

For Psychology Students & Spiritual Seekers

Beyond the Persona

The Divine Reality of Your Personality

A Revelation of Identity — The Urantia Book

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and that is personality—permanence in the presence of
change.*

[112:0.1]



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THE evolutionary planets are the spheres of human origin, the initial worlds of the ascending mortal career. Urantia is your starting point; here you and your divine Thought Adjuster are joined in temporary union. You have been endowed with a perfect guide; therefore, if you will sincerely run the race of time and gain the final goal of faith, the reward of the ages shall be yours; you will be eternally united with your indwelling Adjuster. Then will begin your real life, the ascending life, to which your present mortal state is but the vestibule. Then will begin your exalted and progressive mission as finaliters in the eternity which stretches out before you. And throughout all of these successive ages and stages of evolutionary growth, there is one part of you that remains absolutely unaltered, and that is personality—permanence in the presence of change.

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WHAT MODERN PSYCHOLOGY SAYS

The map vs. the territory of your identity

Psychology's Definition

Behavioral Patterns

Observable, measurable responses to stimuli -- the raw data of personality research

Emotional Responses

Affective reactions shaped by temperament, conditioning, and neurochemistry

Cognitive Traits

Thinking styles, schemas, beliefs -- the architecture of the conditioned mind

Genetic Blueprint

Heritability coefficients, twin studies, the 'nature' side of the debate

Environmental Shaping

The 'nurture' side -- family, culture, trauma, formative experience

The Questions Psychology Cannot Answer

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Why do I feel like a "Self" that stands BEHIND my thoughts -- observing them?

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Why does the "I" feel the same at age 60 as it did at age 6, even though almost every cell has been replaced?

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Why does reducing a human being to genes and behaviors feel... insufficient? Like explaining a symphony by listing its instruments?

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What is it that makes YOU irreplaceable -- not just different, but genuinely, cosmically unique?

Body. The material or physical organism of man. The living electrochemical mechanism of animal nature and origin. [0:5.7]

Mind. The thinking, perceiving, and feeling mechanism of the human organism. The total conscious and unconscious experience. The intelligence associated with the emotional life reaching upward through worship and wisdom to the spirit level. [0:5.8]

Spirit. The divine spirit that indwells the mind of man—the Thought Adjuster. This immortal spirit is prepersonal—not a personality, though destined to become a part of the personality of the surviving creature. [0:5.9]

[0:5.7-9]

Personality. The personality of mortal man is neither body, mind, nor spirit; neither is it the soul. Personality is the one changeless reality in an otherwise ever-changing creature experience; and it unifies all other associated factors of individuality. The personality is the unique bestowal which the Universal Father makes upon the living and associated energies of matter, mind, and spirit, and which survives with the survival of the morontial soul.

[0:5.11]

THE DIVINE DEFINITION OF PERSONALITY

What psychology measures vs. what the Father bestows

What Psychology Measures

- ▶ Traits & tendencies
- ▶ Behavioral patterns
- ▶ Emotional profiles
- ▶ Cognitive styles
- ▶ Genetic predispositions

The CONTENT of experience



What the Father Bestows

The UNIFIER

Not a trait but the unifier of all traits; holds body, mind, spirit in relationship

The CHANGELESS ONE

Survives every transformation -- death, resurrection, cosmic ascent -- unchanged

The UNIQUE BESTOWAL

Directly bestowed by the Universal Father; no two personalities are ever alike

The VOLITIONAL SELF

The one who chooses; not subject to antecedent causation -- relatively free

The COSMIC OBSERVER

The one who stands behind thoughts and feelings and observes -- the 'I' behind the eye

The AUTHOR of experience

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Personality is that quality in reality which is bestowed by the Universal Father himself or by the Conjoint Actor, acting for the Father.

[112:0.3]

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It is not wholly subject to the fetters of antecedent causation. It is relatively creative or cocreative. [112:0.5]

Personality, while devoid of identity, can unify the identity of any living energy system. [112:0.7]

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ARE WE MORE THAN OUR GENES AND THOUGHTS?

The symphony metaphor -- and the answer

SUBORDINATE

Physical System (Genes, Body)

The instruments of the orchestra -- wood, metal, strings. Necessary, beautiful, but passive in themselves.

CO-ORDINATE

Intellectual System (Mind, Thoughts, Feelings)

The musical score -- the notes, harmonies, rhythms. Indispensable. But notes on paper are not music until someone plays them.

SUPERORDINATE

Personality

The conductor. Unifies the instruments and the score into a living, meaningful performance. Without the conductor: noise. With the conductor: masterpiece.

Referenced: 112:2.2-4 (subordinate / co-ordinate / superordinate) | 112:0.5 (not subject to antecedent causation)

**The answer is a resounding
YES.**

"In the human system it is the personality which unifies all activities and in turn imparts the qualities of identity and creativity." [112:1.19]

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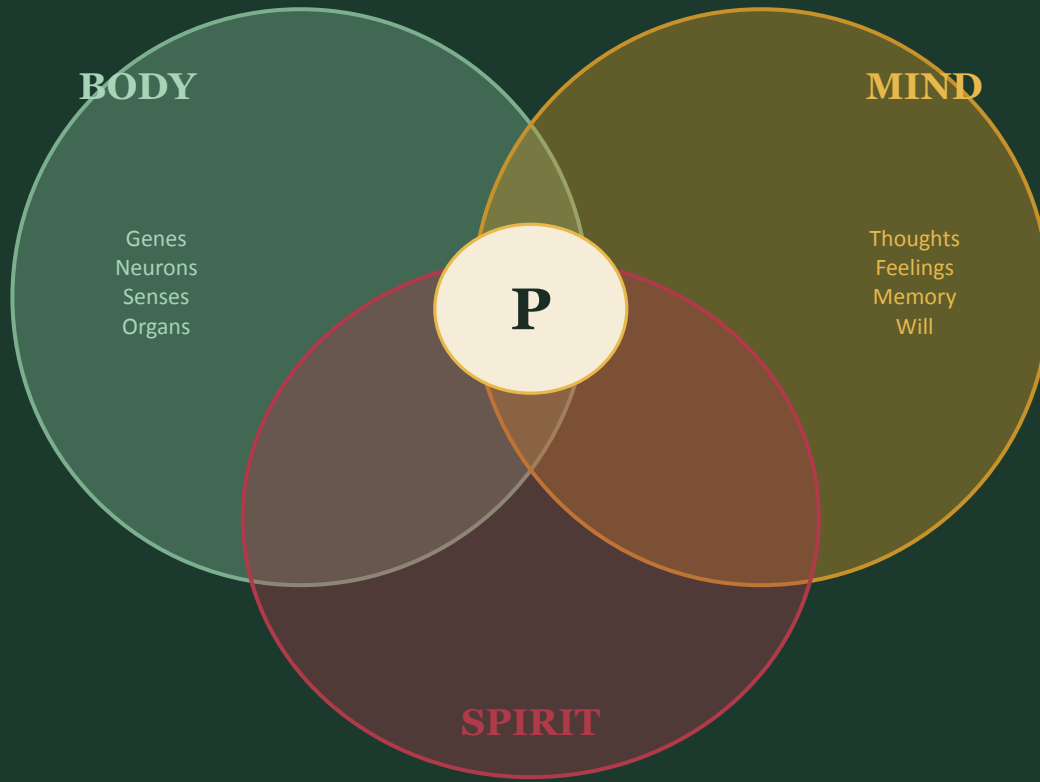
1. *That physical systems are subordinate. [112:2.2]*
2. *That intellectual systems are co-ordinate. [112:2.3]*
3. *That personality is superordinate. [112:2.4]*

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PERSONALITY: THE UNIFIER OF ALL REALITY

System vs. summation -- why the whole is more than the sum of its parts



P = PERSONALITY

- Not one circle but the RELATIONSHIP between all circles
- Creates a SYSTEM -- not just an aggregation
- Gives the whole more meaning than any part possesses
- Is the unique bestowal of the Father Himself
- The 'I' behind all the others

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The concept of the personality as the meaning of the whole of the living and functioning creature means much more than the integration of relationships; it signifies the unification of all factors of reality as well as co-ordination of relationships. Relationships exist between two objects, but three or more objects eventuate a system, and such a system is much more than just an enlarged or complex relationship. This distinction is vital, for in a cosmic system the individual members are not connected with each other except in relation to the whole and through the individuality of the whole.

[112:1.17]

In the human organism the summation of its parts constitutes selfhood—individuality—but such a process has nothing whatever to do with personality, which is the unifier of all these factors as related to cosmic realities. [112:1

**[112:1.17-18
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In aggregations parts are added; in systems parts are arranged. Systems are significant because of organization—positional values. In a good system all factors are in cosmic position. In a bad system something is either missing or displaced—deranged. In the human system it is the personality which unifies all activities and in turn imparts the qualities of identity and creativity.

[112:1.19]

SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF SELF-REALIZATION

The extraordinary potential embedded in your personality

1-3

FINITE LEVEL

Dimensions 1-3 · Where we currently operate

Cosmic self-awareness

Relational identity

Temporal continuity

4-6

ABSONITE LEVEL

Dimensions 4-6 · Transcendent spiritual realization

Transcendent self

Experiential divinity

Superuniverse personality

7

ABSOLUTE LEVEL

Dimension 7 · The totality dimension

Totality dimension: the fact of personality itself -- contact with the Absolute

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The type of personality bestowed upon Urantia mortals has a potentiality of seven dimensions of self-expression or person-realization. These dimensional phenomena are realizable as three on the finite level, three on the absonite level, and one on the absolute level. On subabsolute levels this seventh or totality dimension is experiencible as the fact of personality. This supreme dimension is an associable absolute and, while not infinite, is dimensionally potential for subinfinite penetration of the absolute.

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MORALITY, UNIQUENESS & COSMIC VALUE

The personality characteristics psychology cannot measure

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Moral Awareness

Personality is 'characterized by morality -- awareness of relativity of relationship with other persons. It discerns conduct levels and choosingly discriminates between them.' [112:0.11]

You do not just behave morally -- you perceive moral reality as a dimension of the universe.

B

Absolute Uniqueness

Personality is the 'unique bestowal' of the Father. No two personalities in all the universe are alike. Your particularity is not accidental variation -- it is intentional cosmic craftsmanship.

Referenced: 0:5.11, 112:0.3

C

Cosmic Compass

Personality functions as the 'cosmic compass' that orients you toward the will of God -- allowing you to choose good, truth, and beauty in the face of competing possibilities.

Referenced: 112:0.10, 107:0.6

D

The Volitional Observer

You are a 'unique, irreplaceable, and potentially eternal volitional observer.' [112:0.12] Not a passive experiencer, but an active, creative, freely choosing center of experience.

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It is characterized by morality—awareness of relativity of relationship with other persons. It discerns conduct levels and choosingly discriminates between them. [112:0.11]

It is the original and unique in each mortal. [112:0.12 adapted]

Personality may survive mortal death with identity in the surviving soul. The Adjuster and the personality are changeless; the relationship between them (in the soul) is nothing but change, continuing evolution; and if this change (growth) ceased, the soul would cease. [112:0.15]

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THE GREATEST POTENTIAL: ETERNAL UNION

Adjuster fusion and the eternal destiny of your personality

The Ascending Career of Your Personality



"Fusion with a fragment of the Universal Father is equivalent to a divine validation of eventual Paradise attainment." [40:7.5]

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Thought Adjuster fusion imparts eternal actualities to personality which were previously only potential. Among these new endowments may be mentioned: fixation of divinity quality, past-eternity experience and memory, immortality, and a phase of qualified potential absoluteness. [112:7.1]

The present known destiny of surviving mortals is the Paradise Corps of the Finality; this is also the goal of destiny for all Thought Adjusters who become joined in eternal union with their mortal companions. [112:7.15]

[112:7.1 /
112:7.15]

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The first stage of Adjuster evolution is attained in fusion with the surviving soul of a mortal being. Thus, while you are in nature evolving inward and upward from man to God, the Adjusters are in nature evolving outward and downward from God to man; and so will the final product of this union of divinity and humanity eternally be the son of man and the son of God.

[109:1.5]

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU"

The cosmic compass and your eternal pilot

“*The kingdom of God is within you.*”

That kingdom is presided over by the divine gift of your personality, the pilot of your eternal destiny.

[195:10.4]

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You Are Not an Accident

You are not a biological accident or a prisoner of your DNA. Your personality was directly bestowed by the Universal Father -- a cosmic act of intentional creation. Your existence matters in an absolute sense.

2

You Are Not Your Thoughts

The real you is not the contents of your mind -- not your traits, not your moods, not your conditioning. You are the Unifier behind those contents. The conductor, not the instruments or the score.

3

You Are Destined for Eternity

Your personality is 'changeless.' It will be recognizable to those who loved you across death, across worlds, across ages. And it carries within it the potentiality of seven cosmic dimensions -- and the seeds of Paradise.

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In the words of Jesus: "The kingdom of God is within you." [195:10.4]

You are a unique, irreplaceable, and potentially eternal volitional observer. [112:0.12 adapted]

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Personality also implies that spirituality—the ability to function as a genuine spiritual being—is increasingly achievable as the personality is made more and more spiritual through the progressive unification of personality with its divine Adjuster. Personality functions as a cosmic compass and a spiritual pilot throughout the ascending universe career.

[112:0.10
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Five questions psychology asks -- and the revelation answers

Q Are we more than our genes?

A Yes. Personality is superordinate over the physical system. You are the conductor, not the instrument.

Q Are we more than our thoughts?

A Yes. Personality is the Unifier behind thoughts, not the thoughts themselves. You are the observer, not the observed.

Q Is the self real -- or an illusion?

A Real. Personality is 'the one changeless reality' in your experience. The sense of a 'Self behind your thoughts' is veridical.

Q Does identity survive death?

A Yes. 'Personality may survive mortal death with identity in the surviving soul.' [112:0.15] The changeless survives the change.

Q What is the purpose of my life?

A Progressive unification of personality with the divine Adjuster -- until you become 'the son of man and the son of God.' [109:1.5]

The text we opened with -- heard now, after the journey

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Throughout all of these successive ages and stages of evolutionary growth, there is one part of you that remains absolutely unaltered, and that is personality—permanence in the presence of change.

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[112:0.1]

You Are More Than Psychology Has Imagined.

You are a direct, unique bestowal of the Universal Father.

You are the conductor of your own becoming.

You are the son of man -- and the son of God, in the making.