no matter where he might have been stationed. Lucifer first announced his plans to Satan, but it required several months to corrupt the mind of his able and brilliant associate. However, when once converted to the rebel theories, he became a bold and earnest advocate of “self-assertion and liberty.”

53:2.5 (603.1) It is very difficult to point out the exact cause or causes which finally culminated in the Lucifer rebellion. We are certain of only one thing, and that is: Whatever these first beginnings were, they had their origin in Lucifer’s mind. There must have been a pride of self that nourished itself to the point of self-deception, so that Lucifer for a time really persuaded himself that his contemplation of rebellion was actually for the good of the system, if not of the universe. By the time his plans had developed to the point of disillusionment, no doubt he had gone too far for his original and mischief-making pride to permit him to stop. At some point in this experience he became insincere, and evil evolved into deliberate and willful sin.

3. The Lucifer Manifesto

53:3.1 (603.2) Whatever the early origins of trouble in the hearts of Lucifer and Satan, the final outbreak took form as the Lucifer Declaration of Liberty. The cause of the rebels was stated under three heads:

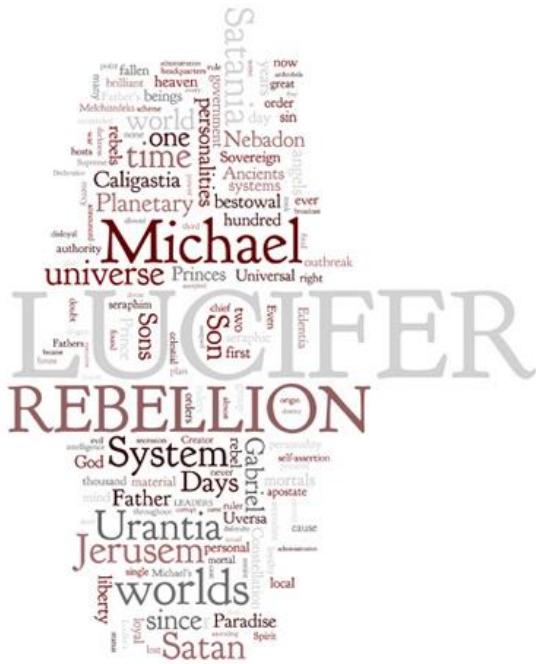
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53:3.2 (603.3) **1. The reality of the Universal Father.** Lucifer charged that the Universal Father did not really exist, that physical gravity and space-energy were inherent in the universe, and that the Father was a myth invented by the Paradise Sons to enable them to maintain the rule of the universes in the Father’s name.

53:3.3 (603.4) **2. The universe government of the Creator Son — Michael.** Lucifer contended that the local systems should be autonomous. He protested against the right of Michael, the Creator Son, to assume sovereignty of Nebadon in the name of a hypothetical Paradise Father and require all personalities to acknowledge allegiance to this unseen Father.

53:3.6 (604.1) **3. The attack upon the universal plan of ascendant mortal training.** Lucifer maintained that far too much time and energy were expended upon the scheme of so thoroughly training ascending mortals in the principles of universe administration, principles which he alleged were unethical and unsound. He protested against the age-long program for preparing the mortals of space for some unknown destiny and

pointed to the presence of the finaliter corps on Jerusem as proof that these mortals had spent ages of preparation for some destiny of pure fiction.



53:7.9 (608.5) In many respects this rebellion was the most widespread and disastrous of all such occurrences in Nebadon. More personalities were involved in this insurrection than in both of the others. And it is to their everlasting dishonor that the emissaries of Lucifer and Satan spared not the infant-training schools on the finaliter cultural planet but rather sought to corrupt these developing minds in mercy salvaged from the evolutionary worlds.

53:7.10 (608.6) The ascending mortals were vulnerable, but they withstood the sophistries of rebellion better than the lower spirits. While many on the lower mansion worlds, those who had not attained final fusion with their Adjusters, fell, it is recorded to the glory of the wisdom of the ascension scheme that not a single member of the Satania ascendant citizenship resident on Jerusem participated in the Lucifer rebellion.

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54:1.6 (614.1) True liberty is the associate of genuine self-respect; false liberty is the consort of self-admiration. True liberty is the fruit of self-control; false liberty, the assumption of self-assertion. Self-control leads to altruistic service; self-admiration tends towards the exploitation of others for the selfish aggrandizement of such a mistaken individual as is willing to sacrifice righteous attainment for the sake of possessing unjust power over his fellow beings.

54:1.8 (614.3) There is no error greater than that species of self-deception which leads intelligent beings to crave the exercise of power over other beings for the purpose of depriving these persons of their natural liberties.

54:2.3 (614.8) Lucifer's folly was the attempt to do the nondoable, to short-circuit time in an experiential universe. Lucifer's crime was the attempted creative disenfranchisement of every personality in Satania, the unrecognized abridgment of the creature's personal participation — freewill participation — in the long evolutionary struggle to attain the status of light and life both individually and collectively. In so doing this onetime Sovereign of your system set the temporal purpose of his own will directly athwart the eternal purpose of God's will as it is revealed in the bestowal of free will upon all personal creatures. The Lucifer rebellion thus threatened the maximum possible infringement of the freewill choice of the ascenders and servers of the system of Satania — a threat forevermore to deprive every one of these beings of the thrilling experience of contributing something personal and unique to the slowly erecting monument to experiential wisdom which will sometime exist as the perfected system of Satania.

54:2.4 (615.1) In short, what God had given men and angels Lucifer would have taken away from them, that is, the divine privilege of participating in the creation of their own destinies and of the destiny of this local system of inhabited worlds.

54:6.3 (618.6) If an affectionate father of a large family chooses to show mercy to one of his children guilty of grievous wrongdoing, it may well be that the extension of mercy to this misbehaving child will work a temporary hardship upon all the other and well-behaved children. Such eventualities are inevitable; such a risk is inseparable from the reality situation of having a loving parent and of being a member of a family group. Each member of a family profits by the righteous conduct of every other member; likewise must each member suffer the immediate time-consequences of the misconduct of every other member. Families, groups, nations, races, worlds, systems, constellations, and universes are relationships of association which possess individuality; and therefore does every member of any such group, large or small, reap the benefits and suffer the consequences of the rightdoing and the wrongdoing of all other members of the group concerned.

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We will consider the impact of the Lucifer Rebellion on our world in our upcoming sessions on Part III.

Paper 56



Paper 056: [Universal Unity](#)

1. Physical Co-ordination
2. Intellectual Unity
3. Spiritual Unification
4. Personality Unification
5. Deity Unity
6. Unification of Evolutionary Deity
7. Universal Evolutionary Repercussions
8. The Supreme Unifier
9. Universal Absolute Unity
10. Truth, Beauty, and Goodness

56:0.1 (637.1) GOD is unity. Deity is universally co-ordinated. The universe of universes is one vast integrated mechanism which is absolutely controlled by one infinite mind. The physical, intellectual, and spiritual domains of universal creation are divinely correlated. The perfect and imperfect are truly interrelated, and therefore may the finite evolutionary creature ascend to Paradise in obedience to the Universal Father's mandate: "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect."

56:0.2 (637.2) ... To the circumscribed minds of time-space mortals the universe may present many problems and situations which apparently portray disharmony and indicate absence of effective co-ordination; but those of us who are able to observe wider stretches of universal phenomena, and who are more experienced in this art of detecting the basic unity which underlies creative diversity and of discovering the divine oneness which overspreads all this functioning of plurality, better perceive the divine and single purpose exhibited in all these manifold manifestations of universal creative energy.

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Charts of Grand Universe & Local Universe and Personality Orders

- Chart of Local Universe organization and personality orders: <http://www.nebadon.info/>
- Chart of Grand Universe personality orders from the Universal Father to humans: <http://www.universalfather.info/>
- Chart of Superuniverse organization and personality orders: <http://www.orvonton.info/>
- Chart of "The Origin, History, and Destiny of Universe Reality" https://squarecircles.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/DonEstes_origin-history-destiny-chart.pdf

Videos about The Urantia Book

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= wf21UbsdJ4&t=44s>

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