

A SELECTIVE LEXICON OF URANTIA BOOK TERMINOLOGY

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Aaron:

Aaron was a prophet, high priest, and the elder brother of Moses. When Moses first confronted the Egyptian king about the Israelites, Aaron served as his brother's spokesman ("prophet") to the Pharaoh (Exodus 7:1). Part of the Law given to Moses at Sinai granted Aaron the priesthood for himself and his male descendants, and he became the first High Priest of the Israelites.

Abaddon:

Chief of staff for the Planetary Prince, Caligastia. Abaddon chose to follow Caligastia's lead and join the rebellion at the time of its occurrence approximately 200,000 years ago, and has since acted as Chief of the Urantia rebels.

Abandoners:

The Uversa headquarters spheres are continuously fostered by an amazing group of beings known as the abandoners, the creation of the unrevealed agents of the Ancients of Days and the seven Reflective Spirits resident on the capital of Orvonton. These residential citizens on Uversa are at present administering the routine affairs of their world under the immediate supervision of the Uversa corps of the Son-fused mortals.

Abel:

First son born to Adam and Eve in the second garden. Less than two years after his older brother Cain's birth, Abel was born, the first child of Adam and Eve to be born in the second garden. When Abel grew up to the age of twelve years, he elected to be a herder; Cain had chosen to follow agriculture. Abel knew he was the son of both Adam and Eve and never failed to impress upon Cain that Adam was not his father. One day, when Abel's taunts so infuriated his bellicose brother that Cain turned upon him in wrath and slew him. The death of Abel became known to his parents when his dogs brought the flocks home without their master.

Abner:

The chief of John the Baptist's apostles at Engedi. John was very fond of Abner, the acknowledged leader and head of the Engedi colony. John had appointed twelve of his leaders to be apostles, following the precedent of Jesus. John had done this in response to the urging of Abner, the chief of his loyal supporters. Abner became a devout believer in Jesus and was later on made the head of a group of seventy teachers whom the Master commissioned to preach the gospel. The efforts of Abner and his associates throughout Judea had done much to consolidate sentiment favorable to the kingdom, so much so that the enemies of Jesus dared not be too outspoken in their opposition. It was the apparent misfortune of Abner to be at variance with all of the leaders of the early Christian church. He fell out with Peter and James

(Jesus' brother) over questions of administration and the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem church; he parted company with Paul over differences of philosophy and theology. The Eastern version of the message of Jesus, notwithstanding that it remained more true to his teachings, continued to follow the uncompromising attitude of Abner. It never progressed as did the Hellenized version and was eventually lost in the Islamic movement.

Abraham:

Abraham was a convert to the Salem teachings of Machiventa Melchizedek. The Melchizedek who lived on Urantia during the time of Abraham was locally known as Prince of Salem because he presided over a small colony of truth seekers residing at a place called Salem. Abraham attended the Salem school three different times. He finally became a convert to the Salem teachings, becoming one of Melchizedek's most brilliant pupils and chief supporters. Abraham attended the Salem school three different times. He became one of Melchizedek's most brilliant pupils and chief supporters. Melchizedek laid upon Abraham the responsibility of keeping alive the truth of one God as distinguished from the prevailing belief in plural deities. The Melchizedek planetary receivers had been observing the ancestors of Abraham, and they confidently expected offspring in a certain generation who would be characterized by intelligence, initiative, sagacity, and sincerity. The children of Terah, the father of Abraham, in every way met these expectations. Abraham matured his military projects. He became recognized as the civil ruler of the Salem territory and had confederated under his leadership seven near-by tribes.

Abram:

Name of Abraham prior to his formal acceptance of covenant with Melchizedek. Abraham had taken a very solemn attitude toward his covenant with Melchizedek, going over to Salem to have it stated in writing. It was at this public and formal acceptance of the covenant that he changed his name from Abram to Abraham.

Absoluta:

On Uversa, space potency is spoken of as absoluta. The eternal Isle of Paradise is composed of this single form of materialization. This literal substance of Paradise is a homogeneous organization of space potency not to be found elsewhere in all the wide universe of universes.

Absolute:

The absolute level of reality is beginningless, endless, timeless, and spaceless. For example: On Paradise, time and space are nonexistent; the time-space status of Paradise is absolute. This level is Trinity attained, existentially, by the Paradise Deities, but this third level of unifying Deity expression is not fully unified experientially. Whenever, wherever, and however the absolute level of Deity functions, Paradise-absolute values and meanings are manifest.

Absolute Gravity:

See "Paradise Gravity".

Absolute Mind:

See "Infinite Spirit".

Absolute Personality:

See "Eternal Son".

Absolute Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Absolute Trinity:

This experiential Trinity constitutes the experiential realization of absolute divinity, the unification of absolute meanings on absolute levels. The Absolute Trinity—the second experiential Trinity—now in process of actualization, will consist of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and the unrevealed Consummator of Universe Destiny.

Absolutes:

Total, infinite reality is existential in seven phases and as seven co-ordinate Absolutes. The seven prime relationships within the I AM eternalize as the Seven Absolutes of Infinity. But though we may portray reality origins and infinity differentiation by a sequential narrative, in fact all seven Absolutes are unqualifiedly and co-ordinately eternal. It may be necessary for mortal minds to conceive of their beginnings, but always should this conception be overshadowed by the realization that the seven Absolutes had no beginning; they are eternal and as such have always been. The seven Absolutes are the premise of reality. The Seven Absolutes of Infinity constitute the beginnings of reality.

Absolutes of Actuality (Absolute Actuals):

The union of the three Absolutes of actuality comprise the Second, Third, and Paradise Sources and Centers. This triodity of the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and the Paradise Isle constitutes the actual revelation of the originality of the First Source and Center. The growth of the Almighty Supreme is centered on the Absolutes of actuality and predicated on the Absolutes of potentiality. Statics in growth can never appear in the total cosmos since the basis for growth—the absolute actuals—is unqualified, and since the possibilities for growth—the absolute potentials—are unlimited.

Absolutes of Potentiality (Absolute Potentials):

The Unqualified Absolute, the Deity Absolute, and the Universal Absolute. The union of the three Absolutes of potentiality, the Deity, Unqualified, and Universal Absolutes, the triodity of existential potentiality, constitutes the potential revelation of the originality of the First Source and Center. These Absolutes seem to supersede matter, to transcend mind, and to supervene spirit. The three Absolutes of potentiality are operative on the purely eternal level of the cosmos, hence never function as such on subabsolute levels. On the descending levels of reality the triodity of potentiality is manifest with the Ultimate and upon the Supreme. The eternity action of the Trinity Absolute may be thought of as culminating in some kind of experientialization of the Absolutes of potentiality. The growth of the Almighty Supreme is centered on the Absolutes of actuality and predicated on the Absolutes of potentiality.

Absolutum:

Materialistic composition of Paradise not found elsewhere in the universe of universes. The eternal Isle is composed of a single form of materialization—a stationary system of reality. This literal substance of Paradise is a homogeneous organization of space potency not to be found elsewhere in all the wide universe of universes. It has received many names in different universes, and the Melchizedeks of Nebadon long since named it absolutum. This Paradise source material is neither dead nor alive: it is the original nonspiritual expression of the First Source and Center; it is Paradise, and Paradise is without duplicate.

Absonite:

This is the level of reality between the absolute and the finite, hence “abso-nite”. The absonite level of reality is characterized by things and beings without beginnings or endings and by the transcendence of time and space. No matter in what part of the master universe, whenever time and space are transcended, such an absonite phenomenon is an act of the Ultimacy of Deity. The actualization of Ultimate Deity signalizes absonite unification of the first experiential Trinity and signifies unifying Deity expansion on the second level of creative self-realization. God the Ultimate is designative of personal Deity functioning on the divinity levels of the absonite and on the universe spheres of supertime and transcended space. The Ultimate is a supersupreme eventuation of Deity. The Supreme culminates the total finite and establishes its relationship with the destiny of the absonite and the Ultimate.

Absonitors:

Eventuated beings existing on the absonite level of reality. Absonitors are not created; they are eventuated—they simply are. Revelatory discussion of Paradise absonitors is restricted, not only by the limitations of human comprehension, but also by the terms of the Revelatory mandate governing these disclosures concerning the personalities of Paradise. These beings are in no way connected with the mortal ascent to Havona. The vast host of the Paradise Transcendentalers have nothing whatever to do with the affairs of either Havona or the seven superuniverses, being concerned only with the superadministration of the affairs of the master universe.

Absonitize:

To come into existence on the absonite level of reality. These seven groups of Master Architects total 28,011 universe planners. On Paradise there is a tradition that far back in eternity there was attempted the eventuation of the 28,012th Master Architect, but that this being failed to absonitize, experiencing personality seizure by the Universal Absolute. It is possible that the ascending series of the Master Architects attained the limit of absonity in the 28,011th Architect, and that the 28,012th attempt encountered the mathematical level of the presence of the Absolute. In other words, at the 28,012th eventuation level the quality of absonity equivalated to the level of the Universal and attained the value of the Absolute.

Absonity:

The absonite level of reality. Deities evolved by the experiential actualization of realities created or eventuated by the existential Paradise Trinity. Infinity of divinity is being ever enriched, if not enlarged, by finity and absonity of creature and Creator experience. When on Urantia, Christ Michael once said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And we believe that in eternity the Michaels are literally destined to be "the way, the truth, and the life," ever blazing

the path for all universe personalities as it leads from supreme divinity through ultimate absonity to eternal deity finality. Transcendentalers are neither creators nor creatures; they are the eventuated children of divinity, ultimacy, and eternity. These "eventuators" are neither finite nor infinite—they are absonite; and absonity is neither infinity nor absoluteness.

Actual/Actuality:

From the time viewpoint, the Actual is that which was and is: the Potential is that which is becoming and will be: the Original is that which is. From the eternity viewpoint, the differences between the Original, the Actual, and the Potential are not thus apparent. These triune qualities are not so distinguished on Paradise-eternity levels. In eternity all is—only has all not yet been revealed in time and space. From a creature's viewpoint, actuality is substance, potentiality is capacity. Actuality exists centermost and expands therefrom into peripheral infinity.

Ad Interim:

For an intervening or temporary period of time.

Adamic Default:

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, an Adam and an Eve, to that planet. These imported beings are of service as biologic uplifters; their default on Urantia further complicated your planetary history. Adam and Eve fell from their high estate of material sonship down to the lowly status of mortal man. But that was not the fall of man. The human race has been uplifted despite the immediate consequences of the Adamic default. Although the divine plan of giving the violet race to the Urantia peoples miscarried, the mortal races have profited enormously from the limited contribution which Adam and his descendants made to the Urantia races. The Adamic default deprived the human races of that superior type of physical nature which would have been more consonant with spiritual aspirations.

Adamic Dispensation:

The second epochal revelation to our world Urantia encompassed the teachings of the Adam and Eve dispensation over 35,000 years ago. The Creator Son personalizes in dual form his final concept of being, thus finally confirming his own and original dual origin. In and of himself he then creates the beautiful and superb Material Sons and Daughters of the material order of universe sonship. This is the origin of the original Adam and Eve of each local system of Nebadon. They are a reproducing order of sonship, being created male and female. When the planetary course of human evolution is attaining its highest biologic level, there always appear the Material Sons and Daughters, the Adams and Eves, to augment the further evolution of the races by an actual contribution of their superior life plasm.

Adamic Race:

On a planetary mission the Material Son and Daughter are commissioned to found the Adamic race of that world, a race designed eventually to amalgamate with the mortal inhabitants of that

sphere. Planetary Adams are both descending and ascending Sons, but we ordinarily class them as ascending. Humor was the legacy of the later Adamic race.

Adamic Sons:

See "Material Sons and Daughters".

Adamites:

On normal worlds the Planetary Adam and Eve never mate with the evolutionary races. This work of biologic betterment is a function of the Adamic progeny. But these Adamites do not go out among the races; the prince's staff bring to the Garden of Eden the superior men and women for voluntary mating with the Adamic offspring. And on most worlds, it is considered the highest honor to be selected as a candidate for mating with the sons and daughters of the garden. The Melchizedeks counseled our Adam on Urantia not to initiate the program of racial uplift and blending until his own family had numbered one-half million. It was never intended that the Garden should be the permanent home of the Adamites. The civil rulers of the Adamites were derived hereditarily from the sons of the first garden. After the default of Adam and Eve and the subsequent loss of the first Eden, Adam's first son, Adamson (Adam ben Adam), founded a secondary center of the violet race to the north of the second Eden. The chief center of Adamite culture was in the second garden, located in the triangle of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers; this was indeed the cradle of Occidental and Indian civilizations. This progeny of Adam and Eve on Urantia, the violet race, centered in the second garden under the leadership of Jansad after the death of Adam.

Adams and Eves:

See "Material Sons and Daughters".

Adamson:

Adamson was the first-born of the violet race of Urantia approximately 35,900 B.C., being followed by his sister and Eveson, the second son of Adam and Eve. Adamson (Adam ben Adam), founded a secondary center of the violet race to the north of the second Eden. Adamson was among that group of the children of Adam and Eve who elected to remain on earth with their father and mother. About 35,000 B.C. Adamson visited one of the easternmost of the old Vanite settlements to found his center of civilization. A company of twenty-seven followed Adamson northward in quest of these people of his childhood fantasies. Among these people he discovered a wonderful and beautiful woman, twenty years old, who claimed to be the last pure-line descendant of the Prince's staff. This woman, Ratta, said that her ancestors were all descendants of two of the fallen staff of the Prince. She was encompassed with but a single thought—to marry this son and heir of Adam. And quickly the idea grew upon Adamson. In a little more than three months they were married. Adamson and Ratta had a family of sixty-seven children. They gave origin to a great line of the world's leadership. Adamson lived for 396 years.

Adamsonites:

Being the descendants of Adamson and Ratta, the Adamsonites maintained a high culture for almost seven thousand years from the times of Adamson and Ratta. A group Adamsonites

eventually settled in Greece consisting of three hundred and seventy-five of the selected and superior people comprising the end of the second civilization of the Adamsonites. These later sons of Adamson carried the then most valuable strains of the emerging white races. They were of a high intellectual order and, physically regarded, the most beautiful of men since the days of the first Eden.

Adjudication:

Adjudication is the highest function of any government, and those who are intrusted with verdict rendering should be chosen from the highest and most noble types of the most experienced and understanding individuals. In all matters of adjudication there presides a dual magistracy consisting of one judge of perfection antecedents and one magistrate of ascendant experience. The courts of the Ancients of Days are the high review tribunals for the spiritual adjudication of all component universes. The Sovereign Sons of the local universes are supreme in their own domains; they are subject to the supergovernment only in so far as they voluntarily submit matters for counsel or adjudication by the Ancients of Days except in matters involving the extinction of will creatures. Cessation of existence is usually decreed at the dispensational or epochal adjudication of the realm or realms. A Master Son may at will vary the order of the spiritual adjudication and evolutionary adjustment of the inhabited planets. In the superuniverse courts, Mighty Messengers act as defenders of both individuals and planets when they come up for adjudication.

Adjuster:

See "Thought Adjusters".

Adjuster Fusion:

See "Fusion".

Adjutant Mind:

On the local universe level, material mind is ministered to the lowest, non-experiencing entities of the most primitive types of material life forms by the Master Physical Controllers. Above this level, human and animal (sub-human) intellect is superimposed upon a base of material mind through the ministry of the local universe adjutant mind-spirits. In the history of an evolving world, the mechanical non-teachable level of mind always pre-dates the demonstrated capacity of creature mind to learn from experience. The mature development of the material level of mind initiates the superimposition of the adjutant mind circuitry of the local universe Mother Spirit. Ultimately, upon the demonstrated spiritual capability of the adjutant mind to recognize divinity and to partake of the worship experience within the creature intellect, such spiritually motivated superminds become encircuated in the spirit cycles of the Mother Spirit.

The most primitive forms of life are characterized by the most elementary level of mechanical (pre-animal) mind. They are wholly passive in their response to physical, chemical, and electrical stimuli from the immediate environment. The more advanced manifestations of life progressively partake of the operative ministries of the seven adjutant mind-spirits. Adjutant mind functions as the teachable (non-mechanical) level of material mind. These advanced life forms develop greater capabilities to creatively adjust to changes in the environment.

Adjutant Mind-Spirits:

The seven adjutant mind-spirits are the creation of the Divine Minister of a local universe. They are:] the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of worship, the spirit of counsel, the spirit of knowledge, the spirit of courage, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of intuition. The seven adjutant mind-spirits are the versatile mind ministers to the lower intelligent existences of a local universe. This order of mind is ministered from the local universe headquarters or from some world connected therewith, but there is influential direction of lower-mind function from the system capitals. The central lodgments of the adjutant spirits on the Life Carrier headquarters world indicate to the Life Carrier supervisors the extent and quality of the mind function of the adjutants on any world and in any given living organism of intellect status. These life-mind emplacements are perfect indicators of living mind function for the first five adjutants. But with regard to the sixth and seventh adjutant spirits -- worship and wisdom -- these central lodgments record only a qualitative function. The quantitative activity of the adjutant of worship and the adjutant of wisdom is registered in the immediate presence of the Divine Minister on Salvington, being a personal experience of the Universe Mother Spirit. The seven adjutant mind-spirits always accompany the Life Carriers to a new planet, but they should not be regarded as entities; they are more like circuits. The spirits of the seven universe adjutants do not function as personalities apart from the universe presence of the Divine Minister; they are in fact a level of consciousness of the Divine Minister and are always subordinate to the action and presence of their creative mother.

Administrator Assistants:

These able seraphim are the immediate assistants of a System Sovereign, a primary Lanonandek Son. They are invaluable aids in the execution of the intricate details of the executive work of the system headquarters. They also serve as the personal agents of the system rulers, journeying back and forth in large numbers to the various transition worlds and to the inhabited planets, executing many commissions for the welfare of the system and in the physical and biologic interests of its inhabited worlds.

Administrator Seraphim:

This fourth order of seraphim are assigned to the administrative duties of the local systems. They are indigenous to the system capitals but are stationed in large numbers on the mansion and morontia spheres and on the inhabited worlds. Fourth-order seraphim are by nature endowed with unusual administrative ability. They are the able assistants of the directors of the lower divisions of the universe government of a Creator Son and are mainly occupied with the affairs of the local systems and their component worlds.

Adonia:

The Andite city of Adonia, south and east of the Caspian Sea, became the central Asian commercial metropolis about 8,000 years ago B.C., being located near the present city of Ashkhabad. Commerce in stone, metal, wood, and pottery was accelerated on both land and water.

Agondonters:

Ascending will creatures from planets spiritually isolated by rebellion, and who, therefore; have gained valuable experience in the exercise of faith and the development of confidence in cosmic reliability, for they must learn to believe without seeing. On Jerusem the ascenders from these isolated worlds occupy a residential sector by themselves and are known as the agondonters, meaning evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone. This functional grouping of the agondonters persists throughout the ascension of the local universe and the traversal of the superuniverse; it disappears during the sojourn in Havona but promptly reappears upon the attainment of Paradise and definitely persists in the Corps of the Mortal Finality. Tabamantia is an agondonter of finaliter status, having survived from one of the quarantined spheres involved in the first rebellion ever to take place in the universes of time and space.

Almighty:

Typically used to represent the power manifestation of the immediate God of evolutionary creatures who actually time-space evolves concomitantly with them. God the Supreme is potential in the Paradise Trinity, from whom he derives his personality and spirit attributes; but he is now actualizing in the Creator Sons, Ancients of Days, and the Master Spirits, from whom he derives his power as Almighty to the superuniverses of time and space. This power manifestation of the immediate God of evolutionary creatures actually time-space evolves concomitantly with them.

Almighty Supreme:

The power manifestation of the immediate God of evolutionary creatures who actually time-space evolves concomitantly with them. The Almighty Supreme, evolving on the value-level of nonpersonal activities, and the spirit person of God the Supreme are one reality - the Supreme Being. The Supreme Being functions primarily in the central universe as a spirit personality; secondarily in the grand universe as God the Almighty, a personality of power.

Alvoring:

Alvoring is one of the neighboring local universes to the local universe of Nebadon.

Amadon:

A human descendant of Andon and Fonta who was the loyal associate of Van in advocating the rejection of Lucifer's Manifesto approximately 200,000 years ago. Amadon is the outstanding human hero of the Lucifer rebellion. Amadon elected to stand with his chief throughout the long and trying struggle. This male descendant of Andon and Fonta was one of the one hundred who contributed life plasm to the Prince's staff, and ever since that event he had been attached to Van as his associate and human assistant. It is entirely possible for the indwelling spirit to make direct contact with the decision-determining powers of the human personality so as to empower the fully consecrated will of the creature to perform amazing acts of loyal devotion to the will and the way of the Father in Paradise. Van and Amadon remained on earth until shortly after the arrival of Adam and Eve. Some years thereafter they were translated to Jerusem And this is just what occurred in the experience of Amadon, the modified human associate of Van.

Amadonites:

Amadonites were derived from the group of 144 loyal Andonites to which Amadon belonged, and who have become known by his name. This group comprised thirty-nine men and one hundred and five women. "Amadonite" is more of a cultural and religious designation than a racial term; racially considered the Amadonites were essentially Andonites. "Nodite" is both a cultural and racial term

Amenemope:

An Egyptian teacher and seer who, in the post-Melchizedek period (see Machiventa), taught among other things that God-consciousness is the main factor which determines conduct. Much of the Mesopotamian religious culture found its way into Hebrew literature and liturgy by way of Egypt through the work of Amenemope and Ikhnaton. This seer Amenemope exalted conscience to its highest pinnacle of arbitrament between right and wrong, taught punishment for sin, and proclaimed salvation through calling upon the solar deity. Amenemope taught that riches and fortune were the gift of God, and this concept thoroughly colored the later appearing Hebrew philosophy. Amenemope also functioned to conserve the ethics of evolution and the morals of revelation and in his writings passed them on both to the Hebrews and to the Greeks. The first psalm of the Hebrew Book of Psalms was written by Amenemope and is the heart of the teachings of Ikhnaton.

Amenhotep:

Amenhotep I was an Egyptian ruler who lived in 1,500 B.C. and who had an understanding of the soul and spirit as separate indwelling aspects for favored individuals. Large numbers of statues of Amenhotep have been found, but they are mostly from the Ramesside period and relate to his continuing funerary cult, made for his posthumous funerary cult. Amenhotep IV was the first monotheistical leader of Egypt who believed in the sun god Aton. He eventually changed his name to Ikhnaton. After his death, Egypt returned to polytheism. (see Ikhnaton)

Amos:

In the Hebrew Bible and Christian Old Testament, Amos was one of the Twelve Minor Prophets. An older contemporary of Hosea and Isaiah, Amos was active c. 760–755 BC during the rule of kings Jeroboam II of Israel and Uzziah of Judah. He was from the southern Kingdom of Judah but preached in the northern Kingdom of Israel. Amos wrote at a time of relative peace and prosperity but also of neglect of God's laws. He spoke against an increased disparity between the very wealthy and the very poor. His major themes of justice, God's omnipotence, and divine judgment became staples of prophecy. The Book of Amos is attributed to him.

Amosad:

For twenty thousand years the culture of the second garden persisted, but it experienced a steady decline until about 15,000 BC when the regeneration of the Sethite priesthood and the leadership of Amosad inaugurated a brilliant era. The Sethite priests, as regenerated under the leadership of Amosad, became the great post-Adamic teachers. They functioned throughout the lands of the Andites, and their influence persisted longest among the Greeks, Sumerians, and Hindus. Among the latter they have continued to the present time as the Brahmins of the

Hindu faith. The Sethites and their followers never entirely lost the Trinity concept revealed by Adam.

Ancients of Days:

The Ancients of Days were all trinitized at the same time. They represent the beginning of the personality records of the universe of universes, hence their name -- Ancients of Days. When you reach Paradise and search the written records of the beginning of things, you will find that the first entry appearing in the personality section is the recital of the trinitization of these twenty-one Ancients of Days. Each superuniverse is provided with an enormous and glorious headquarters world and is ruled by three Ancients of Days. These three Ancients of Days dwell on the headquarters sphere of each superuniverse. When the three Ancients of Days function, the Paradise Trinity functions. They are attended by a host of celestial beings such as Divine Counselors, Universe Censors, Wisdom Perfectors, Mighty Messengers, etc. The Ancients of Days and their Trinity-origin associates mete out the just judgment of supreme fairness to the seven superuniverses. The courts of the Ancients of Days are the high review tribunals for the spiritual adjudication of all component universes. These personifications of Trinity justice-judgment in time and space are the field fulcrums for the mobilizing almighty power of the Supreme, serving as the sevenfold focal points for the evolution of trinitarian sovereignty in the domains of time and space. From their vantage point midway between Paradise and the evolving worlds, these Trinity-origin sovereigns see both ways, know both ways, and co-ordinate both ways.

Andites:

A human race derived from the impregnation of much of the best human strains (especially Nodite) with Adamic life plasm. The Andites are a complex race, able and aggressive, resulting mainly from the mixture of the Adamites with the Nodites, with an admixture from the evolutionary races. The constant overpopulation of the Andites in Mesopotamia and the neighborhood caused massive migrations directed on the one hand toward the North of the Caspian Sea, and thence toward Western Europe through Russia and Poland, and on the other hand towards Turkestan and India. The present white race contains much Andite blood.

Andon:

The first male human being, whose initial expression of human will choice occurred when he was ten years old, in 991,474 BC. Died during an earthquake 32 years later. Andon is the Nebadon name which signifies "the first Fatherlike creature to exhibit human perfection hunger." While still living with his parents, Andon had fastened a sharp piece of flint on the end of a club, using animal tendons for this purpose, and on no less than a dozen occasions he made good use of such a weapon in saving both his own life and that of his equally adventurous and inquisitive sister. In attempting to chip these flints so that they would be better adapted for certain purposes, Andon discovered their sparking quality and conceived the idea of building fire. (see Fonta)

Andonic:

Of or pertaining to the Andonites. Melanin is a coloring substance which is found in the skins of all human beings. It is the original Andonic skin pigment. In general appearance and skin color these early Andonites more nearly resembled the present-day Eskimo than any other type of

living human beings. They were the first creatures to use the skins of animals as a protection against cold; they had little more hair on their bodies than present-day humans. Before the extensive dispersion of the Andonic clans a well-developed language had evolved from their early efforts to intercommunicate. This language continued to grow, and almost daily additions were made to it because of the new inventions and adaptations to environment which were developed by these active, restless, and curious people. And this language became the word of Urantia, the tongue of the early human family, until the later appearance of the colored races.

Andonites:

The first primitive human beings descended from and including Andon and Fonta. Primitive Andonites had black eyes and a swarthy complexion, something of a cross between yellow and red. The Andonites were fearless and successful hunters and, with the exception of wild berries and certain fruits of the trees, lived exclusively on flesh. As Andon had invented the stone ax, so his descendants early discovered and made effective use of the throwing stick and the harpoon.

Andovontia:

Andovontia is the name of the tertiary Universe Circuit Supervisor stationed in our local universe. He is concerned only with spirit and morontia circuits, not with those under the jurisdiction of the power directors. It was he who isolated Urantia at the time of the Caligastia betrayal of the planet during the testing seasons of the Lucifer rebellion.

Andronover:

The spiral nebula from which our solar system was born. The nucleus of the physical system to which your sun and its associated planets belong is the center of the onetime Andronover nebula. The near collision of a large neighboring nebula changed Andronover into a somewhat globular aggregation but did not wholly destroy the two-way procession of the suns and their associated physical groups. Your solar system now occupies a fairly central position in one of the arms of this distorted spiral, situated about halfway from the center out towards the edge of the star stream.

Ang:

The 100 members of the corporeal corps of the staff of the Planetary Prince Caligastia were ascendant mortal volunteers from Jerusem to serve in this capacity. The leader of the Dalamatian council on food and material welfare was Ang. When the Planetary Prince Caligastia joined with Lucifer rebellion, Ang and three members of the food council remained loyal.

Angamon:

It was with Angamon, the leader of the Stoics, that Jesus had an all-night talk early during his sojourn in Rome. This man subsequently became a great friend of Paul and proved to be one of the strong supporters of the Christian church at Rome. In substance,

Angels:

Collective name of many orders of ministering beings, offspring of the Infinite Spirit. The angelic hosts are a separate order of created beings; they are entirely different from the material order of mortal creatures, and they function as a distinct group of universe intelligences. Angels are not of that group of creatures called the "Sons of God" in the Scriptures: neither are they the glorified spirits of mortal men who have gone on to progress through the mansions on high. Angels are a direct creation, and they do not reproduce themselves. The angelic hosts have only a spiritual kinship with the human race. As man progresses in the journey to the Father in Paradise, he does traverse a state of being at one time analogous to the state of the angels, but mortal man never becomes an angel.

The Angels never die as man does. The angels are immortal unless, perchance, they become involved in sin as did some of them with the deceptions of Lucifer. The angels are the spirit servants in heaven, and they are neither all-wise nor all-powerful. But all of the loyal angels are truly pure and holy.

Angona System:

4,500,000,000 years ago, the massive Angona system began to approach the neighborhood of our, at-that-time solitary, sun. The center of this great material system was a dark giant of space, solid, highly charged, and possessing tremendous gravity pull.

Animism:

Animism ('breath, spirit, life') is the belief that objects, places, and creatures all possess a distinct spiritual essence. Potentially, animism perceives all things—animals, plants, rocks, rivers, weather systems, human handiwork, and perhaps even words—as animated and alive.

Annihilation:

The final result of wholehearted sin is annihilation. In the last analysis, such sin-identified individuals have destroyed themselves by becoming wholly unreal through their embrace of iniquity. The factual disappearance of such a creature is, however, always delayed until the ordained order of justice current in that universe has been fully complied with. When the provisions of endless mercy and nameless patience have been exhausted in an effort to win the loyalty and devotion of the will creatures of the realms, justice and righteousness will prevail. That which mercy cannot rehabilitate justice will eventually annihilate. In the justice of reaping the harvest of wrongdoing, this divine justice is always tempered with mercy. Infinite wisdom is the eternal arbiter which determines the proportions of justice and mercy which shall be meted out in any given circumstance. The greatest punishment (in reality an inevitable consequence) for wrongdoing and deliberate rebellion against the government of God is loss of existence as an individual subject of that government. The final result of wholehearted sin is annihilation.

Anova:

The oldest inhabited world of Satania, world number one, is Anova, one of the forty-four satellites revolving around an enormous dark planet but exposed to the differential light of three neighboring suns. Anova is in an advanced stage of progressive civilization.

Anthropomorphism:

Anthropomorphism is the attribution of human traits, emotions, or intentions to non-human entities. It is considered to be an innate tendency of human psychology. The Olympian gods illustrate man's typical anthropomorphism. An exalted anthropomorphism is the highest attainment level of purely evolutionary religion. Christianity has elevated the concept of anthropomorphism from the ideal of the human to the transcendent and divine concept of the person of the glorified Christ. And this is the highest anthropomorphism that man can ever conceive.

Antigravity:

The Infinite Spirit possesses a unique and amazing power—antigravity. This power is not functionally (observably) present in either the Father or the Son. This ability to withstand the pull of material gravity, inherent in the Third Source. Antigravity can annul gravity within a local frame; it does so by the exercise of equal force presence. It operates only with reference to material gravity, and it is not the action of mind. From the earliest association with the Creator Son the Universe Mother Spirit possesses all the physical-control attributes of the Infinite Spirit, including the full endowment of antigravity.

Apostle:

The term apostle was employed to distinguish the chosen family of Jesus' advisers from the vast multitude of believing disciples who subsequently followed him. The definition of an apostle (from the Greek *apostolos*) is "one who is sent" or "one commissioned." The term appears more than 80 times in the New Testament. In Christian theology and ecclesiology, the apostles, particularly the Twelve Apostles (also known as the Twelve Disciples or simply the Twelve), were the primary disciples of Jesus according to the New Testament. During the life and ministry of Jesus in the 1st century AD, the apostles were his closest followers and became the primary teachers of the gospel message of Jesus. In the Pauline epistles, Paul, although not one of the original twelve, described himself as an apostle, saying he was called by the resurrected Jesus himself during his road to Damascus event. He later describes himself as "an apostle to the Gentiles". In the Book of Acts he and Barnabas were allotted the roles of apostle in the church.

Archangels:

Archangels are the offspring of the Creator Son and the Universe Mother Spirit. They are the highest type of high spirit being produced in large numbers in a local universe, and at the time of the last registry there were almost eight hundred thousand in Nebadon. Archangels are one of the few groups of local universe personalities who are not normally under the jurisdiction of Gabriel. They are not in any manner concerned with the routine administration of the universe, being dedicated to the work of creature survival and to the furtherance of the ascending career of the mortals of time and space.

Architects of Being:

Life does not originate spontaneously. Life is constructed according to plans formulated by the (unrevealed) Architects of Being

Architects of the Master Universe:

The Architects of the Master Universe in administration prior to the appearance of specific rulers, foster and care for the fundamental needs of the master universe as a whole, from Paradise to the fourth and outermost space level. The Architects of the Master Universe are the governing corps of the Paradise Transcendentalers. This governing corps numbers 28,011 personalities possessing master minds, superb spirits, and supernal absonites. The presiding officer of this magnificent group, the senior Master Architect, is the co-ordinating head of all Paradise intelligences below the level of Deity. If deemed wise, the existence of the Architects of the Master Universe and their associates may be disclosed, but their origin, nature, and destiny may not be fully revealed." We may, however, inform you that these Master Architects exist in seven levels of the absonite. On Paradise there is a tradition that far back in eternity there was attempted the eventuation of the 28,012th Master Architect, but that this being failed to absonitize, experiencing personality seizure by the Universal Absolute. It is possible that the ascending series of the Master Architects attained the limit of absonity in the 28,011th Architect, and that the 28,012th attempt encountered the mathematical level of the presence of the Absolute. In other words, at the 28,012th eventuation level the quality of absonity equvalated to the level of the Universal and attained the value of the Absolute.

Architectural Spheres/Worlds/Satellites:

Architectural Worlds are the worlds which are artificially built according to plans and specifications for some special purpose, such as Salvington, the headquarters of your local universe, and Uversa, the seat of government of our superuniverse. The headquarters worlds of each superuniverse are architectural spheres, space bodies specifically constructed for their special purpose. Each local universe has a magnificent architectural headquarters world and is ruled by one of the co-ordinate Creator Sons of God of the order of Michael. Each constellation has an architectural headquarters sphere and is presided over by three Vorondadek Sons, the Most Highs. Each local system has an architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by a System Sovereign.

Ascender:

A will creature who is following the divine plan of progress towards Paradise. From the time of Adjuster fusion, the status of the ascender is that of the evolutionary creature. When an ascender leaves the local universe, he has attained the spiritual level of existence, having passed beyond the morontia level. This newly appearing spirit entity then becomes attuned to the direct ministry of the cosmic mind of Orvonton.

Ascending Material Sons:

The Material Sons of God are created in the local universe along with the Melchizedeks and their associates, who are all classified as descending Sons. And indeed, the Planetary Adams—the Material Sons and Daughters of the evolutionary worlds—are descending Sons, coming down to the inhabited worlds from their spheres of origin, the capitals of the local systems. When a world is settled in the advanced stages of light and life, the faithful Material Son and Daughter are permitted to resign all planetary administrative duties, and after being thus liberated from the descending adventure, they are permitted to register themselves as perfected Material Sons on the records of the local universe. Liberated Adams and Eves are accredited as ascending Sons of God and may immediately begin the long journey to Havona and Paradise, starting at the exact point of their then present status and spiritual attainment.

Ascending Mortals:

See "Ascending Sons".

Ascending Sons:

Urantia human beings are endowed with personality of the finite-mortal type, functioning on the level of the ascending sons of God. Ascending sons, such as mortal creatures, achieve this status by experiential participation in the creative technique known as evolution. Mortal survivors will be reckoned as ascending sons the instant fusion takes place, but the status of the mortals of time and space is that of faith sons prior to the event of the final amalgamation of the surviving mortal soul with some type of eternal and immortal spirit.

- Ascending Sons.
- Father-fused Mortals.
- Son-fused Mortals.
- Spirit-fused Mortals.
- Evolutionary Seraphim.
- Ascending Material Sons.
- Translated Midwayers.
- Personalized Adjusters.

Ascendington:

One of seven sacred satellite spheres of the Father in circuit around Paradise. This particular world is the rendezvous sphere for the ascendant creatures of time who are traversing Havona on the way to Paradise. This unique world is the "bosom of the Father, Son, and Spirit," the rendezvous of the ascendant creatures of space, the receiving sphere of the pilgrims of time who are passing through the Havona universe on their way to Paradise. Ascendington is the actual Paradise home of the ascendant souls of time and space until they attain Paradise status. The secrets of Ascendington include the mystery of the gradual and certain building up in the material and mortal mind of a spiritual and potentially immortal counterpart of character and identity. This phenomenon constitutes one of the most perplexing mysteries of the universes—the evolution of an immortal soul within the mind of a mortal and material creature.

Ascension:

In accordance with the mandates of the Father's purpose providing for "the progressive ascension and perfection attainment of evolutionary mortals," we are the beneficiaries of his "superb survival plan of bringing God down to man and then, by a sublime sort of partnership, carrying man up to God and on to eternity of service and divinity of attainment." [UB 77:9.12]

Assistant Teachers:

The assistant teachers are the helpers and associates of their fellow seraphim, the teaching counselors. They are also individually connected with the extensive educational enterprises of the local universe, especially with the sevenfold scheme of training operative on the mansion

worlds of the local systems. A marvelous corps of this order of seraphim functions on Urantia for the purpose of fostering and furthering the cause of truth and righteousness.

Asoka:

Buddhism did not become widespread as a religion until it was espoused in self-protection by the low-caste monarch Asoka, who, next to Ikhnaton in Egypt, was one of the most remarkable civil rulers between Melchizedek and Michael. Asoka built a great Indian empire through the propaganda of his Buddhist missionaries. During a period of twenty-five years he trained and sent forth more than seventeen thousand missionaries to the farthest frontiers of all the known world. In one generation he made Buddhism the dominant religion of one half the world. It soon became established in Tibet, Kashmir, Ceylon, Burma, Java, Siam, Korea, China, and Japan. And generally speaking, it was a religion vastly superior to those which it supplanted or upstepped.

Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers:

Secondary or gravity energy is the product of the energy elaboration resulting from the pressure-presence and the tension-trends set up by the Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers. In response to the work of these force manipulators, space-energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, thus becoming directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise (absolute) gravity while disclosing a certain potential for sensitivity to the linear-gravity pull inherent in the soon appearing material mass of the electronic and the postelectronic stages of energy and matter.

Assuntia:

A neighboring local system to our local system of Satania in our constellation of Norlatiadek.

Astrology:

Astrology is a pseudoscience that claims to divine information about human affairs and terrestrial events by studying the movements and relative positions of celestial objects. Astrology has been dated to at least the 2nd millennium BCE, and has its roots in calendrical systems used to predict seasonal shifts and to interpret celestial cycles as signs of divine communications. Belief in astrology led to the development of astronomy.

Atonement:

When once you grasp the idea of God as a true and loving Father, the only concept which Jesus ever taught, you must forthwith, in all consistency, utterly abandon all those primitive notions about God as an offended monarch, a stern and all-powerful ruler whose chief delight is to detect his subjects in wrongdoing and to see that they are adequately punished, unless some being almost equal to himself should volunteer to suffer for them, to die as a substitute and in their stead. The whole idea of ransom and atonement is incompatible with the concept of God as it was taught and exemplified by Jesus of Nazareth. The infinite love of God is not secondary to anything in the divine nature. All this concept of atonement and sacrificial salvation is rooted and grounded in selfishness. This entire idea of the ransom of the atonement places salvation upon a plane of unreality; such a concept is purely philosophic.

Avalon:

A local universe neighbor of our Nebadon local universe. The first created group of Nebadon seraphim were trained by a corps of one thousand seraphim from Avalon. A volunteer commission from Avalon directed the implantation of Andonic life plasm into the material bodies prepared for use by the Jerusem ascendant mortals who volunteered for service as the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff.

Avonal Sons:

One of three descending orders of revealed Paradise Sons of God; also known as Magisterial Sons. Avonal Sons do all, at least once, bestow themselves upon some mortal race on some evolutionary world. Bestowal Avonals are born of woman as Michael of Nebadon was incarnated on Urantia. Avonal Sons are personalized by the Son and the Spirit. These are the Sons who, in the experiences of creature incarnation, earn the right to serve as the judges of survival in the creations of time and space.

Baal:

Canaanite god of soil fertility. The northern and more settled Canaanites (the Baalites) freely bought, sold, and mortgaged their lands. The word Baal means owner. The Baal.cult was founded on two major doctrines: First, the validation of property exchange, contracts, and covenants—the right to buy and sell land, Second, Baal was supposed to send rain—he was a god of fertility of the soil. Good crops depended on the favor of Baal. The cult was largely concerned with land, its ownership and fertility. In general, the Baalites owned houses, lands, and slaves. They were the aristocratic landlords and lived in the cities Each Baal had a sacred place, a priesthood, and the “holy women,” the ritual prostitutes.

Bablot/Bablod:

Bablot planned that the new buildings should become the nucleus of the future center of the Nodite culture and civilization. His counsel finally prevailed, and construction was started in accordance with his plans. The new city was to be named Bablot after the architect and builder of the tower. This location later became known as Bablod and eventually as Babel.

Babylonian Captivity:

The Babylonian captivity or Babylonian exile was the period in Jewish history during which a large number of Judeans from the ancient Kingdom of Judah were forcibly relocated to Babylonia by the Neo-Babylonian Empire. The deportations occurred in multiple waves: After the siege of Jerusalem in 597 BC, around 7,000 individuals were deported to Mesopotamia. Further deportations followed the destruction of Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple in 587 BC.

Badonan:

Asia is the homeland of the human race. It was on a southern peninsula of this continent that Andon and Fonta were born; in the highlands of what is now Afghanistan, their descendant Badonan founded a primitive center of culture that persisted for over one-half million years. Badonan was a great-great-grandson of Andon. Here at this eastern focus of the human race the Sangik peoples differentiated from the Andonic stock.

Badonites:

850,000 years ago, the superior Badonan tribes began a warfare of extermination directed against their inferior and animalistic neighbors. The mixed descendants of this improved Badonite stock appeared on the stage of action as an apparently new people—the Neanderthal race. These early Badonite predecessors had once all unwittingly worked for the welfare of mankind just before the days of the birth of the Sangik tribes.

Baptism:

As John the Baptist preached repentance of sins in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, he baptized people in the Jordan River. Those who were baptized by John were showing their faith in John's message and their need to confess their sin. In Acts 18:24–25, a disciple of John's named Apollos preaches in Ephesus; however, only knowing the baptism of John and the need for repentance, he needed to be further instructed in the death and resurrection of Christ. Later in the same city, Acts 19:1–7, Paul encounters some more followers of John. These disciples had been baptized for repentance, but they had not heard of the new birth or the Holy Spirit. Paul taught them the whole message of salvation in Christ, and they received the message and were subsequently baptized in Jesus' name.

Battalion:

Seraphim are organized under chiefs into groups of twelve (12 pairs, 24 seraphim), and twelve such groups constitute a company (144 pairs, 288 seraphim), which is commanded by a leader. Twelve companies under a commander constitute a battalion (1,728 pairs or 3,456 seraphim)

Bautan:

At Benares Gautama Siddhartha founded his school of Buddhism, and it was during its second year that a pupil, Bautan, imparted to his teacher the traditions of the Salem missionaries about the Melchizedek covenant with Abraham

Beatitudes:

These are four faith attitudes that are the prelude to the subsequent portrayal of Jesus' four transcendent and supreme reactions of fatherly love in contrast to the limitations of mere brotherly love:

- Humility
- Hunger and thirst for righteousness
- Meekness
- Purity of heart

Beauty:

Divinity is creature comprehensible as truth, beauty, and goodness. Intellectual self-consciousness can discover the beauty of truth, its spiritual quality, not only by the philosophic consistency of its concepts, but more certainly and surely by the unerring response of the ever-present Spirit of Truth. The discernment of the divine goodness in the eternal truth, that is ultimate beauty. Even the charm of human art consists in the harmony of its unity. Universal beauty is the recognition of the reflection of the Isle of Paradise in the material creation. The

discernment of supreme beauty is the discovery and integration of reality. The mortal attempt to depict the human recognition of divine beauty can never be truly satisfying if such attempted creature progression is ununified.

Beelzebub:

Beelzebub was the chief of the unfaithful Midwayers who joined to forces of the Planetary Prince of Urantia at the time of the rebellion. Beelzebub is a name derived from a Philistine god, formerly worshipped in Ekron, and later adopted by some Abrahamic religions as a major demon. The name Beelzebub is associated with the Canaanite god Baal.

Bel-Marduk:

Marduk—also known as Bel or Sanda—is a Babylonian creator god who defeats an earlier generation of water gods to form and populate the earth, according to the earliest written creation epic, the Enuma Elish, which is presumed to have heavily influenced the writing of Genesis I in the Old Testament. Marduk's acts of creation mark the start of time and are commemorated annually as the new year. Following Marduk's victory over Tiamat, the gods assemble, celebrate, and honor Marduk by conferring 50 name attributes on him. Marduk was later known as Bel, a name derived from the Semitic word Baal, or "lord." Bel had all the attributes of Marduk, and his status and cult were much the same. Bel, however, gradually came to be thought of as the god of order and destiny.

Bestowal:

The Universal Father is the secret of the reality of personality, the bestowal of personality, and the destiny of personality. 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. The bestowal plan is the great Father-revelation enterprise of the Eternal Son and his co-ordinate Sons and consists of his bestowal of the Sons of God upon the evolutionary creations.

The Eternal Son is the eternal Word of God. The Eternal Son is the perfect expression of the "first" absolute and infinite thought of his eternal Father. When a personal duplication or divine extension of this Original Son starts on a bestowal mission of mortal incarnation, it becomes literally true that the divine "Word is made flesh," and that the Word thus dwells among the lowly beings of animal origin. This universal plan is the great Father-revelation enterprise of the Eternal Son and his co-ordinate Sons. This is the proposal of the Eternal Son and consists of his bestowal of the Sons of God upon the evolutionary creations, there to personalize and factualize, to incarnate and make real, the love of the Father and the mercy of the Son to the creatures of all universes. Inherent in the bestowal plan, and as a provisional feature of this ministration of love, the Paradise Sons act as rehabilitators of that which misguided creature will has placed in spiritual jeopardy.

Bestowal Attendants:

Paradise Avonals, but not Creator Sons, when on a bestowal mission are always accompanied by a corps of 144 bestowal attendants. These 144 angels are the chiefs of all other Son-Spirit ministers who may be associated with a bestowal mission. There might possibly be legions of angels subject to the command of an incarnated Son of God on a planetary bestowal, but all

these seraphim would be organized and directed by the 144 bestowal attendants. Higher orders of angels, supernaphim and seconaphim, might also form a part of the attending host, and though their missions are distinct from those of the seraphim, all these activities would be co-ordinated by the bestowal attendants.

Bethsaida:

The home of Zebedee on the lake to the south of Capernaum. Bethsaida ("house of fishing" or "place of hunting" in Hebrew) was a small fishing village that sat on a hillside on the northeastern end of the Sea of Galilee. Bethsaida was a small town in Galilee best known in the Bible as the birthplace of three of Jesus' disciples: Phillip, Peter, and Andrew (John 1:44–45; 12:21).

Bishop:

A bishop is an ordained member of the clergy who is entrusted with a position of authority and oversight in a religious institution. In Christianity, bishops are normally responsible for the governance and administration of dioceses. The role or office of the bishop is called episcopacy or the episcopate. Organizationally, several Christian denominations utilize ecclesiastical structures that call for the position of bishops, while other denominations have dispensed with this office, seeing it as a symbol of power. Bishops have also exercised political authority within their dioceses.

Body:

The material or physical organism of man, the living electrochemical mechanism of animal nature and origin. The human body is traversed by a network of neural sensation paths, is nourished and energized by the circulatory distribution of the assimilable energy products of nourishment. The body is the delicate chemical-control system of the human mechanism. The life mechanism of the mortal personality, the human body, is the product of supermortal creative design; therefore it can never be perfectly controlled by man himself.

Bon:

One of the 100 corporeal members of Caligastia's staff, the leader of the Dalmatian board of animal domestication and utilization. This council was dedicated to the task of selecting and breeding those animals best adapted to help human beings in bearing burdens and transporting themselves, to supply food, and later on to be of service in the cultivation of the soil.

Book of Revelation:

The Book of Revelation or Book of the Apocalypse is the final book of the New Testament (and therefore the final book of the Christian Bible). Written in Koine Greek, its title is derived from the first word of the text: apokalypsis, meaning 'unveiling' or 'revelation'. The Book of Revelation is the only apocalyptic book in the New Testament canon. It occupies a central place in Christian eschatology.

Bright and Morning Stars:

Of the first order of Universe Aids, the Bright and Morning Stars, there is just one in each local universe, and he is the first-born of all creatures native to a local universe. The Bright and Morning Star of our universe of Nebadon is known as Gabriel of Salvington. He is the chief executive of all Nebadon, functioning as the personal representative of the Sovereign Son and as spokesman for his creative consort.

Brilliant Evening Stars:

These brilliant creatures were planned by the Melchizedeks and were then brought into being by the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit. They serve in many capacities but chiefly as liaison officers of Gabriel, the local universe chief executive. One or more of these beings function as his representatives at the capital of every constellation and system in Nebadon. These local universe personalities are often associated with the Trinity Teacher Sons.

Broadcasters:

Broadcasters—receivers and dispatchers—are a specialized subdivision of the seraphic recorders, being concerned with the dispatch of records and with the dissemination of essential information. Their work is of a high order, being so multicircuited that 144,000 messages can simultaneously traverse the same lines of energy.

Broadcasts:

Solitary Messengers are not isolated in their service; they are constantly in touch with the wealth of the intellect of all creation as they are capable of "listening in" on all the broadcasts of the realms of their sojourn. The broadcasts of Havona flash forth the space reports of glory, the good news that in very truth the conscientious creatures of animal nature and material origin have, through evolutionary ascension, become in reality and eternally the perfected sons of God. From Salvington, broadcasts are simultaneously directed to the constellation headquarters, the system headquarters, and to individual planets. Constellation broadcasts are periodically sent out from the headquarters of the constellation by the chief of the Constellation Fathers.

Brotherhood (of Man):

Brotherhood in the Bible refers to the sense of belonging and connection that exists among believers of Jesus' gospel. This sense of brotherhood stems from the notion that all humans are God's offspring and so members of the same spiritual family. Brotherhood is a theme woven throughout the Bible, emphasizing the importance of love, mutual respect, unity, and understanding in our relationships.

Buddha:

Great truth teacher of sixth century B.C. The teachings of Gautama Siddhartha have become widespread in Asia, and he is revered as the Buddha by millions. To become a Buddhist, one merely made public profession of the faith by reciting the Refuge: "I take my refuge in the Buddha; I take my refuge in the Doctrine; I take my refuge in the Brotherhood." Buddhism prospered because it offered salvation through belief in the Buddha, the enlightened one. It was more representative of the Melchizedek truths than any other religious system to be found throughout eastern Asia. Said Jesus, "Your Buddha was much better than your Buddhism. Buddha was a great man, even a prophet to his people, but he was an orphan prophet; by that

I mean that he early lost sight of his spiritual Father, the Father in heaven. His experience was tragic. He tried to live and teach as a messenger of God, but without God. Buddha guided his ship of salvation right up to the safe harbor, right up to the entrance to the haven of mortal salvation, and there, because of faulty charts of navigation, the good ship ran aground."

Caiaphas:

The high priest of the Sanhedrin. Joseph ben Caiaphas, known simply as in the New Testament, was the Jewish high priest who, according to the gospels, organized a plot to kill Jesus. He famously presided over the Sanhedrin trial of Jesus. The primary sources for Caiaphas' life are the New Testament, and the writings of Josephus. Josephus records that he was made high priest by the Roman procurator Valerius Gratus after Simon ben Camithus had been deposed. Caiaphas the high priest first gave expression to that old Jewish adage, which he so many times repeated: "It is better that one man die, than that the community perish." In the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 26:56-67), Caiaphas and others of the Sanhedrin are depicted interrogating Jesus. They are looking for false evidence with which to frame Jesus, but are unable to find any. Jesus remains silent throughout the proceedings until Caiaphas demands that Jesus say whether he is the Christ. Jesus replies "I am: and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:62) Caiaphas and the other men charge him with blasphemy and sentence him to corporal punishment for his crime.

Cain:

Son of Eve and Cano. When Adam elected to leave the first garden to the Nodites unopposed, they journeyed eastward toward the then pleasant regions between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Cain and Sansa were both born before the Adamic caravan had reached its destination between the rivers in Mesopotamia. Laotta, the mother of Sansa, perished at the birth of her daughter. Less than two years after Cain's birth, Abel was born, the first child of Adam and Eve to be born in the second garden. When Abel grew up to the age of twelve years, he elected to be a herder; Cain had chosen to follow agriculture. Cain and Abel made periodic offerings to the priests. The two boys had many times argued about the relative merits of their vocations, and Abel was not slow to note that preference was shown for his animal sacrifices. In vain did Cain appeal to the traditions of the first Eden, to the former preference for the fruits of the fields. But this Abel would not allow, and he taunted his older brother in his discomfiture. In the days of the first Eden, Adam had indeed sought to discourage the offering of animal sacrifice so that Cain had a justifiable precedent for his contentions.

Cain was not pure violet as his father was of the Nodite race later admixed with the blue and the red man and with the aboriginal Andonic stock. And all of this, with Cain's natural bellicose inheritance, caused him to nourish an ever-increasing hatred for his younger brother. The boys were respectively eighteen and twenty years of age when the tension between them was finally resolved, one day, when Abel's taunts so infuriated his bellicose brother that Cain turned upon him in wrath and slew him. To Adam and Eve, Cain was fast becoming the grim reminder of their folly, and they encouraged him in his decision to leave the garden. And so Cain departed for the land of Nod, east of the second Eden. He became a great leader among one group of his father's people and did, to a certain degree, fulfill the predictions of Serapatatia, for he did promote peace between this division of the Nodites and the Adamites throughout his lifetime. Cain married Remona, his distant cousin, and their first son, Enoch, became the head

of the Elamite Nodites. And for hundreds of years the Elamites and the Adamites continued to be at peace.

Caligastia:

While the infamous names of Lucifer and Satan are well-known on earth, Caligastia is not. Lucifer was the sovereign of Satania, a system of one thousand inhabited worlds of which ours is a part. Satan (a once-respected name), was his first lieutenant. Caligastia was the Planetary Prince of our world. As such it was his duty to direct its destiny in early development by acting as its administrative head. He was trusted to represent and uphold the Father's purposes and plans on an inhabited sphere such as ours.

Two hundred thousand years ago the nefarious Lucifer led his system into rebellion, prompting the seven years of "war in heaven" of which our record speaks. (Revelation 12:7–9) The traitorous Caligastia cast his lot with Lucifer. As a result of his tragic betrayal of trust, our world now darkened by rebellion, has pursued a stormy course ever since. During the rebellion, very little was heard of Lucifer on our world owing to the fact that he assigned Satan to advocate his cause here. But the "devil" is none other than Caligastia, our deposed Prince. Since Pentecost he is servile to Michael, and has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men, neither can he draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt them unless they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

At the time Jesus was here in the flesh, Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia were leagued together to effect the miscarriage of his bestowal mission. But they signally failed. Jesus once said that he "beheld Satan falling as lightning from heaven." (Luke 10:18) And of Caligastia: "The old order is bringing itself to judgment; the Prince of this world I have cast down." (John 12:30–31)

Cana:

A town in Galilee near Nazareth. Cana, a city located in Galilee, is the place where Jesus and at least five of his disciples attended a wedding celebration. Cana of Galilee is the location of the Marriage at Cana, at which the miracle of turning water into wine took place in the Gospel of John. Cana is also the home of one of Jesus' twelve apostles named Nathanael.

Canaan:

The name "Canaan" appears throughout the Bible, where it corresponds to "the Levant", in particular to the areas of the Southern Levant that provide the main settings of the narratives of the Bible: the Land of Israel, Philistia and Phoenicia, among others. Melchizedek told Abraham the story of the future occupation of Canaan by his offspring after their sojourn in Egypt. Canaan and the Canaanites are mentioned some 160 times in the Hebrew Bible, mostly in the Torah and the books of Joshua and Judges. The biblical history has become increasingly problematic as the archaeological and textual evidence supports the idea that the early Israelites were in fact themselves Canaanites.

Cano:

A brilliant leader of a Nodite colony near the Garden of Eden with whom Eve was encouraged by Serapatatia to mate, thereby causing the Adamic default approximately 37,800 years ago. Eve consented to have a secret conference with Cano, the most brilliant mind and active

leader of the near-by colony of friendly Nodites. Cano was very sympathetic with the Adamic regime; in fact, he was the sincere spiritual leader of those neighboring Nodites who favored friendly relations with the Garden. The fateful meeting occurred during the twilight hours of the autumn evening, not far from the home of Adam. Eve had never before met the beautiful and enthusiastic Cano—and he was a magnificent specimen of the survival of the superior physique and outstanding intellect of his remote progenitors of the Prince's staff. And Cano also thoroughly believed in the righteousness of the Serapatatia project. (Outside of the Garden, multiple mating was a common practice.) Eve had found Cano pleasant to the eyes, and she realized all that her seducer promised by way of "new and increased knowledge of human affairs and quickened understanding of human nature as supplemental to the comprehension of the Adamic nature." Cano and Eve contemplated to accelerate the genetic advancement of all mankind by producing a child of the human with the superior genetics of a Material Daughter of God. Influenced by flattery, enthusiasm, and great personal persuasion, Eve then and there consented to embark upon the much-discussed enterprise, to add her own little scheme of world saving to the larger and more far-reaching divine plan. Before she quite realized what was transpiring, the fatal step had been taken. It was done.

Capernaum:

Town where Zebedee's boat-building shop was located. Capernaum was a fishing village established during the time of the Hasmoneans, located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. The town is cited in all four gospels (Matthew 4:13, 8:5, 11:23, 17:24, Mark 1:21, 2:1, 9:33, Luke 4:23, 31, 7:1, 10:15, John 2:12, 4:46, 6:17, 24, 59) where it was reported to have been the hometown of the tax collector Matthew, and located not far from Bethsaida, the hometown of the apostles Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. According to the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus selected this town as the center of his public ministry in Galilee after he left the small mountainous hamlet of Nazareth (Matthew 4:12–17).

Causation:

Apparently uniform causation discloses the reaction of the Absolutes, not only to the immediate and situational causation, but also to all other related causations throughout the entire master universe. Causation is the reality domain of the physical senses, the scientific realms of logical uniformity, the differentiation of the factual and the nonfactual, reflective conclusions based on cosmic response.

Celestial Artisans:

The Celestial Artisans serve throughout the seven superuniverses. Ascending mortals have their initial contact with these groups in the morontia career of the local universe. The celestial artisans direct the native spornagia in this extensive work of botanic decoration and biologic embellishment. Whereas your artists must resort to inert paint and lifeless marble to portray their concepts, the celestial artisans and the univitata more frequently utilize living materials to represent their ideas and to capture their ideals. These beings are the master artists and artisans of the morontia and lower spirit realms. They are the spirits and semispirits who are engaged in morontia embellishment and in spiritual beautification.

Celestial Guardians:

Celestial Guardians are drawn from among the trinitized offspring of either Paradise-Havona personalities or glorified mortal finaliters. Certain of these orders of creature-trinitized beings are retrinitized by the Paradise Deities and then are dispatched to assist in the administration of the superuniverse governments. Most of the Celestial Guardians are assigned to the service of the major and the minor sectors. Almost one billion Celestial Guardians have been commissioned in Orvonton. They are chiefly assigned to the administrations of the Perfections of Days on the headquarters of the major sectors and are ably assisted by a corps of ascendant Son-fused mortals.

Celestial Musicians:

The celestial musicians are occupied with the production of celestial harmony by the manipulation of spirit forces. Their color symphonies are composed of melodies of morontia color tones. With the limited range of mortal hearing, you can hardly conceive of morontia melodies. There is even a material range of beautiful sound unrecognized by the human sense of hearing, not to mention the inconceivable scope of morontia and spirit harmony. Spirit melodies are not material sound waves but spirit pulsations received by the spirits of celestial personalities. There is a vastness of range and a soul of expression, as well as a grandeur of execution, associated with the melody of the spheres, that are wholly beyond human comprehension. There are over one hundred thousand different modes of sound, color, and energy manipulation, techniques analogous to the human employment of musical instruments. Harmony, the music of the seven levels of melodious association, is the one universal code of spirit communication.

Celestial Overseers:

The Nebadon educational system is jointly administered by the Trinity Teacher Sons and the Melchizedek teaching corps, but much of the work designed to effect its maintenance and upbuilding is carried on by the Celestial Overseers. These beings are a recruited corps embracing all types of individuals connected with the scheme of educating and training the ascending mortals. There are upward of three million of them in Nebadon, and they are all volunteers who have qualified by experience to serve as educational advisers to the entire realm.

Celestial Recorders:

These are the recorders who execute all records in duplicate, making an original spirit recording and a semimaterial counterpart—what might be called a carbon copy. This they can do because of their peculiar ability simultaneously to manipulate both spiritual and material energy. Celestial Recorders are not created as such; they are ascendant seraphim from the local universes.

Central Isle:

See “Isle of Paradise”.

Central Universe:

The Isle of Paradise and the surrounding creation of Havona make up the central universe of perfection - the never-beginning, never-ending creation of divine perfection. Orvonton is one of

the seven evolutionary superuniverses of time and space which circle the never-beginning, never-ending creation of divine perfection—the central universe of Havona. At the heart of this eternal and central universe is the stationary Isle of Paradise, the geographic center of infinity and the dwelling place of the eternal God. When the combined thought of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, functioning in the God of Action, constituted the creation of the divine and central universe, the Father followed the expression of his thought into the word of his Son and the act of their Conjoint Executive by differentiating his Havona presence from the potentials of infinity. Out in the universes, perfection must necessarily be a relative term, but in the central universe and especially on Paradise, perfection is undiluted; in certain phases it is even absolute. God personally chooses only that which is infinitely perfect, hence the supernal perfection of the central universe.

Central Universe Time:

One day of Havona = 1,000 leap years of Urantia minus 7 minutes 3 1/8 seconds. This is why Apostle Peter said: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day", (Peter III-8). Thus, if such a difficult and complex case as the Lucifer rebellion is submitted to the courts of the central universe of Havona, and if the judges accept to sit urgently in judgment within three days, mortals must not be impatient to wait for the sentence during 3,000 years, for that is very quick indeed.

Character:

Personality is basically changeless; that which changes—grows—is the moral character. Inner creativity contributes to ennoblement of character through personality integration and selfhood unification. Jesus never taught character *building*; he taught character *growth*. The value of environment and education are factors in character development. Heredity lies at the bottom of all character; but the influence of an inferior environment can virtually neutralize a magnificent inheritance. While a good environment cannot contribute much toward really overcoming the character handicaps of a base heredity, a bad environment can very effectively spoil an excellent inheritance, at least during the younger years of life. Good social environment and proper education are indispensable soil and atmosphere for getting the most out of a good inheritance. It is expected that the most valuable part of a child's education and character training will be secured from his parents and at home, and fathers devote almost as much attention to child culture as do mothers.

Inasmuch as man's highest possible concept of God is embraced within the human idea and ideal of a primal and infinite personality, it may prove helpful, to study certain characteristics of the divine nature which constitute the character of Deity. The divine character can be envisaged as a portrayal of supernal ideals, but the most enlightening and spiritually edifying of all revelations of the divine nature is to be found in the comprehension of the religious life of Jesus of Nazareth, both before and after his attainment of full consciousness of divinity.

Chazan:

The cantor, or chazan (hazzan) in Hebrew, leads the prayers in synagogue. In ancient times, the term chazzan actually referred to a person with authority over communal affairs. However, today it refers exclusively to a prayer leader.

Cherubim/Sanobim:

In all essential endowments cherubim and sanobim are similar to seraphim. They have the same origin but not always the same destiny. They are wonderfully intelligent, marvelously efficient, touchingly affectionate, and almost human. They are the lowest order of angels, hence all the nearer of kin to the more progressive types of human beings on the evolutionary worlds. Cherubim and sanobim are inherently associated, functionally united. One is an energy positive personality; the other, energy negative. The right-hand deflector, or positively charged angel, is the cherubim—the senior or controlling personality. The left-hand deflector, or negatively charged angel, is the sanobim—the complement of being. Cherubim and sanobim are the faithful and efficient aids of the seraphic ministers, and all seven orders of seraphim are provided with these subordinate assistants.

Christ Jesus:

See “Michael of Nebadon”.

Christ Michael:

See “Michael (of Nebadon)”.

Christianity:

Christianity promises salvation from sin, sanctity. Christianity has elevated the concept of anthropomorphism from the ideal of the human to the transcendent and divine concept of the person of the glorified Christ. And this is the highest anthropomorphism that man can ever conceive. Much of the strength of Christianity is due to its having borrowed heavily from both Hebrew morality and Greek thought. The philosophy of the Greeks was more in harmony with Paul's version of Christianity than with any other current religious system and became an important factor in the success of Christianity in the Occident.

Chronoldeks:

An order of frandalanks, or Master Physical Controllers, who register time as well as quantitative and qualitative energy presence (see frandalanks). The frandalanks are created in thirty divisions, one for each form of basic universe force, and they function exclusively as living and automatic presence, pressure, and velocity gauges. The frandalanks that register time in addition to quantitative and qualitative energy presence are called chronoldeks. The Satania day equals three days of Urantia time, less one hour, four minutes, and fifteen seconds, that being the time of the axial revolution of Jerusem. The system year consists of one hundred Jerusem days. The time of the system is broadcast by the master chronoldeks.

Circle of Eternity:

God inhabits and rules the circle of eternity. His eternal nature is a never-beginning and never-ending circle. The Father exercises ever-expanding consciousness and ceaseless self-realization within this never-ending circle of eternity, he "upholds the worlds in space and swings the universes around the endless circle of the eternal circuit." [UB 3:2.2] Reality is without limitation within the cosmic circle of eternity - it is universal, eternal, absolute, and

infinite. Within the eternity cycle, divinity transcends and masters time-space. The universe of universes eternally circles around the Paradise source and center of all things and beings.

Circles of Mind-Understanding and Personality-Control:

See "Psychic Circles"

Circular Gravity:

The energy presence of the Isle of Paradise. When energy emerges to the level of initial response to the circular and absolute-gravity grasp of Paradise, the primary force organizers give way to the functioning of their secondary associates. In response to the work of the Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers, space-energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, thus becoming directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise (absolute) gravity while disclosing a certain potential for sensitivity to the linear-gravity pull inherent in the soon appearing material mass of the electronic and the postelectronic stages of energy and matter.

Coabsolute:

Coabsolute relationship in the second experiential Trinity. The Ultimate is the apex of transcendental reality even as the Supreme is the capstone of evolutionary-experiential reality. And the actual emergence of these two experiential Deities lays the foundation for the second experiential Trinity. Coabsolutes implies the projection of experientials upon a supermaster universe field of creative expression.

Coherence:

The eternal quest is for unification, for divine coherence. The far-flung physical universe coheres in the Isle of Paradise; the intellectual universe coheres in the God of mind, the Conjoint Actor; the spiritual universe is coherent in the personality of the Eternal Son. But the isolated mortal of time and space coheres in God the Father through the direct relationship between the indwelling Thought Adjuster and the Universal Father. God thus potentially pervades the physical universes of the past, present, and future. He is the primordial foundation of the coherence of the so-called material creation. The Supreme Being is forever seeking for Paradise coherence. And these dual motions seem to account for most of the basic activities in the presently organized universes.

Comforter:

The bestowal spirit of the Paradise Sons, the Comforter of the bestowal worlds. The Spirit of Truth, the spirit of Michael on Urantia. This is the Spirit of Truth which is poured out upon a world by a bestowal Son after he receives spiritual title to such a sphere. This bestowed Comforter is the spiritual force which ever draws all truth seekers towards Him who is the personification of truth in the local universe.

Communion:

Man does not achieve union with God as a drop of water might find unity with the ocean. Man attains divine union by progressive reciprocal spiritual communion, by personality intercourse with the personal God, by increasingly attaining the divine nature through wholehearted and

intelligent conformity to the divine will. Such a sublime relationship can exist only between personalities. Man does not have to go farther than his own inner experience of the soul's contemplation of this spiritual-reality presence to find God and attempt communion with him. We rejoice in the recognition of the ever-present possibility of immediate communion with the bestowal spirit of the Father so intimately associated with our inner soul and our spiritualizing self. The Father desires all his creatures to be in personal communion with him.

The Father's personality circuit entails personal, self-conscious contact and communion with the Universal Father. The Paradise Father enjoys the most intimate inner contact with us, so sublime, so highly personal, that it is beyond our comprehension—that mysterious communion of the Father fragment with the human soul and with the mortal mind of its actual indwelling. God the Father is in us and of us in the identity of the indwelling Thought Adjusters, the divine Monitors. Thus does the Father, who is the farthest from us in personality and in spirit, draw the nearest to us in the personality circuit and in the spirit touch of inner communion with the very souls of his mortal sons and daughters.

Complement of Being:

When a seraphic pair accept guardian assignment, they serve for the remainder of the life of that human being. The complement of being (one of the two angels) becomes the recorder of the undertaking. These complemental seraphim are the recording angels of the mortals of the evolutionary worlds.

Conjoint Actor:

The Infinite Spirit, the spirit-mind personality and third person of the Trinity, the source of intelligence, reason, and the universal mind. Ever remember that the Infinite Spirit is the Conjoint Actor; both the Father and the Son are functioning in and through him; he is present not only as himself but also as the Father and as the Son and as the Father-Son. In recognition of this and for many additional reasons the spirit presence of the Infinite Spirit is often referred to as "the spirit of God." The Conjoint Actor is the spirit-mind personality, the source of intelligence, reason, and the universal mind.

Conjoint Creator:

See "Infinite Spirit".

Consecration:

In the Bible the word consecration means "the separation of oneself from things that are unclean, especially anything that would contaminate one's relationship with a perfect God." Consecration also carries the connotation of sanctification, holiness, or purity.

Constellation:

One hundred systems (about 100,000 inhabitable planets) make up a Constellation. Each constellation has an architectural headquarters sphere and is presided over by three Vorondadek Sons, the Most Highs. Each constellation also has a Faithful of Days in observation, an ambassador of the Paradise Trinity. Constellations being the primary divisions of a local universe, their rulers link the local systems of inhabited worlds to the central administration of the local universe on Salvington and by reflectivity to the superadministration

of the Ancients of Days on Uversa. The constellations are the autonomous units of a local universe, each constellation being administered according to its own legislative enactments. When the courts of Nebadon sit in judgment on universe affairs, all internal matters are adjudicated in accordance with the laws prevailing in the constellation concerned. These judicial decrees of Salvington, together with the legislative enactments of the constellations, are executed by the administrators of the local systems.

Constellation Fathers:

One hundred systems (about 100,000 habitable planets) make up a local universe constellation and each constellation is presided over by three Vorondadek Sons known as the Constellation Fathers. They are known as the "Most Highs" since they embody the highest administrative wisdom, coupled with the most farseeing and intelligent loyalty, of all the orders of the local universe Sons of God. Vorondadek Sons are directly concerned in the educational ministry to the pilgrims of ascension on the architectural training spheres surrounding a constellation headquarters. These high Sons rarely fall into error, and they have never gone into rebellion; never have they been found in contempt of the universe government: "Their personal integrity and their group loyalty have never been questioned; no disaffection of the Vorondadek Sons has ever occurred in Nebadon." [UB 43:3.1]

Both Vorondadek Sons and Lanonandek Sons are brought into being by a Creator Son and his Creative Spirit associate. Vorondadeks are best known as the Most Highs, the Constellation Fathers; Lanonandeks as System Sovereigns and as Planetary Princes.

Co-ordinate Trinity Personalities:

Co-ordinate Trinity Personalities take origin directly and divinely in the Paradise Trinity. Co-ordinate Trinity-origin Beings, embraces the Trinity Teacher Sons, also classed among the Paradise Sons of God, three groups of high superuniverse administrators, and the somewhat impersonal category of the Inspired Trinity Spirits. Even the Havona natives may properly be included in this classification of Trinity personalities along with numerous groups of beings resident on Paradise. The seven reflective types of secondary seconaphim are assigned to the services of the co-ordinate Trinity-origin associates of the Ancients of Days.

Corps of Finality:

See "Corps of the Finality".

Corps of the Finality:

Ascendant Paradise graduates, the title that ascendant mortals are given after they have obtained perfection on Paradise. The glorified mortals of the Paradise Corps of Finality are ascendant beings in possession of experiential knowledge of every step of the actuality and philosophy of the fullest possible life of intelligent existence, while during the ages of this ascent from the lowest material worlds to the spiritual heights of Paradise, these surviving creatures have been trained to the limits of their capacity respecting every detail of every divine principle of the just and efficient, as well as merciful and patient, administration of all the universal creation of time and space.

Corps of Perfection:

After attaining the Nebadon Corps of Perfection, Spirit-fused ascenders may accept assignment as Universe Aids, this being one of the avenues of continuing experiential growth which is open to them. Not being Adjuster fused, they never become finaliters, but they do eventually become enrolled in the local universe Corps of Perfection. They have in spirit obeyed the Father's command, "Be you perfect."

Corps of Seraphic Completion:

See "Seraphic Corps of Destiny".

Corps of the Mortal Finality:

See "Corps of Finality".

Cosmic Consciousness:

Cosmic consciousness implies the recognition of a First Cause, the one and only uncaused reality. You are becoming universe minded. This is indeed a time of expanding horizons. It is beginning to dawn upon the enlarging minds of the ascending mortals that some stupendous and magnificent, some supernal and divine, destiny awaits all who complete the progressive Paradise ascension, which has been so laboriously but so joyfully and auspiciously begun. As the cosmic consciousness of mortal man expands, he perceives the interrelatedness of all that he finds in his material science, intellectual philosophy, and spiritual insight.

Cosmic Force:

The energies coming forth from the Unqualified Absolute and not responding yet to Paradise gravity. Cosmic force embraces all energies deriving from the Unqualified Absolute but which are as yet unresponsive to Paradise gravity. The bestowal of cosmic force, the domain of cosmic gravity, is the function of the Isle of Paradise. All original force-energy proceeds from Paradise, and the matter for the making of untold universes now circulates throughout the master universe in the form of a supergravity presence which constitutes the force-charge of pervaded space.

Cosmic Insight:

Cosmic insight yields the consciousness of spiritual values. Cosmic insight entails the grasp of universe meanings. Man's terrestrial orientation, his cosmic insight, and his spiritual directionization are all enhanced by a better comprehension of universe realities and their techniques of interassociation, integration, and unification. Faith-insight, or spiritual intuition, is the endowment of the cosmic mind in association with the Thought Adjuster, which is the Father's gift to man.

Cosmic Mind:

Cosmic mind is ministered by the infinite and universal mind to the universes of time. Cosmic mind is unified in the supervision of the Seven Master Spirits who are themselves in coordination with the evolving Supreme Mind of time and space and who are "perfectly correlated with the all-embracing mind of the Infinite Spirit." [UB 56:2.3] The near Supreme levels of cosmic mind are subordinate to the infinite and eternal wisdom of the unconditioned and limitless mind of the Third Source and Center.

Cosmos Infinite:

If we assume a cosmos-infinite—some illimitable cosmos on beyond the master universe—and if we conceive that the final developments of the Absolute Trinity will take place out on such a superultimate stage of action, then it becomes possible to conjecture that the completed function of the Trinity Absolute will achieve final expression in the creations of infinity and will consummate the absolute actualization of all potentials. The integration and association of ever-enlarging segments of reality will approach absoluteness of status proportional to the inclusion of all reality within the segments thus associated.

The actualization of the Deity Absolute as an attainable absolute God may be practically impossible of realization; nevertheless, such a finality fruition remains a theoretical possibility. The involvement of the Unqualified Absolute in some inconceivable cosmos-infinite may be measurelessly remote in the futurity of endless eternity, but such a hypothesis is nonetheless valid.

Councils of the Trinity:

The executive branch of the supergovernment takes origin in the Councils of the Trinity, is immediately directed by one of the Seven Master Spirits of supreme supervision, beings who sit upon seats of Paradise authority and administer the superuniverses through the Seven Supreme Executives stationed on the seven special worlds of the Infinite Spirit, the outermost satellites of Paradise.

Court Advisors:

These are the seraphic advisers and helpers attached to all orders of adjudication, from the conciliators up to the highest tribunals of the realm. It is not the purpose of such tribunals to determine punitive sentences but rather to adjudicate honest differences of opinion and to decree the everlasting survival of ascending mortals. Herein lies the duty of the court advisers: to see that all charges against mortal creatures are stated in justice and adjudicated in mercy. In this work they are closely associated with the High Commissioners, Spirit-fused ascendant mortals serving in the local universe.

Covenants:

A covenant is a legal treaty – a formally agreed-upon relationship – between individuals, between nations, or, in the case of the Israelites, between a nation and its God. A covenant specifies rights, obligations, and responsibilities of the parties concerned entering into such an agreement. Promises are made within the covenant, conditions are established for maintaining the covenant, and penalties are ascertained in the event that the covenant is broken. In such a covenant involving Creator and creature, God's instructions, laws, decrees, and commandments are made manifest as guidelines and lamp posts for illuminating the directed paths of his spiritual children. They point at danger to warn us, and they point at achievement to encourage us and give us insight. Faith in God's promises establishes fidelity with his divine law. Willful disregard for his covenants invites spiritual lawlessness, which is the basis of rebellious sin and eventual death.

Creative Consort:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Creative Daughter:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Creative Mother Spirit:

See "Creator-Son-Mother Spirit".

Creative Spirit:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Creator Father:

See "Creator-Son-Mother Spirit" and "Father-Son".

Creator Father-Son:

See "Creator-Son-Mother Spirit" and "Father-Son".

Creator Michaels:

See "Creator-Son-Mother Spirit" and "Father-Son".

Creator Personalities:

The Supreme Creator Personalities (the Master Spirits, the Ancients of Days, the Paradise Creator Sons), along with their divine associates, are integral participants in the outward, diverging growth of the Supreme. The ascending mortals from the seven superuniverses, on the other hand, are key contributors to the inward, converging growth of the Supreme. The Paradise Trinity is "the absolute center-source of perfect and infinite stability around which the evolutionary growth of the Supreme progressively unfolds." [UB 115:5.1]

Creator Son-Mother Spirit:

All local universe creations are supervised by the dual administrative presence of a Paradise Creator Son, who takes origin in the Father-Son union of Paradise Deity, and a Creative Mother Spirit, representing the local universe presence of the Paradise Mother Spirit. In our local universe of Nebadon, our Creator Son Michael and his Spirit companion, the Creative Mother Spirit, have been conjointly responsible for the creation of this material universe in which we live and breathe. The Paradise Father faithfully upholds this locally coordinated act of creative prerogative by fully supporting their divine right to "foster and sustain their work as well as to minister to the creatures of their own making." [UB 8:3.4] Michael functions in Nebadon as father of the inhabited worlds and as sovereign of the local universe - he is the personal residential manifestation of the Universal Father to the local universe materialization.

The Creative Mother Spirit is ever present to assist the Son - she is indispensable to effective universe administration. This creative collaboration represents the beginning of the dualized

father-mother concept to the local universe creations. She sustains the Son in all of his efforts to enact a stable government and to establish a firm center of authority within their joint creation. A Creator Son cannot effectively function in his local universe creation without the full co-operation of the Divine Minister and her vast assemblage of spirit helpers, the daughters of God.

Creature-Creator Synthesis:

The creature-Creator partnership allows God and man to work in close association whereby divinity becomes unified with humanity. This partnership provides a technique for humanity to become divine. It provides the process by which the spirit of the emerging personality of the Supreme Being strives for spirit mastery over energy-matter within the totality of the finite cosmos. Our contributory endeavors in this matter provide us with a deeper insight into our own lives, that each person is in intimate partnership with God within our great cosmic arena of creature choice for attaining our perfection destiny.

Creature-Trinitized Sons:

Aside from the Deities, only Paradise-Havona personalities and certain members of each of the finaliter corps engage in trinitization. Under specialized conditions of Paradise perfection, these superb beings may embark upon the unique adventure of concept-identity, and they are many times successful in the production of a new being, a creature-trinitized son. When a new and original being is trinitized by the Gods, the divine parents are in deity potential unchanged; but when exalted creature beings enact such a creative episode, one of the contracting and participating individuals undergoes a unique personality modification. The two ancestors of a creature-trinitized son become in a certain sense spiritually as one. We believe that this status of bi-unification of certain spiritual phases of personality will probably prevail until such time as the Supreme Being shall have attained full and completed manifestation of personality in the grand universe. Simultaneously with the appearance of a new creature-trinitized son, there occurs this functional spiritual union of the two ancestors; the two trinitizing parents become one on the ultimate functional level.

While these parents of creature-trinitized sons become as one in their universe assignments, they continue to be reckoned as two personalities in the make-up and roll calls of the Corps of the Finality and of the Architects of the Master Universe. When a finaliter and a Paradise-Havoner together trinitize a new creature, this conjoint effort reverberates in certain phases of the Supreme-Ultimate Mind. The resulting creature-trinitized sons are supercreational; they represent actualities of Supreme-Ultimate Deity which have not been otherwise experientially attained, and which, therefore, automatically fall within the province of the Architects of the Master Universe, custodians of those things which transcend the creational limits of the present universe age.

Creeds:

A creed is a statement of shared beliefs. It is often used in religious contexts and summarizes the essential beliefs of a particular religion or community. Some well-known Christian creeds include the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Apostles' Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.

Crucifixion:

Crucifixion is a method of capital punishment in which the condemned is tied or nailed to a large wooden cross, beam or stake and left to hang until eventual death. It was used as a punishment by the Persians, Carthaginians, and Romans, among others. Crucifixion has been used in some countries as recently as the 21st century.

Cycle of Eternity:

See "Circle of Eternity".

Cymboyton:

A wealthy Urmia merchant at whose school of religion Jesus taught in the spring of AD 25. Cymboyton or one of his three sons always presided at these sessions of teaching, discussion, and debate. On several occasions Jesus participated in these discussions, and before he left Urmia, Cymboyton arranged with Jesus to sojourn with them for two weeks on his return trip and give twenty-four lectures on "The Brotherhood of Men," and to conduct twelve evening sessions of questions, discussions, and debates on his lectures in particular and on the brotherhood of men in general. The founder of this unique school of religions lived and died without ever revealing his personal religious beliefs. After the death of Cymboyton, his sons encountered great difficulties in maintaining a peaceful faculty.

Cynicism:

Cynicism is a school of thought of ancient Greek philosophy as practiced by the Cynics. For the Cynics, the purpose of life is to live in virtue, in agreement with nature. As reasoning creatures, people can gain happiness by rigorous training and by living in a way which is natural for themselves, rejecting all conventional desires for wealth, power, and fame. Instead, they were to lead a simple life free from all possessions.

Dalamatia:

The headquarters city of the Planetary Prince, once situated on the Persian Gulf in Mesopotamia, approximately 500,000 years ago. The headquarters of the Planetary Prince on Urantia was typical of such stations on a young and developing sphere. The nucleus of the Prince's settlement was a very simple but beautiful city, enclosed within a wall forty feet high. The city represented the best practices of those early days in building material -- brick. Very little stone or wood was used. Home building and village architecture among the surrounding peoples were greatly improved by the Dalamatian example. This world center of culture was named Dalamatia in honor of Daligastia. One hundred and sixty-two years after the rebellion a tidal wave swept up over Dalamatia, and the planetary headquarters sank beneath the waters of the sea, and this land did not again emerge until almost every vestige of the noble culture of those splendid ages had been obliterated.

Daligastia:

A secondary Lanonandek Son who served as the primary assistant to Caligastia, former Planetary Prince of Urantia. Daligastia was a secondary Lanonandek Son, being number 319,407 of that order. Upon the outbreak of the Lucifer rebellion, Daligastia formally proclaimed Caligastia "God of Urantia and supreme over all." Shortly after Satan's inspection and when the planetary administration was on the eve of the realization of great things on

Urantia, one day, midwinter of the northern continents, Caligastia held a prolonged conference with his associate, Daligastia, after which the latter called the ten councils of Urantia in session extraordinary. This assembly was opened with the statement that Prince Caligastia was about to proclaim himself absolute sovereign of Urantia and demanded that all administrative groups abdicate by resigning all of their functions and powers into the hands of Daligastia as trustee, pending the reorganization of the planetary government and the subsequent redistribution of these offices of administrative authority.

During the later times of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, Caligastia paid frequent visits to the Garden and held many conferences with Adam and Eve, but they were adamant to all his suggestions of compromise and short-cut adventures. They had before them enough of the results of rebellion to produce effective immunity against all such insinuating proposals. Even the young offspring of Adam were uninfluenced by the overtures of Daligastia. Although Caligastia and Daligastia had been deprived of much of their power for evil, they did everything possible to frustrate and hamper the work of preparing the Garden. But their evil machinations were largely offset by the faithful activities of the almost ten thousand loyal midway creatures who so tirelessly labored to advance the enterprise. The last act of Michael before leaving Urantia was to offer mercy to Caligastia and Daligastia, but they spurned his tender proffer. Since the day of Pentecost, Daligastia, is servile before the divine majesty of the Paradise Thought Adjusters and the protective Spirit of Truth, the spirit of Michael, which has been poured out upon all flesh.

Dan:

Dan was one of the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff. He was the leader of the Dalamatian advisors regarding the conquest of predatory animals. It was not enough that early man should try to domesticate certain animals, but he must also learn how to protect himself from destruction by the remainder of the hostile animal world. When the planetary staff were confronted with Caligastia's rebellion, the board of animal-conquest advisers were all swept into this rebellion.

Daniel:

Daniel ("God is my Judge") is the main character of the Book of Daniel. According to the Hebrew Bible, Daniel was a young man of Jewish nobility taken into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon in the third year of Jehoiakim and renamed Belteshazzar. He was trained in the king's court and then elevated to a high rank in the Babylonian and Persian kingdoms, serving the king and his successors with loyalty and ability until the time of the Persian conqueror Cyrus, all the while remaining true to the God of Israel. Daniel the prophet was only a teenager when introduced in the book of Daniel and was an old man at the close of the book, yet never once in his life did his faith in God waver.

Danite:

Of or related to Dan, the leader of the Dalamatian advisors regarding the conquest of predatory animals. Two Danites discovered a phenomenon attendant upon the liaison of their morontia selves (supposedly nonsexual and nonmaterial), and the result of this adventure proved to be the first of the primary midway creatures.

Dark Islands:

These are the dead suns and other large aggregations of matter devoid of light and heat. The dark islands are sometimes enormous in mass and exert a powerful influence in universe equilibrium and energy manipulation. The density of some of these large masses is well-nigh unbelievable. Some dark islands are the direct result of the accretions of transmuting energy in space. Another group of these dark islands have come into being by the accumulation of enormous quantities of cold matter, mere fragments and meteors, circulating through space. Other dark islands of space are burned-out isolated suns, all available space-energy having been emitted. Many of these dark islands are vast dynamos which mobilize and directionize certain space-energies, and these natural circumstances are effectively utilized by the Power Centers, whose living masses function as a liaison with the higher centers, directing the streams of more materialized power to the Master Physical Controllers on the evolutionary planets of space.

Dark Gravity Bodies:

On the outskirts of this vast central universe, far out beyond the seventh belt of Havona worlds, there swirl an unbelievable number of enormous dark gravity bodies. These multitudinous dark masses are quite unlike other space bodies in many particulars; even in form they are very different. These dark gravity bodies neither reflect nor absorb light; they are nonreactive to physical-energy light, and they so completely encircle and enshroud Havona as to hide it from the view of even near-by inhabited universes of time and space. The dark gravity bodies encircling Havona are neither triata nor gravita, and their drawing power discloses both forms of physical gravity, linear and absolute. Havona, the central universe, is surrounded by the enormous dark gravity bodies. Owing to the enormous encircling masses of the dark gravity bodies about the fringe of the central universe, the mass content of this central creation is far in excess of the total known mass of all seven sectors of the grand universe.

Daughters of the Infinite Spirit:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Daughter Spirits:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

David:

David ("beloved one") was a king of ancient Israel and Judah and the third king of the United Monarchy, according to the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament. All that is known of David comes from biblical literature, the historicity of which has been extensively challenged, and there is little detail about David that is concrete and undisputed. Debates persist over several controversial issues: the exact timeframe of David's reign and the geographical boundaries of his kingdom; whether the story serves as a political defense of David's dynasty against accusations of tyranny, murder and regicide; the homoerotic relationship between David and Jonathan; whether the text is a Homer-like heroic tale adopting elements from its Ancient Near East parallels; and whether elements of the text date as late as the Hasmonean period.

In the biblical narrative of the Books of Samuel, David is described as a young shepherd and harpist whose heart is devoted to Yahweh, the one true God. He gains fame and becomes a hero by killing Goliath. He becomes a favorite of Saul, the first king of Israel, but is forced to go into hiding when Saul suspects David of plotting to take his throne. After Saul and his son Jonathan are killed in battle, David is anointed king by the tribe of Judah and eventually all the tribes of Israel. He conquers Jerusalem, makes it the capital of a united Israel, and brings the Ark of the Covenant to the city. He commits adultery with Bathsheba and arranges the death of her husband, Uriah the Hittite. David's son Absalom later tries to overthrow him, but David returns to Jerusalem after Absalom's death to continue his reign. David desires to build a temple to Yahweh, but is denied because of the bloodshed of his reign. He dies at age 70 and chooses Solomon, his son with Bathsheba, as his successor instead of his eldest son Adonijah. David is honored as an ideal king and the forefather of the future Hebrew Messiah in Jewish prophetic literature, and many psalms are attributed to him.

David, Throne of:

The Throne of David is a concept related to the royal line and the right to rule. It was originally associated with King David and later with Jesus Christ.

Daynals:

One of three descending orders of revealed Paradise Sons of God. These highly personal and highly spiritual Paradise Sons are brought into being by the Paradise Trinity. They are known in Havona as the order of Daynals. In Orvonton they are of record as Trinity Teacher Sons, so named because of their parentage. On Salvington they are sometimes denominated the Paradise Spiritual Sons. (see Trinity Teacher Sons)

Decapolis:

The Decapolis was a region in Palestine that contained ten principal cities, on both sides of the Jordan River, chiefly east. The New Testament gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke mention that the Decapolis region was a location of the ministry of Jesus. According to Matthew 4:23–25, the Decapolis was one of the areas from which Jesus drew his multitude of disciples, attracted by his "healing all kinds of sickness".

Decimal Planets:

Life Carriers and all their associates collaborate with the Melchizedeks in the effort to modify and possibly improve the life designed for implantation on the decimal planets of Nebadon. The life now evolving on Urantia was planned and partially worked out on this very world, for Urantia is a decimal planet, a life-experiment world. On one world in each ten a greater variance in the standard life designs is permitted than on the other (nonexperimental) worlds.

Default:

Divine justice demands the adjudication of every administrative default in the climb towards divine perfection. The Planetary Adam and Eve of Urantia were adjudged in default; they have violated the covenant of their trusteeship as the rulers of this inhabited world. Eve, the mother of the violet race of Urantia, suffered the penalty of default with her mate Adam and was also rehabilitated with him and assigned to serve with a group of mortal survivors.

Deficiency Ministry:

Survivors arriving on the 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.

Deified Reality:

Deified reality embraces all infinite Deity potentials ranging upward through all realms of personality from the lowest finite to the highest infinite, thus encompassing the domain of all that which is personalizable and more—even to the presence of the Deity Absolute. Personality is a level of deified reality and ranges from the mortal and midwayer level of the higher mind activation of worship and wisdom up through the morontial and spiritual to the attainment of finality of personality status. That is the evolutionary ascent of mortal- and kindred-creature personality, but there are numerous other orders of universe personalities.

Deity:

Deity is personalizable as God, is prepersonal and superpersonal in ways not altogether comprehensible by man. Deity is characterized by the quality of unity. Deity is personalizable as God, is prepersonal and superpersonal in ways not altogether comprehensible by man. Deity is characterized by the quality of unity—actual or potential—on all supermaterial levels of reality; and this unifying quality is best comprehended by creatures as divinity. Deity is the source of all that which is divine. Deity is characteristically and invariably divine, but all that which is divine is not necessarily Deity, though it will be co-ordinated with Deity and will tend towards some phase of unity with Deity—spiritual, mindal, or personal.

Deity Embrace:

Personalities brought into being by the trinitizing acts of certain types of glorified creatures represent no more than the conceptual potential mobilized in that trinitization, albeit such creatures may ascend the path of Deity embrace open to all of their kind.

Deity Presence:

On upper Paradise there are three grand spheres of activity, the Deity presence, the Most Holy Sphere, and the Holy Area. Deity presence is absolute only on Paradise, and the revelation of God must always be partial, relative, and progressive until his power becomes experientially infinite in the space potency of the Unqualified Absolute.

Deity Embrace:

Authority to represent the Trinity attaches only to those beings, revealed and unrevealed, who are trinitized, created, eventuated, or eternalized by any two or all three of the Paradise Trinity. Personalities brought into being by the trinitizing acts of certain types of glorified creatures represent no more than the conceptual potential mobilized in that trinitization, albeit such creatures may ascend the path of Deity embrace open to all of their kind. 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.

Deity (Qualified) Absolute:

One of the seven Absolutes of Deity. The Deity Absolute results from this primal act of the Infinite I AM and is ripe with unlimited potential for generating all levels of Deity expression. The eternity potentials of Deity expression that reside in the Deity (Qualified) Absolute find absolute actuality in the person of the Eternal Son, the source and center of all spirit reality.

The Deity Absolute

- "I AM self-qualified."
- The unlimited capacity for Deity action resides in the Deity Absolute.
- The volitional self-limitation of the I AM.
- The causational, potentially personal possibilities of universal reality.
- The totality of all Deity potential.
- The purposive qualifier of the unqualified and non-deity realities.
- The absolutizer of the qualified.
- The destiny inceptor.

Deity-Trinitized Sons:

Irrespective of origin all Trinitized Sons of God have in common the experience of trinitization, either as a part of their origin or as an experience of Trinity embrace subsequently attained. The Deity-trinitized Sons are unrevealed in these narratives; therefore will this presentation be confined to a portrayal of the remaining two groups, more particularly the Trinity-embraced sons of God.

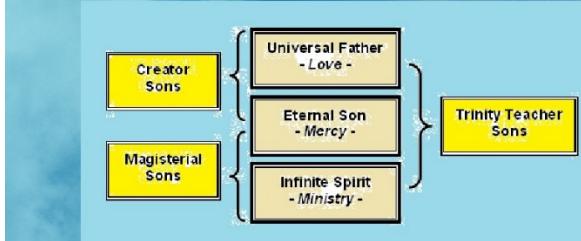
Descending Sons:

They are dedicated to the descending ministry of service on the worlds and systems of time and space. All descending Sons of God have high and divine origins. They are dedicated to the descending ministry of service on the worlds and systems of time and space, there to facilitate the progress in the Paradise climb of the lowly creatures of evolutionary origin -- the ascending sons of God. Of the numerous orders of descending Sons, seven are depicted in The Urantia Book.

Those Sons who come forth from the Deities on the central Isle of Light and Life are called the Paradise Sons of God and embrace the following three orders:

1. Creator Sons -- the Michaels.
2. Magisterial Sons -- the Avonals.
3. Trinity Teacher Sons -- the Daynals.

PARADISE SONS



1. CREATOR SONS – The Michaels [Father-Son liaison]

- Combining the love of the Universal Father and the mercy of the Eternal Son.
- As the Fathers of the local universe creations, they portray the infinite character of the Universal Father.
- Revelatory of the Will of God (fatherly relationship with universe personalities).
 1. Creative Power
 2. Loving Ministry
 3. Understanding Sovereignty

2. MAGISTERIAL SONS – The Avonals [Son-Spirit liaison]

- Combining the mercy of the Eternal Son and the ministry of the Infinite Spirit.
- As the bestowal Sons of mercy, they reveal the infinite compassion of the Eternal Son.
- Revelatory of the Law of God.
 1. Judgment
 2. Service
 3. Bestowal

3. TRINITY TEACHER SONS - The Daynals [Father-Son-Spirit liaison]

- Combining the love (Father), mercy (Son), ministry (Spirit) of the three Paradise Deities.
- As the true teachers of ascending personalities, they disclose the teacher personality of the Infinite Spirit.
- Revelatory of the Nature of God (his infinite love).
 1. Living Truth
 2. Divine Goodness
 3. True Spiritual Beauty

The remaining four orders of descending sonship are known as the Local Universe Sons of God:

1. Melchizedek Sons.
2. Vorondadek Sons.
3. Lanonandek Sons.
4. The Life Carriers.

Destiny:

Paradise is the place of origin, function, and destiny, as regards values, meanings, and factual existence. All experiential creations are interdependent in their realization of destiny. Only existential reality is self-contained and self-existent. The Universal Father is the secret of the reality of personality, the bestowal of personality, and the destiny of personality. Destiny is established by the volitional act of the Deities who constitute the Paradise Trinity; destiny is established in the vastness of the three great potentials whose absoluteness encompasses the possibilities of all future development; destiny is probably consummated by the act of the Consummator of Universe Destiny, and this act is probably involved with the Supreme and the Ultimate in the Trinity Absolute. Any experiential destiny can be at least partially comprehended by experiencing creatures; but a destiny which impinges on infinite existentials is hardly comprehensible. Finality destiny is an existential-experiential attainment which appears to involve the Deity Absolute. The possibility of the attainment of divine perfection is the final and certain destiny of all man's eternal spiritual progress.

Destiny Guardians:

Seraphim equally crave assignment to the missions of the incarnated Sons and attachment as destiny guardians to the mortals of the realms; the latter is the surest seraphic passport to

Paradise. Seraphim are not known as destiny guardians until such time as they are assigned to the association of a human soul who has realized one or more of three achievements: has made a supreme decision to become Godlike, has entered the third circle, or has been mustered into one of the reserve corps of destiny. In the ministry of personal guardianship, the assignment of angels as destiny guardians, seraphim always volunteer their services. None but successful destiny guardians can be sure of proceeding to Paradise by a progressive path of evolutionary ascent. The graduates of Seraphington are variously assigned: Destiny guardians of Havona-circle experience usually enter the Mortal Finaliter Corps. Only destiny guardians are mustered into the primary or mortal Corps of the Finality, and such pairs have engaged in the supreme adventure of identity at-oneness; the two beings have achieved spiritual bi-unification on Seraphington prior to their reception into the finaliter corps.

Devil:

The “devil” is none other than Caligastia, the deposed Planetary Prince of Urantia and a Son of the secondary order of Lanonandeks. At the time Michael was on Urantia in the flesh, Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia were leagued together to effect the miscarriage of his bestowal mission. But they signally failed.

Dilmat/Dilmun:

The elaborate records left by the Sumerians describe the site of a remarkable settlement which was located on the Persian Gulf near the earlier city of Dilmun. The Egyptians called this city of ancient glory Dilmat, while the later Adamized Sumerians confused both the first and second Nodite cities with Dalamatia and called all three Dilmun.

Directors of Assignment:

These angels are the invaluable assistants of the spiritual teaching corps of the local universe. Teaching counselors are secretaries to all orders of teachers, from the Melchizedeks and the Trinity Teacher Sons down to the morontia mortals who are assigned as helpers to those of their kind who are just behind them in the scale of ascendant life. You will first see these associate teaching seraphim on some one of the seven mansion worlds surrounding Jerusem.

Disciples:

The term apostle was employed to distinguish the chosen family of Jesus' advisers from the vast multitude of believing disciples who subsequently followed him. Said Jesus: "If you love your fellows as I have loved you, then shall all men know that you are my disciples." Peter said: "Master, we would go on with you; not one of us would turn back. We are fully prepared to pay the extra price; we will drink the cup. We would be apostles, not merely disciples." Said Jesus: "You who would follow after me from this time on, must be willing to pay the price of wholehearted dedication to the doing of my Father's will. If you would be my disciples, you must be willing to forsake father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters. If any one of you would now be my disciple, you must be willing to give up even your life just as the Son of Man is about to offer up his life for the completion of the mission of doing the Father's will on earth and in the flesh." Said Jesus: "Now, then, must each of you sit down and count the cost of being my disciple. From now on you will not be able to follow after us, listening to the teaching and beholding the works; you will be required to face bitter persecutions and to bear witness for this gospel in the face of crushing disappointment. If you are unwilling to renounce all that

you are and to dedicate all that you have, then are you unworthy to be my disciple. If you have already conquered yourself within your own heart, you need have no fear of that outward victory which you must presently gain when the Son of Man is rejected by the chief priests and the Sadducees and is given into the hands of mocking unbelievers."

Dispensation:

A dispensation is the time interval between the arrival of a Teacher on a planet, and the arrival of the next one. Thus, the arrival of Jesus on Urantia ended the dispensation of Adam. Cessation of existence is usually decreed at the dispensational or epochal adjudication of the realm or realms. On a world such as Urantia it comes at the end of a planetary dispensation. The Avonals are known as Magisterial Sons because they are the high magistrates of the realms, the adjudicators of the successive dispensations of the worlds of time. They preside over the awakening of the sleeping survivors, sit in judgment on the realm, bring to an end a dispensation of suspended justice, execute the mandates of an age of probationary mercy, reassign the space creatures of planetary ministry to the tasks of the new dispensation, and return to the headquarters of their local universe upon the completion of their mission. Those accredited beings who have, for any reason, been unable to attain that level of intelligence mastery and endowment of spirituality which would entitle them to personal guardians, cannot thus immediately and directly go to the mansion worlds. Such surviving souls must rest in unconscious sleep until the judgment day of a new epoch, a new dispensation, the coming of a Son of God to call the rolls of the age and adjudicate the realm, and this is the general practice throughout all Nebadon. Each dispensation, each mortal epoch, receives an enlarged presentation of spiritual truth and religious ethics. Our world is a full dispensation and more behind the average planetary schedule.

Dispensational (Epochal) Adjudication:

Cessation of existence is usually decreed at the dispensational or epochal adjudication of the realm or realms. On a world such as Urantia it comes at the end of a planetary dispensation. The technique of justice demands that personal or group guardians shall respond to the dispensational roll call in behalf of all nonsurviving personalities.

Dispensational Roll Calls:

Sleeping survivors of a planetary age repersonalized in the dispensational roll calls. Personal guardians whose subjects do not go immediately to the mansion worlds do not tarry there in idleness awaiting the dispensational roll calls of judgment; they are reassigned to numerous ministering missions throughout the universe.

Divine Builders:

Divine builders create cities "whose builder and maker is God." In spirit counterpart we have all that you mortals are familiar with and inexpressibly more. We have homes, spirit comforts, and morontia necessities. For every material satisfaction which humans are capable of enjoying, we have thousands of spiritual realities that serve to enrich and enlarge our existence.

Divine Controller:

See "Thought Adjuster".

Divine Counselors:

These Trinity-origin beings are the counsel of Deity to the realms of the seven superuniverses. They are not reflective of the divine counsel of the Trinity; they are that counsel. There are twenty-one billion Counselors in service, and three billion are assigned to each superuniverse. Divine Counselors are the associates and equals of the Universal Censors and the Perfectors of Wisdom, from one to seven Counselors being associated with each of these latter personalities. All three orders participate in the government of the Ancients of Days, including major and minor sectors, in the local universes and constellations, and in the councils of the local system sovereigns. Divine Counselors are the perfection of the divine counsel of the Paradise Trinity. They represent, in fact are, the counsel of perfection. When they are supplemented by the experiential counsel of their associates, the perfected and Trinity-embraced beings of evolutionary ascent, their combined conclusions are not only complete but replete. Whenever the Divine Counselors are called upon for important advice or decisions, they immediately requisition an ensemble of the Hearts of Counsel, and presently there is handed down a ruling which actually incorporates the co-ordinated wisdom and advice of the most competent minds of the entire superuniverse, all of which has been censored and revised in the light of the counsel of the high minds of Havona and even of Paradise.

Divine Minister:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Divine Spirit:

See "Thought Adjuster"

Divinington:

One of seven sacred satellite spheres of the Father in circuit around Paradise. This world is the Paradise rendezvous of Thought Adjusters. Divinington is, in a unique sense, the "bosom of the Father," the personal-communion sphere of the Universal Father, and thereon is a special manifestation of his divinity. Divinington is the Paradise rendezvous of the Thought Adjusters, but it is also the home of numerous other entities, personalities, and other beings taking origin in the Universal Father. Many personalities besides the Eternal Son are of direct origin by the solitary acts of the Universal Father. Only the Father fragments and those personalities and other beings of direct and exclusive origin in the Universal Father fraternize and function on this abode. The secrets of Divinington include the secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters. Their nature, origin, and the technique of their contact with the lowly creatures of the evolutionary worlds is a secret of this Paradise sphere. These amazing transactions do not personally concern the rest of us, and therefore do the Deities deem it proper to withhold certain features of this great and divine ministry from our full understanding. In so far as we come in contact with this phase of divine activity, we are permitted full knowledge of these transactions, but concerning the intimate details of this great bestowal we are not fully informed.

Divinity:

Divinity is the characteristic, unifying, and co-ordinating quality of Deity. Divinity is creature comprehensible as truth, beauty, and goodness; correlated in personality as love, mercy, and

ministry; disclosed on impersonal levels as Justice, power, and sovereignty. Divinity may be perfect – complete – as on existential and creator levels of Paradise perfection; it may be imperfect, as on experiential and creature levels of time—space evolution; or it may be relative, neither perfect nor imperfect, as on certain Havona levels of existential-experiential relationships.

Dualities:

The I AM is unqualified infinity as unity. The dualities eternalize reality foundations. The triunities eventuate the realization of infinity as universal function. God can pass from simplicity to complexity, from identity to variation, from quiescence to motion, from infinity to finitude, from the divine to the human, and from unity to duality and triunity. The primal thought of the Universal Father eternalizes in dual expression: the Isle of Paradise and his Deity equal, the spiritual and Eternal Son. Such duality of eternal reality renders the mind God, the Infinite Spirit, inevitable. The Universal Father is one, but to time-space he is revealed in the dual phenomena of pure energy and pure spirit. Duality becomes thus existent in the eternal association of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity with the sevenfold infinity of the self-segmented phases of the self-revealing I AM. Paradise Deity, existential as three persons, is thus experientially evolving in two phases of Supremacy, while these dual phases are power-personality unifying as one Lord, the Supreme Being. The Unions of Days are a group of liaison personalities accredited by the Paradise Trinity to the dual rulers of the local universes. The Paradise Spiritual Sons are unique Trinity-origin beings and the only Trinity creatures to be so completely associated with the conduct of the dual-origin universes. The physical or material creation is not infinite, but it is perfectly co-ordinated. There are force, energy, and power, but they are all one in origin. The seven superuniverses are seemingly dual.

Lao-tse built directly upon the concepts of the Salem traditions when he declared Tao to be the One First Cause of all creation. His comprehension of ultimate causation was most discerning, for he wrote: "Unity arises out of the Absolute Tao, and from Unity there appears cosmic Duality, and from such Duality, Trinity springs forth into existence, and Trinity is the primal source of all reality."

Duty:

Man's consciousness of moral duty and his spiritual idealism represent a value level—an experiential reality—which is difficult of symbolization. This magnificent and universal injunction to strive for the attainment of the perfection of divinity is the first duty, and should be the highest ambition, of all the struggling creature creation of the God of perfection. This magnificent and universal injunction to strive for the attainment of the perfection of divinity is the first duty, and should be the highest ambition, of all the struggling creature creation of the God of perfection. Duty is the reality domain of morals in the philosophic realm, the arena of reason, the recognition of relative right and wrong. This is the judicial form of the cosmic discrimination.

Eber:

An officer of the Sanhedrin who, when sent to arrest Jesus after his first temple talk, refused to do so.

Ecstasy:

Religious ecstasy is a type of altered state of consciousness characterized by greatly reduced external awareness and expanded interior mental and spiritual awareness, frequently accompanied by visions and emotional (and sometimes physical) euphoria. Although the experience is usually brief in time, there are records of such experiences lasting several days or even more, and of recurring experiences of ecstasy during one's lifetime. Religious ecstasy is permissible when resulting from sane antecedents, but such experiences are more often the outgrowth of purely emotional influences than a manifestation of deep spiritual character. Genuine spiritual ecstasy is usually associated with great outward calmness and almost perfect emotional control. Man may elect to live upon the high plane of intelligent art, even that of celestial joy and spiritual ecstasy.

Eden, the Garden of:

The planetary headquarters of such an Adam and Eve is usually denominated the Garden of Eden. Assigned commissions began in earnest their preliminary work, and the committee on location for the Garden sallied forth in search of the ideal spot. Although Caligastia and Daligastia had been deprived of much of their power for evil, they did everything possible to frustrate and hamper the work of preparing the Garden. But their evil machinations were largely offset by the faithful activities of the almost ten thousand loyal midway creatures who so tirelessly labored to advance the enterprise. A long narrow peninsula—almost an island—projecting westward from the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea was chosen, and two years were occupied in transferring the world's cultural headquarters, including the tree of life, to this Mediterranean peninsula. All but a single group of the peninsula dwellers peaceably vacated when Van and his company arrived.

The site chosen for the Garden was probably the most beautiful spot of its kind in all the world, and the climate was then ideal. Nowhere else was there a location which could have lent itself so perfectly to becoming such a paradise of botanic expression. In this rendezvous the cream of the civilization of Urantia was forgathering. Without and beyond, the world lay in darkness, ignorance, and savagery. Eden was the one bright spot on Urantia; it was naturally a dream of loveliness, and it soon became a poem of exquisite and perfected landscape glory.

Edentia:

Edentia, the headquarters of our 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. 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. The sea of glass, the receiving area of Edentia, is near the administrative center and is encircled by the headquarters amphitheater. Surrounding this area are the governing centers for the seventy divisions of constellation affairs. During your whole stay on Edentia and its worlds you are "as the angels".

The Edenic tree of life, a shrub of Edentia, sent to Urantia by the Most Highs of Norlatiadek at the time of Caligastia's arrival. In the days of Dalamatia this tree grew in the central courtyard of the temple of the unseen Father, and it was the fruit of the tree of life that enabled the material and otherwise mortal beings of the Prince's staff to live on indefinitely as long as they

had access to it. When Van and his associates made ready the Garden for Adam and Eve, they transplanted the Edentia tree to the Garden of Eden, where, once again, it grew in a central, circular courtyard of another temple to the Father.

Elijah:

Elijah (meaning "My God is Yahweh") was, according to the Books of Kings in the Hebrew Bible, a prophet and a miracle worker who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab (9th century BC). In 1 Kings 18, Elijah defended the worship of the Hebrew God over that of the Canaanite deity Baal. God also performed many miracles through Elijah, including his resurrection, bringing fire down from the sky, and entering heaven alive "by fire". He is also portrayed as leading a school of prophets known as "the sons of the prophets".

Elisha:

Elisha ("My God is salvation") was, according to the Hebrew Bible, a prophet and a wonder-worker. Elisha is venerated as a prophet in Judaism, Christianity and Islam and writings of the Bahá'í Faith refer to him by name. Before he settled in Samaria, Elisha passed some time on Mount Carmel. He served from 892 until 832 BC as an advisor to the third through the eighth kings of Judah, holding the office of "prophet in Israel". He is called a patriot because of his help to soldiers and kings. In the biblical narrative, he is a disciple and protégé of Elijah, and after Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind, Elisha received a double portion of his power and he was accepted as the leader of the sons of the prophets. Elisha then went on to perform twice as many miracles as Elijah.

Elizabeth:

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was a member of the more prosperous branch of the same large family group to which Mary the mother of Jesus also belonged. Zacharias (her husband) and Elizabeth, though they had been married many years, were up to that time childless. The angel (Bright and Morning Star) Gabriel appeared to Elizabeth: "I, Gabriel, have come to announce that you will shortly bear a son who shall be the forerunner of this divine teacher, and you shall call your son John. He will grow up dedicated to the Lord your God, and when he has come to full years, he will gladden your heart because he will turn many souls to God, and he will also proclaim the coming of the soul-healer of your people and the spirit-liberator of all mankind. Your kinswoman Mary shall be the mother of this child of promise, and I will also appear to her."

Ellanora:

A young woman on the planet of Panoptia whose leadership during the Lucifer rebellion ensured that not a single Panoptian joined with the planet's apostate Planetary Prince.

Emergent Energy:

This is the pre-electronic level of energy-matter. Emergent energy embraces those energies which are responsive to Paradise gravity but are as yet unresponsive to local or linear gravity. This is the pre-electronic level of energy-matter. The behavior of emergent energy when fully liberated from the grasp of the Unqualified Absolute becomes responsive to the direct influence

of linear gravity and to the manipulations of the Universe Power Directors and their associates. Emergent energies, when in the passive presence of the primary force organizers, are sufficient to transform space potency into primordial force, and it is upon such an activated space field that these same force organizers begin their initial and active operations. Primordial force is destined to pass through two distinct phases of transmutation in the realms of energy manifestation before appearing as universe power. These two levels of emerging energy are:

1. **Puissant energy** is the powerful-directional, mass- movemented, mighty- tensioned, and forcible-reacting energy -- gigantic energy systems set in motion by the activities of the primary force organizers. This primary or +puissant energy is not at first definitely responsive to the Paradise-gravity pull though probably yielding an aggregate-mass or space-directional response to the collective group of absolute influences operative from the nether side of Paradise.
2. **Gravity energy** carries the potential of universe power and becomes the active ancestor of all universe matter. This secondary or gravity energy is the product of the energy elaboration resulting from the pressure-presence and the tension-trends set up by the Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers. In response to the work of these force manipulators, space-energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, thus becoming directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise (absolute) gravity while disclosing a certain potential for sensitivity to the linear-gravity pull inherent in the soon appearing material mass of the electronic and the postelectronic stages of energy and matter. This emergent energy is originally neutral but consequent upon further metamorphosis will exhibit the so-called negative and positive qualities. We designate these stages ultimata.

Endantum:

The constellation headquarters planet on which Michael experienced his sixth bestowal as a morontia mortal. Michael appeared on the headquarters of constellation five as a full-fledged morontia mortal of ascending status. It was one of the most extraordinary and amazing epochs in Michael's bestowal experience, not even excepting his dramatic and tragic sojourn on Urantia.

Energy:

Energy is an all-inclusive term applied to spiritual, mindal, and material realms. Physical energy is a term denoting all phases and forms of phenomenal motion, action, and potential. God is energy. This declaration of physical fact is predicated on the incomprehensible truth that the First Source and Center is the primal cause of the universal physical phenomena of all space. From this divine activity all physical energy and other material manifestations are derived.

Energy Controllers:

The regulatory function of the living energy controllers of the superuniverse often involves the physical influence of near-by highly heated or heavily charged bodies. Given a sufficient duration of retarding influence, gravity would eventually convert all energy into matter were it not for the antigravity influences of the energy controllers. These energy transformers are the

conjoint creation of the Seven Supreme Power Directors and the Seven Center Supervisors. They are among the more personal orders of physical controllers.

Energy Manipulators:

The circuitizing and channelizing of energy is supervised by the five hundred thousand living and intelligent energy manipulators scattered throughout Satania. energy manipulators also function in hundreds of other ways too numerous to catalogue, such as counseling with the seraphim, cherubim, and sanobim regarding the most efficient modes of energy intake and as to the maintenance of the most helpful balances of divergent forces between active cherubim and passive sanobim.

Energy Transformers:

The number of energy transformers in a superuniverse is unbelievable. There are almost one million in Satania alone, and the usual quota is one hundred for each inhabited world. The energy transformers are the conjoint creation of the Seven Supreme Power Directors and the Seven Center Supervisors. They are among the more personal orders of physical controllers.

Energy-Matter:

The Isle of Paradise is the source and center of all material realities. All manifestations of energy-matter are nonpersonal and extraspiritual. Energy-matter is subject to the overcontrol of divine spirit through the interacting ministry of personal mind. The Paradise Father ever maintains overcontrol over the circuits of all energy-matter in all of its forms and manifestations, and all of this power is held in the everlasting gravity grasp of Paradise.

Engedi Colony:

Engedi is an oasis in the desert near the Dead Sea, once an Amorite city and later part of Judah's territory. It served as a refuge for David when fleeing from King Saul's pursuit. Engedi is known for its freshwater springs, rare in the area, providing a symbol of life in the midst of the desert. Most springs in the area have a high salt content, but Engedi is one of only two freshwater springs on the western shore of the Dead Sea. In a desert-like wilderness where temperatures can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit, Engedi is literally a refuge of living water. This was the southern headquarters of the colony of the Nazarite brotherhood.

Enos:

Grandson of Adam and Eve; son of Seth, Adam and Eve's eldest surviving second garden son; co-founder with Seth and his own son, Kenan, of the Sethite priesthood. Enos is a character in the Book of Genesis in the Hebrew Bible. He is described as the first son of Seth who figures in the Generations of Adam, and is also referred to within the genealogies of 1 Chronicles. According to Christianity, he is part of the genealogy of Jesus as mentioned in Luke 3:38. Enos is also mentioned in Islam in the various collections of tales of the pre-Islamic prophets, which honor him in an identical manner. Furthermore, early Islamic historians like Ibn Ishaq and Ibn Hisham always included his name in the genealogy of the Islamic prophet Muhammad,

Ensa:

The name of the minor sector of the superuniverse of Orvonton to which our local universe, Nebadon, belongs. The minor sector of Ensa consists of one hundred local universes and has a capital called Uminor the third. This minor sector is number three in the major sector of Splandon. Uminor the third, the headquarters of your minor sector, Ensa, is surrounded by the seven spheres of the higher physical studies of the ascendant life. We will all sometime know the three Recents of Days in charge of Ensa, our minor sector, since we must pass through their hands on your way inward to the training worlds of the major sectors. In ascending to Uversa, we will pass through only one group of minor sector training spheres.

Enseconaphim:

The process of unconscious slumber when in transit sleep during the passage from the superuniverses to Havona. The ascending pilgrim of time will, in the distant future, enseconaphim for the long flight to the central universe of Havona and the Deity adventure. Seconaphim, the children of the Reflective Spirits, variously serve in the seven superuniverses. The pilgrims of time are transported past the dark gravity bodies of Havona to the outer planetary circuit by the transport personalities of the primary order of seconaphim, operating from the headquarters of the seven superuniverses.

Enseraphim:

The process of unconscious slumber when in transit sleep during the passage from one sphere to another. All groups of ministering spirits have their transport corps, angelic orders dedicated to the ministry of transporting those personalities who are unable, of themselves, to journey from one sphere to another. The fifth group of the superior seraphim are headquartered on Salvington and serve as space traversers to and from the headquarters of the local universe. When enseraphimed, you go to sleep for a specified time, and you will awake at the designated moment. The length of a journey when in transit sleep is immaterial. You are not directly aware of the passing of time. It is as if you went to sleep on a transport vehicle in one city and, after resting in peaceful slumber all night, awakened in another and distant metropolis. You journeyed while you slumbered. And so you take flight through space, enseraphimed, while you rest -- sleep. The transit sleep is induced by the liaison between the Adjusters and the seraphic transporters.

Entities:

In the grand universe we actually have intelligent and living mechanisms (entities) that can perform intricate tasks involving stupendous computations with great delicacy of accuracy, even with ultimacy of precision. The Universal Father realizes in the fullness of the divine consciousness all the individual experience of the progressive struggles of the expanding minds and the ascending spirits of every entity, being, and personality of the whole evolutionary creation of time and space. Pattern can pervade personalities, identities, entities, or nonliving matter. The Infinite Spirit ministers to all minds on all spheres. He ministers through the agency of the physical controllers to even the lowest nonexperiencing entities of the most primitive types of living things.

At the initiation of our Michael Son's creation of their joint creation of their local universe, his liaison partner the Mother Spirit undergoes evolving development of entity and eventually becomes group conscious of destiny and begins that preliminary training requisite to the

acquirement of spirit skill in her future work of collaboration with the complemental Michael in universe creation and administration.

Epicureanism:

The Epicurean school of thought was dedicated to the pursuit of happiness. The better Epicureans were not given to sensual excesses. Epicureanism is an ancient school of philosophy founded in Athens by Epicurus. The school rejected determinism and advocated hedonism (pleasure as the highest good), but of a restrained kind: mental pleasure was regarded more highly than physical, and the ultimate pleasure was held to be freedom from anxiety and mental pain, especially that arising from needless fear of death and of the gods.

Error:

A misconception or distortion of reality, a lack of intellectual keenness, an act involving an unintentional deviation from truth. Without the trials and errors of human experience, mankind is challenged to stimulate the growth of human wisdom; thus there is presented a cosmic "scheme of progressing from the partial and temporal to the complete and eternal, from the relative and imperfect to the final and perfected." [UB 130:4.11] The very nature of mortal free will entails the possibility of error and hopefully this provides valuable life lessons to learn from. Choosing between truth and untruth, fact and falsehood, creates the possibility for error. Errors in judgment are always possible because evolutionary man is inherently fallible. Living a life filled with error leads to disappointment and sorrow. Such a life filled with error and evil also affects all those around us: it contributes to the tribulation of everyone connected.

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Essenes:

The Essenes were a true religious sect, originating during the Maccabean revolt, whose requirements were in some respects more exacting than those of the Pharisees. They had adopted many Persian beliefs and practices, lived as a brotherhood in monasteries, refrained from marriage, and had all things in common. They specialized in teachings about angels. Josephus gave a detailed account of the Essenes in *The Jewish-Roman War* (c. 75 AD), with a shorter description in *Antiquities of the Jews* (c. 94 AD) and *The Life of Flavius Josephus* (c. 97 AD). Claiming firsthand knowledge, he lists the Essenes as one of the three sects of Jewish philosophy alongside the Pharisees and the Sadducees. He relates the same information concerning piety, celibacy, the absence of personal property and of money, the belief in communalism, and commitment to a strict observance of Sabbath. He further adds that the Essenes ritually immersed in water every morning, ate together after prayer, devoted themselves to charity and benevolence, forbade the expression of anger, studied the books of the elders, preserved secrets, and were very mindful of the names of the angels kept in their sacred writings.

Eternal Isle:

See "Isle of Paradise".

Eternal Mother Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Eternal Purpose:

The Universal Father sees the end from the beginning, and his divine plan and eternal purpose actually embrace and comprehend all the experiments and all the adventures of all his subordinates in every world, system, and constellation in every universe of his vast domains. The reactions of a changeless God, in the execution of his eternal purpose, may seem to vary in accordance with the changing attitude and the shifting minds of his created intelligences; that is, they may apparently and superficially vary; but underneath the surface and beneath all outward manifestations, there is still present the changeless purpose, The everlasting plan, of the eternal God. in the conduct and destiny of a planet the divine plan prevails; the eternal purpose of wisdom and love triumphs.

Eternal Son (Second Person of Deity, Second Source and Center):

As the Universal Father is the origin and destiny of all personality, the Eternal Son is the source and center of any and all realities of spirit. As the second person of the Trinity and the Second Source and Center of all spirit reality, the Eternal Son of the Paradise Father is the eternal personality. He is the eternal pattern for all other personalities; he "is the perfect and final expression of the 'first' personal and absolute concept of the Universal Father." [UB 6:0:1]

The Eternal Son is the absolute personality, the secret of spiritual energy, morontia spirits, and perfected spirits. The Eternal Son is the perfect and final expression of the "first" personal and absolute concept of the Universal Father. Accordingly, whenever and however the Father personally and absolutely expresses himself, he does so through his Eternal son, whoever has been, now is and ever will be, the living and divine Word. The Eternal Son is the spiritual personalization of the Paradise Father's universal and infinite concept of divine reality, unqualified spirit, and absolute personality. The Eternal Son is the original and only—begotten Son of God He is God the Son, the Second person of Deity and the associate creator of all things. As the Father is the First Great Source and Center, so the Eternal Son is the Second Great Source and Center.

The Eternal Son is the spiritual center and the divine administrator of the spiritual government of the universe of universes. The Universal Father is first a creator and then a controller; the Eternal Son is first a cocreator and then a Spiritual administrator. God is spirit, and the Son is a personal revelation of that spirit. The Eternal Son is the eternal Word of God. He is wholly like the Father; in fact, the Eternal Son is God the Father personally manifest to the universe of universes. The Eternal Son is the great mercy minister to all creation.

Eternaliter:

A being of eternal existence and nature. The Adjusters are absolute foundations, and up on absolute foundations freewill choice can cause to be evolved the divine reality of an eternaliter nature, finaliter nature in the case of man, Deity nature in God the Supreme.

Eternals of Days:

One of the groups comprising the Stationary Sons of the Trinity. The worlds of Havona are directly administered by the Eternals of Days. Each of the billion worlds of Havona is directed by a Supreme Trinity Personality. These rulers are known as the Eternals of Days, and they number exactly one billion, one for each of the Havona spheres. Eternals of Days are not creators, but they are perfect administrators. Each of the billion worlds of Havona is directed by a Supreme Trinity Personality. These rulers are known as the Eternals of Days, and they number exactly one billion, one for each of the Havona spheres. Except for the established orders of life, such as the Havona natives and other living creatures of the central universe, the resident Eternals of Days have developed their respective spheres entirely in accordance with their own personal ideas and ideals.

Eternity:

Without beginning or end. It seems fitting, for purposes of explanation to the mortal mind, to conceive of eternity as a cycle and the eternal purpose as an endless circle, a cycle of eternity in some way synchronized with the transient material cycles of time. As regards the sectors of time connected with, and forming a part of, the cycle of eternity, we are forced to recognize that such temporary epochs are born, live, and die just as the temporary beings of time are born, live, and die. The sectors of time are like the flashes of personality in temporal form; they appear for a season, and then they are lost to human sight only to reappear as new actors and continuing factors in the higher life of the endless swing around the eternal circle. Eternity can hardly be conceived as a straightaway drive, in view of our belief in a delimited universe moving over a vast, elongated circle around the central dwelling place of the Universal Father. Frankly, eternity is incomprehensible to the finite mind of time. You simply cannot grasp it; you cannot comprehend it.

Ethical Sensitizers:

It is the mission of these seraphim to foster and to promote the growth of creature appreciation of the morality of interpersonal relationships, for such is the seed and secret of the continued and purposeful growth of society and government, human or superhuman. These enhancers of ethical appreciation function anywhere and everywhere they may be of service, as volunteer counselors to the planetary rulers and as exchange teachers on the system training worlds.

Eve:

Material Daughter who became the mother of the violet race on Urantia. The "golden age" is a myth, but Eden was a fact, and the Garden civilization was actually overthrown. Adam and Eve carried on in the Garden for one hundred and seventeen years when, through the impatience of Eve and the errors of judgment of Adam, they presumed to turn aside from the ordained way, speedily bringing disaster upon themselves and ruinous retardation upon the developmental progression of all Urantia. It was farthest from Eve's intention ever to do anything which would militate against Adam's plans or jeopardize their planetary trust. Knowing the tendency of woman to look upon immediate results rather than to plan farsightedly for more remote effects, the Melchizedeks, before departing, had especially enjoined Eve as to the peculiar dangers besetting their isolated position on the planet and had in particular warned her never to stray from the side of her mate, that is, to attempt no personal or secret methods of furthering their mutual undertakings. Eve had most scrupulously carried out these

instructions for more than one hundred years, and it did not occur to her that any danger would attach to the increasingly private and confidential visits she was enjoying with a certain Nodite leader named Serapatatia. The whole affair developed so gradually and naturally that she was taken unawares. Eve listened to the insidious propaganda of personal liberty and planetary freedom of action. She was led to experiment with the life plasm of the material order of sonship in that she allowed this life trust to become prematurely commingled with that of the then mixed order of the original design of the Life Carriers which had been previously combined with that of the reproducing beings once attached to the staff of the Planetary Prince.

Evening Stars:

As chief executive of Nebadon, Gabriel is ex officio chairman of, or observer at, most of the Salvington conclaves, and as many as one thousand of these are often in session simultaneously. The Brilliant Evening Stars represent Gabriel on these occasions; he cannot be in two places at the same time, and these superangels compensate for this limitation. Gabriel maintains contact with all other phases of universe life and affairs through the Brilliant Evening Stars. They always accompany him on his planetary tours and frequently go on special missions to the individual planets as his personal representatives. The Brilliant Evening Stars are a unique twofold order, embracing some of created dignity and others of attained service.

Eventod:

The name by which our Creator Son Michael was known during his fifth bestowal as an ascending mortal on Uversa, headquarters world of the superuniverse of Orvonton.

Eventuation:

Just as the Supreme Being progressively evolves from the antecedent divinity endowment of the encompassed grand universe potential of energy and personality, so does God the Ultimate eventuate from the potentials of divinity residing in the transcended time-space domains of the master universe. Eventuated has a special meaning in the Papers. It is a word that describes how someone is brought into being, like the word "created," but eventuated does not mean created. It does mean some sort of initiating act that is pre-time, precreative, or of eternity status. We are informed that God, as a person, creates; as a superperson, eventuates. Absonite beings, the Trancendentalers, are not created—they are eventuated.

Eveson:

The second-born son of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, born in approximately 35,900 B.C. Adam's second son Eveson became a masterly leader and administrator; he was the great helper of his father. Eveson lived not quite so long as Adam, and his eldest son, Jansad, became the successor of Adam as the head of the Adamite tribes. The eating of meat was early introduced into the second garden, but Adam and Eve never partook of flesh as a part of their regular diet. Neither did Adamson nor Eveson nor the other children of the first generation of the first garden become flesh eaters.

Evil:

The unconscious or unintended transgression of the divine law, the Father's will, the distorted choosing of the lesser in place of the greater. The exercise of man's moral nature is rewarded by his growing virtue of choosing good over evil, but man's persistence in ignorance, immaturity, and delusion may still result in his distorted choosing of the lesser in place of the greater. Potential evil is subject to the limitations of human nature. Moral misadaptation is a repercussion of "the inaccuracies of mind and the immaturity of the evolving self." [UB 130:4:11] The error of imperfection can lead to a penalty of evil. Potential evil signifies a remoteness from the ideals of divinity.

- The unconscious or unintended transgression of the divine law, the Father's will.
- The measure of the imperfectness of obedience to the Father's will.
- A partial realization of, or maladjustment to, universe realities.
- The misadaptation of plans and the maladjustment of techniques resulting in disharmony and confusion.
- Resistance to goodness, rejectfulness of beauty, disloyalty to truth.
- A deficiency in spiritual reasoning for rectifying the disharmonies of augmenting error.
- The distorted choosing of the lesser in place of the greater.
- A partiality of creativity which tends toward disintegration and eventual destruction.

Evolution/Evolutionary:

The change over time in the inherent biologic, organic, mindal, or spiritual attributes of a living entity. The universes of time and space are gradual in development; the progression of life -- terrestrial or celestial -- is neither arbitrary nor magical. Cosmic evolution may not always be understandable (predictable), but it is strictly nonaccidental. It is the integrated functioning of the Life Carriers, the physical controllers, and the spirit adjutants that conditions the course of organic evolution on the inhabited worlds. And this is why evolution -- on Urantia or elsewhere -- is always purposeful and never accidental. The evolution of life is a technique ever progressive, differential, and variable, but never haphazard, uncontrolled, nor wholly experimental, in the accidental sense. Organic evolution is a fact; purposive or progressive evolution is a truth which makes consistent the otherwise contradictory phenomena of the ever-ascending achievements of evolution. Evolution is the rule of human development, but the process itself varies greatly on different worlds. Life is sometimes initiated in one center, sometimes in three, as it was on Urantia. On the atmospheric worlds it usually has a marine origin, but not always; much depends on the physical status of a planet. The Life Carriers have great latitude in their function of life initiation.

Evolutionary Seraphim:

Evolutionary seraphim can achieve the spiritual levels of the ascending Sons of God. When evolutionary seraphim are granted clearance for Seraphington and Paradise, they must forsake their former subordinates when they pass out of the confines of Nebadon. All evolutionary seraphim traverse Seraphington, and the majority pass through this experience instead of the Havona circuits.

Existential:

The term existential qualifies all things or beings that exist in the absolute, independently from time-space, since past eternity until future eternity. For example, the Isle of Paradise, the Three Persons of the Trinity, the Thought Adjusters are existential. Existential is a word especially used in the Papers. It means something eternal, without a beginning or an ending. There is no time at which it did not exist. An existential being has full knowledge before any experience.

Experiential:

The term experiential qualifies things and beings that exist in the relative, in time-space, in relation to existential values. For example, the Sun, the planets, morals, politics, religions, evolving human mores, men, their soul, animals, nature, and personal feelings are experiential. This word designates beings and things that have origins. It also designates all beings that can grow by experience. Even some existential realities can have experiential growth to higher levels. Other realities are wholly experiential; man is wholly experiential in his growth.

Ezekiel:

Ezekiel lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon at a settlement along the river Chebar called Tel-abib (3:15), less than one hundred miles south of Babylon. The invading Babylonians brought about ten thousand Jews to the village in 597 BC, including Ezekiel and the last king of Judah, Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:8–14). Ezekiel's prophecy began a mere five years into his time (Ezekiel 1:2), and he continued to prophesy among the people for at least twenty-two years (29:17). Because he spoke to a people whom God had exiled due to their continued rebellion against him, a majority of Ezekiel's message communicates judgment for sins committed (1:1–32:32). However, like all the prophets, he also provided his people, now without a land of their own, some hope for the future (33:1–48:35).

Ezra:

Ezra (480–440 BC), also called Ezra the Scribe and Ezra the Priest in the Book of Ezra, was a Jewish scribe and priest. In Greco-Latin Ezra is called Esdras. According to the Hebrew Bible he was a descendant of Sraya, the last High Priest to serve in the First Temple, and a close relative of Joshua, the first High Priest of the Second Temple. He returned from Babylonian exile and reintroduced the Torah in Jerusalem. According to 1 Esdras, a Greek translation of the Book of Ezra still in use in Eastern Orthodoxy, he was also a High Priest. Rabbinic tradition holds that he was an ordinary member of the priesthood.

Fad:

One of the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff. Fad was the leader of the Dalamatian faculty on dissemination and conservation of knowledge. This group organized and directed the purely educational endeavors of those early ages. The educational methods of Fad consisted in supervision of employment accompanied by instruction in improved methods of labor. Fad formulated the first alphabet and introduced a writing system. This alphabet contained twenty-five characters. For writing material these early peoples utilized tree barks, clay tablets, stone slabs, a form of parchment made of hammered hides, and a crude form of paperlike material made from wasps' nests. The Dalamatia library, destroyed soon after the

Caligastia disaffection, comprised more than two million separate records and was known as the "house of Fad." Fad sponsored the Dalamatia plan of teaching that was carried out as an industrial school in which the pupils learned by doing, and through which they worked their way by the daily performance of useful tasks. Upon the outbreak of the Lucifer rebellion, Fad and five members of the educational faculty were saved.

Fairness:

Eternal justice and divine mercy together constitute what in human experience would be called fairness. Divine mercy represents a fairness technique of adjustment between the universe levels of perfection and imperfection. The Ancients of Days and their Trinity-origin associates mete out the just judgment of supreme fairness to the seven superuniverses. Divine judgment is the soul of fairness, ever conforming to the justice of the Trinity, ever fulfilling the divine love of God.

Faith:

The supreme assertion of human thought, the only requirement for eternal salvation. Belief has attained the level of faith when it motivates life and shapes the mode of living. The acceptance of a teaching as true is not faith; that is mere belief. Neither is certainty nor conviction faith. A state of mind attains to faith levels only when it actually dominates the mode of living. Faith is a living attribute of genuine personal religious experience. One believes truth, admires beauty, and reverences goodness, but does not worship them; such an attitude of saving faith is centered on God alone, who is all of these personified and infinitely more'

Belief is always limiting and binding; faith is expanding and releasing. Belief fixates, faith liberates. But living religious faith is more than the association of noble beliefs; it is more than an exalted system of philosophy; it is a living experience concerned with spiritual meanings, divine ideals, and supreme values; it is God—knowing and man-serving. Beliefs may become group possessions, but faith must be personal. Theologic beliefs can be suggested to a group, but faith can rise up only in the heart of the individual religionist.

Faith Sons of God:

Spiritual forces unerringly seek and attain their own original levels. Having gone out from the Eternal, they are certain to return thereto, bringing with them all those children of time and space who have espoused the leading and teaching of the indwelling Adjuster, those who have been truly "born of the Spirit," the faith sons of God. It is a solemn and supernal fact that such lowly and material creatures as Urantia human beings are the sons of God, faith children of the Highest. "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." "As many as received him, to them gave he the power to recognize that they are the sons of God." While "it does not yet appear what you shall be," even now "you are the faith sons of God"; "for you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship, whereby you cry, 'our Father.'"

Faithfuls of Days:

A group comprising the Stationary Sons of the Trinity. Faithfuls of Days are the Paradise counselors to the Most High rulers of the constellation governments. All that a Union of Days is to a Creator Son of a local universe, the Faithfuls of Days are to the Vorondadek Sons who

rule the constellations of that local creation. They are supremely devoted and divinely faithful to the welfare of their constellations of assignment, hence the name—Faithfuls of Days.

Fanaticism:

Fanaticism is a belief or behavior involving uncritical zeal or an obsessive enthusiasm. The fanatic displays very strict standards and little tolerance for contrary ideas or opinions. Mysticism, as the technique of the cultivation of the consciousness of the presence of God, is altogether praiseworthy, but when such practices lead to social isolation and culminate in religious fanaticism, they are all but reprehensible.

Fandors:

Large birds trained to carry human passengers; became extinct approximately 30,000 years ago. The early races of the worlds of space make extensive use of the larger flying animals. These enormous birds are able to carry one or two average-sized men for a nonstop flight of over five hundred miles. On some planets these birds are of great service since they possess a high order of intelligence, often being able to speak many words of the languages of the realm. These birds are most intelligent, very obedient, and unbelievably affectionate. Such passenger birds have been long extinct on Urantia, but your early ancestors enjoyed their services. On Urantia, large ostrichlike land bird developed to a height of ten feet and laid an egg nine by thirteen inches. These were the ancestors of the later gigantic fandors, passenger birds, that were so highly intelligent, and that onetime transported human beings through the air. From the large passenger birds -- the fandors -- Adam and Eve looked down upon the vast stretches of the Garden while being carried through the air over this, the most beautiful spot on earth.

Fanoving:

A local universe neighbor of the local universe of Nebadon.

Father:

See “Universal Father”.

Father Fragment:

See “Thought Adjuster”.

Father Fused:

In the fusion experience there is no overlapping; the will creature is either Spirit fused, Son fused, or Father fused. Those who are Adjuster or Father fused are never Spirit or Son fused. See “Fusion”.

Father Melchizedek:

The first-born of the Melchizedek order, he acts as the first executive associate of Gabriel. After bringing into existence the beings of personal aid, such as the Bright and Morning Star and other administrative personalities, in accordance with the divine purpose and creative plans of a given universe, there occurs a new form of creative union between the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit, the local universe Daughter of the Infinite Spirit. The personality offspring resulting from this creative partnership is the original Melchizedek -- the Father

Melchizedek. This original being subsequently collaborated with the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit to bring into existence the entire group of the name Melchizedek Sons. The Melchizedeks of our universe were all created within one millennial period of standard time by the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit in liaison with the Father Melchizedek.

In the universe of Nebadon the Father Melchizedek acts as the first executive associate of the Bright and Morning Star. Gabriel is occupied more with universe policies, Melchizedek with practical procedures. Gabriel presides over the regularly constituted tribunals and councils of Nebadon, Melchizedek over the special, extraordinary, and emergency commissions and advisory bodies. Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek are never away from Salvington at the same time, for in Gabriel's absence the Father Melchizedek functions as the chief executive of Nebadon.

Father Personality:

God as the source and center of all personality. God is father personality—the source of personality, the bestower of personality, the cause of personality. The First Father is universal spirit, eternal truth, infinite reality, and father personality. The First Source and Center is much more than a personality, but all of the spirit qualities of the father personality of the First Source and Center are spiritually present in the absolute personality of the Eternal Son.

Fatherly Love:

Fatherly love would require that you should love your fellow mortals as Jesus loves you. A father's affection can attain levels of devotion that immeasurably transcend a brother's affection. Fatherly love has singleness of purpose, and it always looks for the best in man; that is the attitude of a true parent. Jesus admonished his apostles to love men as he had loved them—to love with a fatherly as well as a brotherly affection.

Father-Absolute:

See "Universal Father".

Father-Father:

See "Universal Father".

Father-Son:

The Father is spiritually omnipresent, but such omnipresence appears to be inseparable from the everywhere spirit activities of the Eternal Son. In all situations of Father-Son presence of a dual spiritual nature, the spirit of the Son is co-ordinate with the spirit of the Father. The Infinite Spirit is the perfect execution of the "first" completed creative concept or plan for combined action by the Father-Son personality partnership of absolute thought-word union. Michael of Nebadon, our local universe Creator Son personifies the Eternal Son but also fully represents and actually embodies the personality presence of the Universal Father to and in this local universe. He even represents the Father-Son.

Fatherhood of God:

The Fatherhood of God is a significant attribute in Christian tradition. It refers to the special relationship of authority and care between God and his Son, as well as his people. When God is referred to as a father, it is a metaphor to describe His kind and loving nature.

Finaliter Corps:

See "Corps of Finality".

Finaliters:

Members of the Mortal Finaliter Corps. The corps consists primarily of beings who are Father-fused and also includes Havona natives and Gravity Messengers. Ascendant mortals become a part of this corps when they have ascended to the sixth stage of spirit being, have become residents of Paradise, and have completed the progressive course in divinity and absonity. One or more companies of the mortal finaliters are constantly in service on Urantia. There is no domain of universe service to which they are not assigned; they function universally and with alternating and equal periods of assigned duty and free service. Ascendant finaliters, having been born in the local universes, nurtured in the superuniverses, and trained in the central universe, embrace in their personal experiences the full potential of the comprehension of the time-space divinity of God the Sevenfold unifying in the Supreme. Finaliters serve successively in superuniverses other than those of nativity, thereby superimposing experience upon experience until the fullness of the sevenfold diversity of possible creature experience has been encompassed.

Finite:

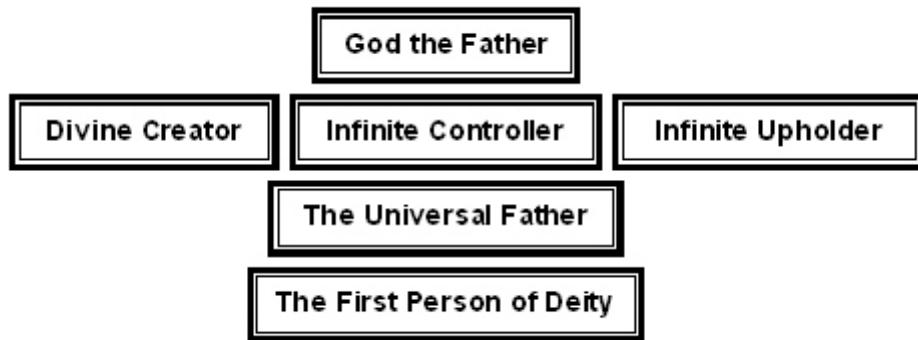
The finite level of reality is characterized by creature life and time-space limitations. Finite realities may not have endings, but they always have beginnings -- they are created. The Deity level of Supremacy may be conceived as a function in relation to finite existences. The two prime manifestations of finite reality, innate perfection and evolved perfection, be they personalities or universes, are co-ordinate, dependent, and integrated. Each requires the other to achieve completion of function, service, and destiny. Incomplete finites are the present status of the ascending creatures of the grand universe, the present status of Urantia mortals. This level embraces creature existence from the planetary human up to, but not including, destiny attainers. Maximum finites are the present status of all experiential creatures who have attained destiny -- destiny as revealed within the scope of the present universe age.

First Isaiah:

First Isaiah was the 8th-century BC Israelite prophet after whom the Book of Isaiah is named. Within the text of the Book of Isaiah, Isaiah himself is referred to as "the prophet", but the exact relationship between the Book of Isaiah and the actual prophet Isaiah is complicated. The traditional view is that all 66 chapters of the book of Isaiah were written by one man, Isaiah, possibly in two periods between 740 BC and c. 686 BC, separated by approximately 15 years, and that the book includes dramatic prophetic declarations of Cyrus the Great in the Bible, acting to restore the nation of Israel from Babylonian captivity. Another widely held view is that parts of the first half of the book (chapters 1–39) originated with the historical prophet, interspersed with prose commentaries written in the time of King Josiah a hundred years later, and that the remainder of the book dates from immediately before and immediately after the end of the exile in Babylon, almost two centuries after the time of the historical prophet, and

perhaps these later chapters represent the work of an ongoing school of prophets who prophesied in accordance with his prophecies.

First Source and Center:



The First Source and Center is the primal cause of all physical reality. Before the Isle of Paradise, the Father was. The First Source and Center is also the first and final Father of all spirit. Before the Eternal Son, the Father was. The Universal Father reveals himself to time and space in the dual manifestations of pure spirit and pure energy, and "the absolutes of both spirit and matter-energy converge in the person of the Universal Father." [UB 12:8.13]

Focalization:

Every mind, every intellect, in all creation focalizes in the Third Source and Center and is a part of the personal consciousness of the Infinite Spirit. The finite domains of energy and spirit are focalized in the mind presences of the Third Source and Center. The Infinite Spirit weaves the pattern of Paradise into the energies of space. The Supreme is the Deity focalization of the finite manifestations of the Absolutes of all actuality and potentiality. The time-space superuniverse scheme of cosmic creation is projected into the Deity realm of the Supreme. God the Supreme is the focalization of all finite evolution. The evolutionary Supreme is the volitional focus of the transmutation of potentials to actuals throughout the finite level of existence. Positioned within Havona, God the Supreme is the essential focalizer of all evolutionary finite experience.

Fonta:

The first female human being, whose initial expression of human will choice occurred when she was ten years old, in 991,474 BC. Fonta signifies "the first Sonlike creature to exhibit human perfection hunger." She died during an earthquake 32 years later (see Andon). In many respects, Andon and Fonta were the most remarkable pair of human beings that have ever lived on the face of the earth. This wonderful pair, the actual parents of all mankind, were in every way superior to many of their immediate descendants, and they were radically different from all of their ancestors, both immediate and remote. The decision of Andon and Fonta to flee from the Primates tribes implies a quality of mind far above the baser intelligence which characterized so many of their later descendants who stooped to mate with their retarded cousins of the simian tribes. But their vague feeling of being something more than mere animals was due to the possession of personality and was augmented by the indwelling presence of the Thought Adjusters. Throughout their mortal sojourn on Urantia they called each other Sonta-an and Sonta-en, Sonta-an meaning "loved by mother," Sonta-en signifying

"loved by father." They gave themselves these names, and the meanings are significant of their mutual regard and affection.

Force:

Throughout the material universes Paradise influences the reactions and conduct of all beings having to do with force, energy, and power. In discussing physical-energy manifestations, there is generally used the terms cosmic force, emergent energy, and universe power. Cosmic force embraces all energies deriving from the Unqualified Absolute but which are as yet unresponsive to Paradise gravity. Both potency of cosmic force and potency of spirit force are in process of progressive revelation-realization as the enrichment of all reality is effected by experiential growth and through the correlation of the experiential with the existential by the Universal Absolute. There are many untrammelled lines of spiritual force and sources of supermaterial power linking the people of Urantia directly with the Deities of Paradise.

Force-Charge:

All original force-energy proceeds from Paradise, and the matter for the making of untold universes now circulates throughout the master universe in the form of a supergravity presence which constitutes the force-charge of pervaded space. The primordial force-charge of space is sometimes called pure energy or segregata.

Force-Energy:

All physical force, energy, and matter are one. All force-energy originally proceeded from nether Paradise and will eventually return thereto following the completion of its space circuit. All forms of force-energy—material, mindal, or spiritual—are alike subject to those grasps, those universal presences, which we call gravity.

Foreknowledge:

It is not wholly certain as to whether or not God chooses to foreknow events of sin. But even if God should foreknow the freewill acts of his children, such foreknowledge does not in the least abrogate their freedom. One thing is certain: God is never subjected to surprise. God's wisdom consists in the unqualified perfection of his infinite universe insight, and this divine foreknowledge effectively directs the creative free will.

Form:

The infinite and eternal Ruler of the universe of universes is power, form, energy, process, pattern, principle, presence, and idealized reality. Personality is that feature of an individual which enables us to identify such a being at some future +time regardless of the nature and extent of changes in form, mind, or spirit status. The presence phenomenon of a personality or the pattern of an identity, as such, is not a manifestation of energy, either physical, mindal, or spiritual. The personality form is the pattern aspect of a living being; it connotes the arrangement of energies, and this, plus life and motion, is the mechanism of creature existence.

Fortant:

A secondary Lanonandek son who for 1,900 years served on the staff of Lanaforge, the System Sovereign who replaced Lucifer. Fortant now serves on Jerusem as the bestowal director.

Four and Twenty Elders (Counselors):

At the center of the seven angelic residential circles on Jerusem is located the headquarters of the Urantia advisory council, the four and twenty counselors. John the Revelator called them the four and twenty elders: "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment." The seats of the four and twenty elders are on Jerusem, the headquarters of your local system of inhabited worlds. The four and twenty counselors constitute the present advisory-control body of Urantia.

Fourth Creatures:

Every fourth creature is more physical in type than the others of its type; that is, out of each thousand, seven hundred and fifty are apparently true to spirit type, but two hundred and fifty are semiphysical in nature. These fourth creatures are somewhat on the order of material beings. Cherubim and Sanobim children of the local universe Mother Spirit are characterized by "fourth creatures" much as are the Havona Servitals and the conciliating commissions. Every fourth cherubim and every fourth sanobim are quasi-material, very definitely resembling the morontia level of existence. These types of beings are capable of discerning the reality of the creatures of both the spirit and the material worlds.

Fragmentation:

God, as a superperson, eventuates; God, as a person, creates; God, as a preperson, fragments. There dwells within the human mind a fragment of God, a part and parcel of divinity. Through the presence of his fragmentized spirit, the Creator Father maintains immediate contact with his creature children and his created universes. Father fragments have a solitary, unique, and exclusive function wherever and whenever they appear in the universes. In all such situations the spirit of the Son is co-ordinate with the spiritual function of the fragmented presence of the Universal Father. The Eternal Son, as an infinite and exclusively personal being, cannot fragmentize his nature, cannot distribute and bestow individualized portions of his selfhood upon other entities or persons as do the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit. Such a divine and absolute personality cannot be disintegrated or fragmentized.

That fragment of the pure Deity of the Universal Father which indwells mortal man is known as the Thought Adjuster; it is a part of the infinity of the First Great Source and Center, the Father of Fathers. An actual fragment of the living God resides within the intellect of every normal-minded and morally conscious Urantia mortal. The Thought Adjusters, though these entities are by no means the only fragmentations of the prepersonal reality of the First Source and Center. The functions of the other-than-Adjuster fragments are manifold and little known. Fusion with an Adjuster or other such fragment constitutes the creature a Father-fused being. As the Universal Father fragmentizes his prepersonal Deity, so does the Infinite Spirit individuate portions of his premind spirit to indwell and actually to fuse with the evolutionary souls of the surviving mortals of the spirit-fusion series. But the nature of the Eternal Son is not thus fragmentable; the spirit of the Original Son is either diffuse or discretely personal. Son-fused

creatures are united with individualized bestowals of the spirit of the Creator Sons of the Eternal Son.

The fragment of God which indwells the mind of man is the absolute and unqualified assurance that man can find the Universal Father in association with this divine Adjuster, which came forth from God to find man and sonship him even in the days of the flesh. The Father has chosen to fragment a part of himself subject to the will of the creature personality. The Eternal Son, as an infinite and exclusively personal being, cannot fragmentize his nature, cannot distribute and bestow individualized portions of his selfhood upon other entities or persons as do the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit.

Frandalanks:

Beings of the order of Master Physical Controllers who function as living gauges of all forms of force energy in the universes. The Frandalanks are the joint creation of all three orders of energy-control beings: the primary and secondary force organizers and the power directors. Frandalanks are the most numerous of all the Master Physical Controllers.

Free Will:

The ability to make self-determined choices. Power of choice is the universe insignia of freewill creaturehood, that constitutes man's greatest opportunity and his supreme cosmic responsibility. Upon the integrity of the human volition depends the eternal destiny of the future finaliter; upon the sincerity of the mortal free will the divine Adjuster depends for eternal personality; upon the faithfulness of mortal choice the Universal Father depends for the realization of a new ascending son; upon the steadfastness and wisdom of decision-actions the Supreme Being depends for the actuality of experiential evolution. Volition on any level short of the absolute encounters limitations which are constitutive in the very personality exercising the power of choice. Man cannot choose beyond the range of that which is choosable. The affectionate dedication of the human will to the doing of the Father's will is man's choicest gift to God; in fact, such a consecration of creature will constitutes man's only possible gift of true value to the Paradise Father.

No other being, force, creator, or agency in all the wide universe of universes can interfere to any degree with the absolute sovereignty of the mortal free will, as it operates within the realms of choice, regarding the eternal destiny of the personality of the choosing mortal. As pertains to eternal survival, God has decreed the sovereignty of the material and mortal will, and that decree is absolute. Choice becomes increasingly liberated as the universes are ascended; choice eventually approximates divine freedom when the ascending personality achieves divinity of status, supremacy of consecration to the purposes of the universe, completion of cosmic-wisdom attainment, and finality of creature identification with the will and the way of God.

Fruits of the Spirit:

The Fruits of the Spirit, categorizes the most basic recognizable characteristics of a newly born citizen of the kingdom of heaven. These personality traits comprise the spiritual foundation that distinguishes a newfound son or daughter of the kingdom, and it is on this foundation that this child of faith embarks on his mission to seek and do the Father's will and consequently change the supreme nature of the world, "for the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering,

gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." These fruits of the spirit "are the substance of the Supreme as he is realizable in human experience". [UB 117:6.17]

Fused Mortals:

All Father-fused mortals are of animal origin, just like the Urantia races. They embrace mortals of the one-brained, two-brained, and three-brained types of Adjuster-fusion potential. Urantians are of the intermediate or two-brained type, being in many ways humanly superior to the one-brained groups but definitely limited in comparison with the three-brained orders. These three types of physical-brain endowment are not factors in Adjuster bestowal, in seraphic service, or in any other phase of spirit ministry.

Fusion:

Perfected creature existence can be attained, sustained, and eternalized by the fusion of self-conscious mind with a fragment of the pre-Trinity spirit endowment of some one of the persons of the Paradise Trinity. All Father-fused mortals are of animal origin, just like the Urantia races. Fusion with a fragment of the Universal Father is equivalent to a divine validation of eventual Paradise attainment, and such Adjuster-fused mortals are the only class of human beings who all traverse the Havona circuits and find God on Paradise. Not all ascending mortals are Adjuster or Father fused; some are Spirit fused, some are Son fused.

The fragmentations of the premind spirit of the Third Source and Center, though hardly comparable to the Father fragments, differ very greatly from Thought Adjusters. They are not prepersonal in the sense that the Adjusters are, but such fragments of premind spirit are bestowed upon certain of the surviving mortals, and fusion therewith constitutes them Spirit-fused mortals in contradistinction to Adjuster-fused mortals. Surviving souls of this order attain immortality by eternal fusion with an individualized fragment of the spirit of the local universe Mother Spirit. All God-seeking souls of this type achieve eternal life through the spiritual embrace of the Mother Spirit of the local universe, thus becoming ascending mortals of the local universe regime.

When it becomes apparent that some synchronizing difficulty is inhibiting Father fusion, the survival referees of the Creator Son are convened. Thereupon does the indwelling Adjuster return forthwith to Divinington for confirmation by the Personalized Monitors, and upon this leave-taking the morontia mortal is immediately fused with an individualized gift of the spirit of the Creator Son. Son-fused creatures are united with individualized bestowals of the spirit of the Creator Sons of the Eternal Son. Difficult of description is the individualized spirit of a Creator Son, union with which constitutes the creature a Son-fused mortal. And there are still other fragmentations of Deity.

Gabriel ("God is my strength"):

Known in the Abrahamic religions as an archangel who typically serves as God's messenger, Gabriel is in fact the chief executive of the universe of Nebadon and the arbiter of all executive appeals respecting its administration. Also known as the Bright and Morning Star, he was a prominent player in many of the pivotal events in the life of Jesus, beginning most famously with the annunciation to Mary. Gabriel has been closely identified with the history and development of Urantia ever since the mortal bestowal of Michael. The entire judicial mechanism of Nebadon is under the supervision of Gabriel. The high courts, located on

Salvington, are occupied with problems of general universe import and with the appellate cases coming up from the system tribunals. Gabriel is the "supreme commander of the armies of heaven," the chief executive of the Sovereign of Nebadon, "the Lord God of hosts."

Gadiah:

A young Philistine truth-seeker working in Joppa with whom Jesus, in AD 22-23, discussed the story of Jonah and the whale and of good and evil.

Ganid/Gonod:

The 17-year-old son of the wealthy Indian traveler Gonod with whom Jesus traveled around the Mediterranean basin A.D. 22-23. The tour of the Roman world consumed most of the twenty-eighth and the entire twenty-ninth year of Jesus' life on earth. Jesus and the two natives from India -- Gonod and his son Ganid -- left Jerusalem on a Sunday morning, April 26, AD 22. On this Mediterranean tour Jesus spent about half of each day teaching Ganid and acting as interpreter during Gonod's business conferences and social contacts. Ganid, the young man, learned much from Jesus during this long and intimate association. They developed a great affection for each other, and the lad's father many times tried to persuade Jesus to return with them to India, but Jesus always declined, pleading the necessity for returning to his family in Palestine. Under Jesus' direction Ganid made a collection of the teachings of all those religions of the world which recognized a Universal Deity, even though they might also give more or less recognition to subordinate deities. Although these translations were made at Alexandria, Ganid did not finally arrange these selections and add his own personal conclusions until near the end of their sojourn in Rome.

Garden:

See "Garden of Eden".

Garden of Eden:

When the planetary course of human evolution is attaining its highest biologic level, there always appear the Material Sons and Daughters, the Adams and Eves, to augment the further evolution of the races by an actual contribution of their superior life plasm. The planetary headquarters of such an Adam and Eve is usually denominated the Garden of Eden.

Gavalia/Galantia:

The head of these superangels is Gavalia, the first-born of this order in Nebadon. Since the return of Christ Michael from his triumphant bestowal on Urantia, Gavalia has been assigned to the ascendant mortal ministry, and for the last nineteen hundred Urantia years his associate, Galantia, has maintained headquarters on Jerusem, where he spends about half of his time. Galantia is the first of the ascendant superangels to attain this high estate.

Gentiles:

Gentile is a term that usually means 'someone who is not a Jew'. Nazareth was a caravan way station and crossroads of travel and largely gentile in population. The gentiles were, from a moral standpoint, somewhat inferior to the Jews, but there was present in the hearts of the nobler gentiles abundant soil of natural goodness and potential human affection in which it was possible for the seed of Christianity to sprout and bring forth an abundant harvest of moral

character and spiritual achievement. By the times of Jesus, the Jews had arrived at a settled concept of their origin, history, and destiny. They had built up a rigid wall of separation between themselves and the gentile world; they looked upon all gentile ways with utter contempt.

Gethsemane:

Gethsemane is a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem where, according to the four Gospels of the New Testament, Jesus prayed and underwent the agony in the garden and was arrested the night before his crucifixion. It is a place of great resonance in Christianity. There are several small olive groves in church property, all adjacent to each other and identified with biblical Gethsemane.

Glantonia:

A neighboring local system in the constellation of Norlatiadek.

God:

The personalizaton of Deity. Deity is personalizable as God. God is a word symbol designating all personalizations of Deity. The term requires a different definition on each personal level of Deity function and must be still further redefined within each of these levels, as this term may be used to designate the diverse co-ordinate and subordinate personalizations of Deity. God, the Universal Father, functions on three Deity-personality levels of subinfinite value and relative divinity expression.

God of Action:

See "Infinite Spirit".

God the Absolute:

The experientializing God of transcended superpersonal values and divinity meanings, now existential as the Deity Absolute. God the Absolute transcends even the superpersonal values and divinity meanings made manifest by God the Ultimate. God the Absolute is the final expression of experiential Deity. The emergence of God the Absolute would signify the full depletion of personalizable God the Absolute transcends even the superpersonal values and divinity meanings made manifest by God the Ultimate. God the Absolute is the final expression of experiential Deity. The emergence of God the Absolute would signify the full depletion of personalizable Deity expression and self-realization. It would likely imply the experiential uniting of the existential Deity Absolute with the existential Unqualified Absolute. Deity expression and self-realization. It would likely imply the experiential uniting of the existential Deity Absolute with the existential Unqualified Absolute.

GOD THE ABSOLUTE

[UB 0:II.8 (4:12)]

- **The experientializing God of transcended superpersonal values and divinity meanings (now existential in the Deity Absolute).**
- **The third and final experiential level of unified Deity expression and expansion.**
- **A level of transcended superpersonal values and divinity meanings.**
- **The exhaustion of personalizable expression.**

- **The depletion of capacity for self-realization.**
- **The transcendence of self-revelation to successive and progressive levels of other-personalization.**
- **The experiential identification of the Deity Absolute with the Unqualified Absolute.**

God the Almighty:

The Supreme Being functions primarily in the central universe as a spirit personality; secondarily in the grand universe as God the Almighty. The tertiary function of the Supreme in the master universe is now latent, existing only as an unknown mind potential. No one knows just what this third development of the Supreme Being will disclose. Some believe that, when the superuniverses are settled in light and life, the Supreme will become functional from Uversa as the almighty and experiential sovereign of the grand universe while expanding in power as the superalmighty of the outer universes. Others speculate that the third stage of Supremacy will involve the third level of Deity manifestation. But none of us really know.

God the Father:

See “Universal Father”.

God the Sevenfold:

Deity personality anywhere actually functioning in time and space. To atone for finity of status and to compensate for creature limitations of concept, the Universal Father has established the evolutionary creature's sevenfold approach to Deity [UB 0:VIII.1 (11:5)]:

1. The Paradise Creator Sons
2. The Ancients of Days
3. The Seven Master Spirits
4. The Supreme Being
5. God the Spirit
6. God the Son
7. God the Father

The associative Deity relationship of the spirit person of God the Supreme with the absolute power of the Paradise Trinity is power-personalizing in the universe of universes on two phases of creative Supremacy:

- It is expanding outward in God the Sevenfold.
- It is synthesizing in the experiential power of the Almighty Supreme.

The expansion of God the Sevenfold and the experiential power of the Almighty Supreme are power-personality unifying as one Lord, the Supreme Being.

God the Son:

See “Eternal Son”.

God the Spirit:

See “Infinite Spirit”.

God the Supreme:

The actualizing or evolving God of time and space. God the Supreme is a consequence of the acts of infinite Deity. Although the evolving Supreme Being is in the process of actualization in time and space, the spirit personality of the emerging Supreme Being is fully existent today as God the Supreme. Analogous to our mortal view of ourselves as body, mind, and spirit, the composite identity of the Supreme Being may crudely be thought of as the Almighty Supreme (body), the Supreme Mind (mind), and God the Supreme (spirit). The spirit person of God the Supreme takes origin from the Paradise Deities and functions in the present universe age only in the perfection of Havona and only on spiritual levels. God the Supreme will not be fully functional in the universe of universes until that time when the final actualization of the unified Supreme Being comes to fruition.

GOD THE SUPREME

[UB 0:II.16 (4:10)]

- **The actualizing or evolving God of time and space**
- **The first experiential level of unifying Deity manifestation**
- **Personal Deity associatively realizing the time-space experiential achievement of creature-Creator identity**
- **The achievement of Deity unity as the evolving and experiential God of the evolutionary creatures of time and space**

God the Ultimate:

God the Ultimate is designative of personal Deity functioning on the divinity levels of the absonite and on the universe spheres of supertime and transcended space. The Ultimate is a supersupreme eventuation of Deity. The Supreme is the Trinity unification comprehended by finite beings; the Ultimate is the unification of the Paradise Trinity comprehended by absonite beings. Just as God the Supreme is both spiritually and personally present in Havona, God the Ultimate is also present in Havona in an absonite (superfinite) and superpersonal sense. Whereas God the Supreme is exerting a spiritual influence on the time-space creation of the grand universe, God the Ultimate effects his influence in transcendence of time and space to the outer borders the four outer space levels of the master universe. In the same sense that the emergence of the Supreme Being is the culmination of all evolutionary-experiential reality, the Ultimate is the fulfillment of all transcendental-eventuating reality. God the Ultimate is power-superpersonalizing throughout the master universe.

GOD THE ULTIMATE

[UB 0:II.17 (4:11)]

- **The eventuating God of supertime and superspace.**
- **The second experiential level of unifying Deity manifestation.**
- **The attained realization of the synthesized absonite superpersonal, time-space transcended, and eventuated-experiential values co-ordinated on final creative levels of Deity reality.**

God-Consciousness:

The enhancement of the ever-progressing reality of personal religious experience, the intellectual capacity for knowing God. The existence of God is utterly beyond all possibility of demonstration except for the contact between the God-consciousness of the human mind and the God-presence of the Thought Adjuster that indwells the mortal intellect and is bestowed upon man as the free gift of the Universal Father.

1. Mind Consciousness – The comprehension of the idea of God.
2. Soul Consciousness – the realization of the ideal of God.
3. Spirit Consciousness – The realization of the spirit reality of God.
4. Superconsciousness – The absonite realization of God.

Godad:

A sixth-century BC hermit whose instructions concerning the tradition of the Melchizedek missionaries were ignored by Gautama Siddhartha.

Goliath:

Goliath is a character in the Book of Samuel, described as a Philistine giant defeated by the young David in single combat. The story signified King Saul's unfitness to rule, as Saul himself should have fought for Israel. Goliath was a great Philistine giant who stood at over nine feet tall. He came to the front of the Philistine battle line each day for forty days and mocked the Israelites and their God. Goliath called to them to fight, but King Saul and the Israelites were scared and did nothing.

Gonod:

A wealthy Indian traveler and father of Ganid with whom Jesus traveled around the Mediterranean basin A.D. 22-23. Before the end of this Passover week, by apparent chance, Jesus met a wealthy traveler and his son, a young man about seventeen years of age. These travelers hailed from India, and being on their way to visit Rome and various other points on the Mediterranean, they had arranged to arrive in Jerusalem during the Passover, hoping to find someone whom they could engage as interpreter for both and tutor for the son. The father was insistent that Jesus consent to travel with them. Jesus told him about his family and that it was hardly fair to go away for almost two years, during which time they might find themselves in need. Whereupon, this traveler from the Orient proposed to advance to Jesus the wages of one year so that he could intrust such funds to his friends for the safeguarding of his family against want. And Jesus agreed to make the trip. From firsthand observation and actual contact Jesus acquainted himself with the higher material and intellectual civilization of the Occident and the Levant; from Gonod and his brilliant son he learned a great deal about the civilization and culture of India and China, for Gonod, himself a citizen of India, had made three extensive trips to the empire of the yellow race.

Goodness:

Divinity is creature comprehensible as truth, beauty, and goodness. the concept of divine goodness is understandable only in relation to personality. The concept of divine goodness is understandable only in relation to personality. God's primal perfection consists not in an assumed righteousness but rather in the inherent perfection of the goodness of his divine

nature. The greatest evidence of the goodness of God and the supreme reason for loving him is the indwelling gift of the Father—the Adjuster who so patiently awaits the hour when you both shall be eternally made one.

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Gospel:

Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth described in the books of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Jesus proclaimed: "The kingdom of heaven consists in these three essentials: first, recognition of the fact of the sovereignty of God; second, belief in the truth of sonship with God; and third, faith in the effectiveness of the supreme human desire to do the will of God -- to be like God. And this is the good news of the gospel: that by faith every mortal may have all these essentials of salvation." The Gospel of the kingdom is: the fact of the fatherhood of God, coupled with the resultant truth of the sonship-brotherhood of men. It is our sincere belief that the gospel of Jesus' teaching, founded as it is on the father-child relationship, can hardly enjoy a world-wide acceptance until such a time as the home life of the modern civilized peoples embraces more of love and more of wisdom. Notwithstanding that parents of the twentieth century possess great knowledge and increased truth for improving the home and ennobling the home life, it remains a fact that very few modern homes are such good places in which to nurture boys and girls as Jesus' home in Galilee and John Mark's home in Judea, albeit the acceptance of Jesus' gospel will result in the immediate improvement of home life. The love life of a wise home and the loyal devotion of true religion exert a profound reciprocal influence upon each other. Such a home life enhances religion, and genuine religion always glorifies the home.

Gradant:

The standard weight measure on Jerusem which is equivalent to ten ounces of weight on Urantia.

Grand Universe:

The seven evolving superuniverses in association with the central and divine universe, we commonly refer to as the grand universe; these are the now organized and inhabited creations. They are all a part of the master universe, which also embraces the uninhabited but mobilizing universes of outer space. The Grand Universe is the present organized and inhabited creation. It consists of the seven superuniverses, with an aggregate evolutionary potential of around seven trillion inhabited planets, not to mention the eternal spheres of the central creation. The Grand Universe is divided into administrative departments according to the decimal system. It consists of a Central Universe called Havona, encircling the Eternal Isle of Paradise, and of seven Superuniverses whirling around Havona on an immensely long and relatively flattened elliptical orbit. The Ancients of Days and the Seven Master Spirits are probably eternally fixed

as permanent administrators in the grand universe. The grand universe is not only a material creation of physical grandeur, spirit sublimity, and intellectual magnitude, it is also a magnificent and responsive living organism. There is actual life pulsating throughout the mechanism of the vast creation of the vibrant cosmos.

Grandfanda:

The first ascendant mortal to reach Havona. He was a pilgrim from a planet in superuniverse number one. He hailed from planet 341 of system 84 in constellation 62 of local universe 1,131 situated in superuniverse number one. His arrival was the signal for the establishment of the broadcast service of the universe of universes. Theretofore only the broadcasts of the superuniverses and the local universes had been in operation, but the announcement of the arrival of Grandfanda at the portals of Havona signalized the inauguration of the "space reports of glory," so named because the initial universe broadcast reported the Havona arrival of the first of the evolutionary beings to attain entrance upon the goal of ascendant existence. Grandfanda is today the acting head of the Corps of the Finality.

Gravita:

The name given to energy-matter of dual constitution, which is responsive to linear gravity, and which is the basis of the physical systems of the superuniverses. The power centers and physical controllers of the superuniverses assume direction and partial control of the thirty energy systems which comprise the gravita domain. The physical systems of the superuniverses are mobilized by the Universe Power Directors and their associates. These material organizations are dual in constitution and are known as gravita. Uversa refers to the realm of universe power as gravita.

Gravity:

Physical, mindal, or spiritual force due to gravitation in any of these domains. The gravity forces of the material universes are convergent in the gravity center of nether Paradise. The Eternal Son exercises perfect control over the interassociation of all undifferentiated spirit energy and over all actualized spirit reality through his absolute grasp of spirit gravity. Spirit realities respond to the drawing power of the center of spiritual gravity in accordance with their qualitative value, their actual degree of spirit nature. Spirit substance (quality) is just as responsive to spirit gravity as the organized energy of physical matter (quantity) is responsive to physical gravity. All activities of mind are grasped in the absolute mind-gravity circuit which focalizes in the Third Source and Center and is a part of the personal consciousness of the Infinite Spirit.

Gravity Messengers:

Gravity Messengers hail from Divinington, and they are modified and personalized Adjusters, but no one of revelator's Uversa group will undertake to explain the nature of one of these messengers. They know they are highly personal beings, divine, intelligent, and touchingly understanding, but they do not comprehend their timeless technique of traversing space. They seem to be competent to utilize any and all energies, circuits, and even gravity.

Group Guardians:

The group guardians of assignment to the sleeping survivors always function with the judgment Sons on their world advents. "He shall send his angels, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds." With each seraphim of assignment to the repersonalization of a sleeping mortal there functions the returned Adjuster, the same immortal Father fragment that lived in him during the days in the flesh, and thus is identity restored and personality resurrected. Thus are the sleeping survivors of a planetary age repersonalized in the dispensational roll calls. When a planetary age ends, when those in the lower circles of mortal achievement are forgathered, it is their group guardians who reassemble them in the resurrection halls of the mansion spheres, even as your record tells: "And he shall send his angels with a great voice and shall gather together his elect from one end of the realm to another."

Group guardians may serve on a planet age after age and eventually become custodians of the slumbering souls of thousands upon thousands of sleeping survivors. They can so serve on many different worlds in a given system since the resurrection response occurs on the mansion worlds.

Guardian Angels:

See "Guardian Seraphim"

Guardians of Destiny:

See "Guardian Seraphim".

Guardian Seraphim:

All angelic assignments for the status of destiny guardians are made from a group of volunteering seraphim. Both the conditions of the recipient human's particular needs and the standing of the angelic pair with regard to seraphic experience, skill, and wisdom, are taken into consideration. Although assigned in pairs, either of the guardian seraphim can more than adequately discharge all of the required ministering responsibilities, and under certain circumstances, they will work alone with their human contacts. It is only for communication and service on the higher circuits of the universes that both angels are required. Still, this guardian pair does provide for excellent complementary co-operation in their roles as the recording angels of the evolutionary worlds. While the primary (positive) guardian discharges her duties, the other seraphim, the complement of being, takes on the individual responsibility as the sponsoring recorder of the undertaking. These records are subsequently kept by a pair of cherubim (a cherubim and a sanobim respectively) who are always associated with the seraphic guardians.

Hanavard:

A primary Lanonandek Son who is currently serving as the high counselor and acting chairman of the executive counsel of the Satania system.

Hap:

One of the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff, the leader of the Dalmatian college of revealed religion. This body was slow in functioning. Urantia civilization was literally forged out between the anvil of necessity and the hammers of fear. But this group had made

considerable progress in their attempt to substitute Creator fear for creature fear (ghost worship) before their labors were interrupted by the later confusion attendant upon the secession upheaval. Hap provided the Dalamatians with the seven chants of worship and also gave them the daily praise-phrase and eventually taught them "the Father's prayer." Hap presented the early races with a moral law. This code was known as "The Father's Way" and consisted of the following seven commands. Upon the appearance of the Lucifer, Hap and the entire college of revealed religion remained loyal with Van and his noble band.

Harmony Workers:

Harmony workers are not concerned with music, painting, or anything similar, as you might be led to surmise. They are occupied with the manipulation and organization of specialized forces and energies which are present in the spirit world, but which are not recognized by mortals.

Harps of God:

Perfected space communication is to be had on all these worlds; and your anywhere reception of such communications is made possible by carrying the "harp of God," a morontia contrivance compensating for the inability to directly adjust the immature morontia sensory mechanism to the reception of space communications.

Havona:

The perfect and divine universe occupies the center of all creation; it is the eternal core around which the vast creations of time and space revolve. Paradise is the gigantic nuclear Isle of absolute stability which rests motionless at the very heart of the magnificent eternal universe. This central planetary family is called Havona and is far distant from the local universe of Nebadon. It is of enormous dimensions and almost unbelievable mass and consists of one billion spheres of unimagined beauty and superb grandeur, but the true magnitude of this vast creation is really beyond the understanding grasp of the human mind. The only creation that is perfectly settled is Havona, the central universe, which was made directly by the thought of the Universal Father and the word of the Eternal Son. Havona is an existential, perfect, and replete universe, surrounding the home of the eternal Deities, the center of all things. The creations of the seven superuniverses are finite, evolutionary, and consistently progressive.

Havona is so marvelously perfect that the spiritual status and the energy states of this pattern universe are in perfect and perpetual balance. Havona, in and of itself, is a perfect, but perfection-limited, creation; Havona perfection, expanding out into the evolutionary superuniverses, finds not only cosmic destiny but also liberation from the limitations of pre-evolutionary existence. Havona is and always has been; it is existential like the everlasting Gods who are its source.

Havona Circuits:

Time is germane to the Havona circuits and to numerous beings of both celestial and terrestrial origin sojourning thereon. Not until you traverse the last of the Havona circuits and visit the last of the Havona worlds, will the tonic of adventure and the stimulus of curiosity disappear from your career.

Havona Servitals:

The Seven Master Spirits and the associated Seven Supreme Power Directors collaborate to create the Havona Servitals who are inherently involved in certain phases of Supremacy. Havona Servitals are thus, in actuality, a reflection in the perfect central universe of certain evolutionary potentialities of the time-space domains. The Havona Servitals manifest a transcendent devotion to their work and a touching affection for one another, an affection which, while spiritual, you could only understand by comparison with the phenomenon of human love.

Havoner:

A native of Havona. The inhabitants of the Havona worlds do not require the potential of relative value levels as a choice stimulus; such perfect beings are able to identify and choose the good in the absence of all contrastive and thought-compelling moral situations. But all such perfect beings are, in moral nature and spiritual status, what they are by virtue of the fact of existence. They have experientially earned advancement only within their inherent status. The exalted adoration of the Havona creatures satiates the perfect ideals of divine beauty and truth. These beings of the central universe live to gratify the ideals of the Paradise Trinity. In their very nature they are the will of God. Havoners have both optional present and future unrevealed destinies. The Havona natives acquire a comprehension of the Supreme through contacts with descending pilgrims from Paradise and ascending pilgrims from the seven superuniverses. Havona natives are inherently in position to harmonize the essentially different viewpoints of the citizens of the eternal Isle and the citizens of the evolutionary universes. Ascending mortals, in their long and loving association with the Havona natives, do much to compensate for the spiritual impoverishment of the earlier stages of mortal progression. At the same time, through their contacts with ascending pilgrims, the Havoners gain an experience which to no small extent overcomes the experiential handicap of having always lived a life of divine perfection. The good to both ascending mortal and Havona native is great and mutual.

Heaven/Heaven of Heavens:

You should consider the statement about "heaven" and the "heaven of heavens." The heaven conceived by most of your prophets was the first of the mansion worlds of the local system. When the apostle spoke of being "caught up to the third heaven," he referred to that experience in which his Adjuster was detached during sleep and in this unusual state made a projection to the third of the seven mansion worlds. Some of your wise men saw the vision of the greater heaven, "the heaven of heavens," of which the sevenfold mansion world experience was but the first; the second being Jerusem; the third, Edentia and its satellites; the fourth, Salvington and the surrounding educational spheres; the fifth, Uversa; the sixth, Havona and the seventh, Paradise.

Heavenly Reproducers:

Mortal man can hardly hope for more than a meager and distorted concept of the functions of the heavenly reproducers. Their spirit-morontia world has a thousand and one things of supreme value, things worthy of reproduction but unknown on Urantia. Very often and effectively the heavenly reproducers collaborate with the reversion directors in combining memory recapitulation with certain forms of mind rest and personality diversion.

Henotheism:

Henotheism is the worship of a single, supreme god that does not deny the existence or possible existence of other deities. Various scholars prefer the term monolatry to henotheism, to discuss religions where a single god is central, but the existence or the position of other gods is not denied. A henotheist may worship a single god from a pantheon of deities at a given time, depending on his or her choice, while accepting other deities and concepts of god. Several biblical stories allude to the belief that the Canaanite gods all existed and were thought to possess the most power in the lands by the people who worshiped them and their sacred objects; their power was believed to be real and could be invoked by the people who patronized them.

Hensalon:

A local universe neighbor of the local universe of Nebadon.

Herod of Antipas:

Herod Antipas (20 BC – c. 39 AD) was a 1st-century ruler of Galilee and Perea. He bore the title of tetrarch ("ruler of a quarter") and is referred to as both "Herod the Tetrarch" and "King Herod" in the New Testament. He was a son of Herod the Great and a grandson of Antipater the Idumaeans. He is widely known today for accounts in the New Testament of his role in events that led to the executions of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth.

Herodians:

The Herodians were a sect of Hellenistic Jews mentioned in the New Testament who were hostile to Jesus. They were political foes of the Pharisees and wanted to restore a Herod to the throne in Judea. The name "Herodians" designates partisans of Herod the Great or his dynasty. They played a significant role in the New Testament, opposing Jesus and highlighting political tensions. They were probably supporters of Herod Antipas.

High Commissioners:

The High Commissioners are Spirit-fused ascendant mortals; they are not Adjuster fused. Such mortals are never permanently joined in union with a Mystery Monitor of Paradise bestowal; nevertheless, the Adjusters do transiently indwell them, serving as guides and patterns for the duration of the life in the flesh. Surviving souls of this order attain immortality by eternal fusion with an individualized fragment of the spirit of the local universe Mother Spirit.

High Son Assistants:

The High Son Assistants are the superior group of the rechristianized trinitized sons of glorified ascendant beings of the Mortal Corps of the Finality and of their eternal associates, the Paradise-Havona personalities. They are assigned to the superuniverse service and function as personal aids to the high sons of the governments of the Ancients of Days. They might fittingly be denominated private secretaries. They act, from time to time, as clerks for special commissions and other group associations of the high sons. They serve Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counselors, Universal Censors, Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number.

Much of the routine work of major sector affairs is carried on by High Son Assistants. Most of the High Son Assistants are assigned to the service of the major and the minor sectors. They are the creature-trinitized sons of Paradise-Havona personalities or of perfected ascendant mortals who have long distinguished themselves in the Corps of the Finality. Some of these creature-trinitized sons, after service with the Supreme Executives of the Seven Master Spirits and after serving under the Trinity Teacher Sons, are retrinitized (embraced) by the Paradise Trinity and then commissioned to the courts of the Ancients of Days as High Son Assistants.

Holdant:

A tertiary Lanonandek Son who is currently serving in the Satania system government as custodian of the system. He is the controller and holder of all interned spirits above the mortal level

Holy Area:

On upper Paradise there are three grand spheres of activity, the Deity presence, the Most Holy Sphere, and the Holy Area. The Holy Area, the outlying or residential region, is divided into seven concentric zones. Paradise is sometimes called "the Father's House" since it is his eternal residence, and these seven zones are often designated "the Father's Paradise mansions.

Holy Spirit:

Mortal mind is further receptive to the internal spiritual stimulus as provided by the indwelling presence of the Paradise Father in the form of his bestowed Thought Adjusters. Before a Thought Adjuster can indwell the mortal mind, such mind must first be endowed with adjutant mind and encircuated in the Holy Spirit of the local universe Mother Spirit.

Along with the basic functioning of mortal adjutant mind, the superadditive ministry of the Holy Spirit is also provided by the Creative Mother Spirit to endow mortal mind with the capacity for choosing the spiritual presence of the Universal Father. The Holy Spirit is a supermind endowment available to all normal-minded human beings. It provides the mortal adjutant-mind with the endowment of spiritual reasoning; it "functions to enlarge man's viewpoint of ethics, religion, and spirituality." [UB 103:0.1] The Holy Spirit allies itself with the top mind adjutants of worship and wisdom in expanding the human comprehension of human survival. The influence of the Holy Spirit is pervasive in the thinking and reflective thought of man even without man's conscious co-operation, but the Holy Spirit becomes more effective when man displays a willing openness for this ministry, especially when making the supreme choice for desiring the Father's personal presence.

Hope:

Mortal man earns even his status as an ascension candidate by his own faith and hope. Throughout every trial and in the presence of every hardship, spirit-born souls are sustained by that hope which transcends all fear because the love of God is shed abroad in all hearts by the presence of the divine Spirit. Mortal man earns his status as an ascension candidate by his own faith and hope.

Hosea:

In the Hebrew Bible, Hosea, son of Beeri, was an 8th-century BC prophet in Israel and the nominal primary author of the Book of Hosea. He is the first of the Twelve Minor Prophets, whose collective writings were aggregated and organized into a single book in the Jewish Tanakh by the Second Temple period, forming the last book of the Nevi'im; but which writings are distinguished as individual books in Christianity. Hosea is often seen as a "prophet of doom", but underneath his message of destruction is a promise of restoration. The Talmud claims that he was the greatest prophet of his generation. The period of Hosea's ministry extended to some sixty years, and he was the only prophet of Israel of his time who left any written prophecy.

I AM:

The concept of the I AM Is a philosophic concession which is made to the time-bound, space-fettered, finite mind of man, to the impossibility of creature comprehension of eternity existences - nonbeginning, nonending realities and relationships. To the time-space creature, all things must have a beginning save only the ONE UNCAUSED - the primal cause of causes. Therefor does The Urantia Book conceptualize this philosophic value-level as the I AM, at the same time instructing all creatures that the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit are coeternal with the I AM; in other words, that there never was a time when the I AM was not the Father of the Son and, with him, of the Spirit.

This I Am concept relates to the Deity nature of the Father-Infinite, the First Source and Center, that involves his prepersonal/personal/and superpersonal functions as Deity.

Identity:

Personality is superimposed upon energy, and it is associated only with living energy systems; identity can be associated with nonliving energy patterns. In contrast to the aspect of the total, pattern discloses the individual aspect of energy and of personality. Personality or identity forms are patterns resultant from energy (physical, spiritual, or mindal) but are not inherent therein. We all maintain identity of personality and unity of will in spite of the constant changing of both ourselves and our environment. The very identity of God is inimical to change. "I, the Lord, change not." God is immutable; but not until you achieve Paradise status can you even begin to understand how God can pass from simplicity to complexity, from identity to variation, from quiescence to motion, from infinity to finitude, from the divine to the human, and from unity to duality and triunity.

Idols:

In the practice of religion, an idol is a human-made object that is venerated or worshipped for the deity, spirit or daemon that it embodies or represents. In several traditions, including the ancient religions of Egypt, Greece and Rome, and modern Hinduism, cult images in a temple may undergo a daily routine of being washed, dressed, and having food left for them. Processions outside the temple on special feast days are often a feature. Religious images cover a wider range of all types of images made with a religious purpose, subject, or connection. In many contexts "cult image" specifically means the most important image in a temple, kept in an inner space, as opposed to what may be many other images decorating the temple.

Ikhnaton:

Egyptian pharaoh having a clear concept of revealed religion and one God. Very wisely Ikhnaton sought to establish monotheism under the guise of the sun-god. This decision to approach the worship of the Universal Father by absorbing all gods into the worship of the sun was due to the counsel of the Salemite physician. Ikhnaton took the generalized doctrines of the then existent Aton faith regarding the fatherhood and motherhood of Deity and created a religion which recognized an intimate worshipful relation between man and God. Never in all history did any king so methodically proceed to swing a whole nation from polytheism to monotheism as did this extraordinary Ikhnaton. With the most amazing determination this young ruler broke with the past, changed his name, abandoned his capital, built an entirely new city, and created a new art and literature for a whole people. But he went too fast; he built too much, more than could stand when he had gone. Again, he failed to provide for the material stability and prosperity of his people, all of which reacted unfavorably against his religious teachings when the subsequent floods of adversity and oppression swept over the Egyptians. (see Amenhotep)

Immanence/Transcendence:

It is well-nigh impossible for human logic and finite reason to harmonize the concept of divine immanence, God within and a part of every individual, with the idea of God's transcendence, the divine domination of the universe of universes. Emerging forms of monotheism struggle to explain not only the unity of Deity and the plurality of the created universe, they also attempt to explain the combined immanence and transcendence of God's presence. How can God both participate within his own creation and yet remain above and apart from it at the same time? We have been told that God embraces diversity in unity, that he is both transcendent and yet immanent, that he is dynamic and yet he possesses eternal stability. A stark monotheism in which God is utterly transcendent and sovereign to his creation is untenable, as is a pantheism in which God is entirely and universally immanent. In monism, all differences are swallowed up in the eternal unity of God.

Immanence of the Projected Incomplete:

There is also an organic unity in the universes of time and space which seems to underlie the whole fabric of cosmic events. This living presence of the evolving Supreme Being, this Immanence of the Projected Incomplete, is inexplicably manifested ever and anon by what appears to be an amazingly fortuitous co-ordination of apparently unrelated universe happenings. This must be the function of Providence—the realm of the Supreme Being and the Conjoint Actor. It may be that on the upper limits of the finite, where time conjoins transcended time, there is some sort of blurring and blending of sequence. It may be that the Supreme is able to forecast his universe presence onto these supertime levels and then to a limited degree anticipate future evolution by reflecting this future forecast back to the created levels as the Immanence of the Projected Incomplete.

Immanuel ("God is with Us"):

The ambassador of the Paradise Trinity, Immanuel of Salvington, is the Union of Days assigned to the local universe of Nebadon. He functions as adviser to the Sovereign Son but gives counsel only on request. In the absence of the Creator Son he might preside over any high universe council but would not otherwise participate in the executive affairs of the universe except as requested.

Immutability:

God acts in accordance with a well-defined, unchanging, immutable law throughout the wide-spreading master universe. God is immutable; but not until you achieve Paradise status can you even begin to understand how God can pass from simplicity to complexity, from identity to variation, from quiescence to motion, from infinity to finitude, from the divine to the human, and from unity to duality and triunity. And God can thus modify the manifestations of his absoluteness because divine immutability does not imply immobility; God has will—he is will.

Imports of Time:

These time evaluators are also the secret of prophecy, portraying the element of time which will be required in the completion of any undertaking. They are just as dependable as indicators as are the frandalanks and chronoldeks of other living orders. The ascendant authorities of the universes of time must consult the Imports of Time to be able to forecast events of the future. You will first encounter these beings on the mansion worlds, and they will there instruct you in the advantageous use of that which you call "time," both in its positive employment, work, and in its negative utilization, rest. Both uses of time are important.

Incarnation:

Conception and birth of a sentient creature who is the material manifestation of an entity whose original nature is nonmaterial. Incarnation literally means embodied in flesh or taking on flesh. It refers to the conception and birth of a sentient being who is the material manifestation of an entity, god, spiritual or universal force whose original nature is immaterial. In its religious context the word is used to mean a god, deity, or divine being in human/animal form on Earth. Incarnation, the secret of Sonarington, is the technique of the Son's escape from the otherwise all-encompassing fetters of personality absolutism. The secrets of Sonarington include the secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons. When a Son of God becomes a Son of Man, is literally born of woman, as occurred on your world nineteen hundred years ago, it is a universal mystery.

Indivisibility:

in the personality associations of the Paradise Deities, the absolute unity of these associations is so perfect that divinity becomes known by indivisibility, by oneness. "The Lord God is one." Indivisibility of personality does not interfere with God's bestowing his spirit to live in the hearts of mortal men. Indivisibility of a human father's personality does not prevent the reproduction of mortal sons and daughters. This concept of indivisibility in association with the concept of unity implies transcendence of both time and space; therefore neither space nor time can be absolute or infinite. The First Source and Center is that infinity who unqualifiedly transcends all mind, all matter, and all spirit.

Infinite Spirit (Third Person of Deity, Third Source and Center):

The Infinite Spirit is the source and center of all mind reality. As the multifaceted third person of the Trinity and the Third Source and Center, the Infinite Spirit is also unitive Being. The Spirit, as unitive Being proceeding from both the Father and the Son, maintains the unity of creation. The Infinite Spirit, acting as the Conjoint Creator with the Father-Son union, is the universal and divine minister of the Son's mercy and the Father's love. As Conjoint Actor, he is also the

co-operative universal coordinator of creation; he is the coordinator of all actual reality; he is the unifier of the manifold energies and diverse creations that have appeared in consequence of the divine plan and eternal purpose of the Universal Father.

Infinity:

The unlimited capacity for infinity response exists in the Unqualified Absolute, and the geographic center of infinity is the dwelling place of the eternal God. The eternal and infinite I AM achieved Deity liberation from the fetters of unqualified infinity through the exercise of inherent and eternal free will, and this divorce from unqualified infinity produced the first absolute divinity-tension. This tension of infinity differential is resolved by the Universal Absolute, which functions to unify and co-ordinate the dynamic infinity of Total Deity and the static infinity of the Unqualified Absolute. The Infinite is used to denote the fullness—the finality—implied by the primacy of the First Source and Center. The theoretical I AM is a creature-philosophic extension of the "infinity of will," but the Infinite is an actual value-level representing the eternity-intension of the true infinity of the absolute and unfettered free will of the Universal Father. This concept is sometimes designated the Father-Infinite.

Iniquity:

The persistent pursuit of sin and error, the willful determined and persistent transgression of the divine law of the Father's will. The mortal's willful and persistent rejection of God's divine light leads to a soul-destroying harvest of iniquity. A sin-identified individual, having embraced iniquity, destroys himself by becoming wholly unspiritual in nature. He will become personally unreal, unrecognizable to a personal God.

- The willful, determined, and persistent transgression of the divine law, the Father's will.
- The measure of the continued rejection of the Father's loving plan of personality survival and the Sons' merciful ministry of salvation.
- The wholehearted pursuit of sin and error.
- An open and persistent defiance of recognized reality signifying such a degree of personality disintegration as to border on cosmic insanity.
- Habitual sinning, sinners becoming wholehearted rebels against the universe and all of its divine realities.

Insight:

All inner and spiritual communion is termed spiritual insight. Such religious experiences result from the impress made upon the mind of man by the combined operations of the Adjuster and the Spirit of Truth as they function amid and upon the ideas, ideals, insights, and spirit strivings of the evolving sons of God. The mind of evolutionary man is ever confronted with the intricate problem of refereeing the contest between the natural expansion of emotional impulses and the moral growth of unselfish urges predicated on spiritual insight - genuine religious reflection.

Inspiration

Always is religion the inspiration of man's evolving nature. Faith is the inspiration of the spiritized creative imagination. Jesus' life in the flesh on Urantia was the inspiration for all lives upon all Nebadon worlds throughout all generations in the ages to come. In all that you may perform on the world of your bestowal, bear constantly in mind that you are living a life for the instruction and edification of all your universe. You are bestowing this life of mortal incarnation

upon Urantia, but you are to live such a life for the spiritual inspiration of every human and superhuman intelligence that has lived, now exists, or may yet live on every inhabited world which has formed, now forms, or may yet form a part of the vast galaxy of your administrative domain. Your earth life in the likeness of mortal flesh shall not be so lived as to constitute an example for the mortals of Urantia in the days of your earthly sojourn nor for any subsequent generation of human beings on Urantia or on any other world. Rather shall your life in the flesh on Urantia be the inspiration for all lives upon all Nebadon worlds throughout all generations in the ages to come. It was not apparent to the apostles that their Master was engaged in living a life of spiritual inspiration for every person of every age on every world of a far-flung universe. Notwithstanding what Jesus told them from time to time, the apostles did not grasp the idea that he was doing a work on this world but for all other worlds in his vast creation. Jesus lived his earth life on Urantia, not to set a personal example of mortal living for the men and women of this world, but rather to create a high spiritual and inspirational ideal for all mortal beings on all worlds.

Inspired Trinity Spirits:

The Inspired Trinity Spirits are able to tell us very little concerning the Inspired Trinity Spirits, for they are one of the few wholly secret orders of beings in existence, secret, no doubt, because it is impossible for them fully to reveal themselves even to those of us whose origin is so near the source of their creation. They come into being by the act of the Paradise Trinity and may be utilized by any one or two of the Deities as well as by all three. It is not known whether these Spirits are of completed numbers or are constantly increasing, but we incline to the belief that their number is not fixed.

Intelligence Corps:

These seraphim belong to the personal staff of Gabriel, the Bright and Morning Star. They range the local universe gathering the information of the realms for his guidance in the councils of Nebadon. They are the intelligence corps of the mighty hosts over which Gabriel presides as vicegerent of the Master Son.

Interpreters of Cosmic Citizenship:

The seraphic interpreters of cosmic citizenship guide the new citizens of the system capitals and quicken their appreciation of the responsibilities of universe government. These seraphim are also closely associated with the Material Sons in the system administration, while they portray the responsibility and morality of cosmic citizenship to the material mortals on the inhabited worlds.

Interassociated Reality:

Universe reality is supposedly either deified or undeified, but to subdeified beings there exists a vast domain of interassociated reality, potential and actualizing, which is difficult of identification. Much of this co-ordinate reality is embraced within the realms of the Universal Absolute.

Intuition:

Moral intuition, the realization of duty, is a component of human mind endowment and is associated with the other inalienables of human nature. Faith-insight is spiritual intuition, the

endowment of the cosmic mind in association with the Thought Adjuster, which is the Father's gift to man. Women seem to have more intuition than men.

Isaiah:

Isaiah ("Yahweh is salvation") was the 8th-century Israelite prophet after whom the Book of Isaiah is named. The text of the Book of Isaiah refers to Isaiah as "the prophet", but the exact relationship between the Book of Isaiah and the actual prophet Isaiah is complicated. The traditional view is that all 66 chapters of the book of Isaiah were written by one man, Isaiah, possibly in two periods between 740 BC and c. 686 BC, separated by approximately 15 years.

Another widely held view suggests that parts of the first half of the book (chapters 1–39) originated with the historical prophet, interspersed with prose commentaries written in the time of King Josiah 100 years later, and that the remainder of the book dates from immediately before and immediately after the end of the 6th-century BC exile in Babylon (almost two centuries after the time of the historical prophet), and that perhaps these later chapters represent the work of an ongoing school of prophets who prophesied in accordance with his prophecies.

Isle of Light and Life:

See "Isle of Paradise".

Isle of Paradise:

The Isle of Paradise is the only fixed point of the universe of universes. Its huge size challenges imagination. It has the form of an oval flattened disk with its two faces, the Upper Paradise and the Nether Paradise. The directions determined by its major and minor axis are the absolute North, South, East, and West, enabling all the universes to be geographically oriented. The Isle and the billion great architectural spheres gravitating around it constitute the eternal universe of Havona. Among these spheres are the huge Dar Gravity Bodies controlling universal gravitation, and the seven divine spheres centralizing certain activities of the Three Persons of the Trinity, the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit.

Israel (Northern Kingdom):

The United Monarchy in the Hebrew Bible refers to Israel and Judah under the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon. It is traditionally dated to have lasted between c. 1047 BC and c. 930 BC. According to the Biblical account, on the succession of Solomon's son Rehoboam, the United Kingdom would have split into two separate kingdoms: the Kingdom of Israel in the north, containing the cities of Shechem and Samaria; and the Kingdom of Judah in the south, containing the city of Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple.

James (brother of Jesus):

An important event in the early life of this early Nazareth family of Jesus was the birth of the second child, James, in the early morning hours of April 2, 3 BC. Jesus was thrilled by the thought of having a baby brother, and he would stand around by the hour just to observe the baby's early activities. James grew up to be a well-balanced and even-tempered youth, but he was not so spiritually inclined as Jesus. He had early on become a clever worker with tools and soon took over the making of yokes and plows while Jesus began to do more house

finishing and expert cabinet work. Before taking up his new employment at Sepphoris, Jesus held one of his periodic family conferences and solemnly installed James, then just past eighteen years old, as acting head of the family. James was present at Jesus' baptism and, with his brother Jude, had become a firm believer in Jesus' mission on earth.

James the Just, brother of the Lord was, according to the New Testament, a brother of Jesus. He was the first Jewish bishop of Jerusalem. James, Joses, Simon, and Judas are mentioned as the brothers of Jesus as well as two or more unnamed sisters. (See Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3.) Paul describes James as being one of the persons to whom the risen Christ showed himself, (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). In Galatians 2:9, Paul mentions James with Cephas (Peter) and John the Apostle as the three Pillars of the Church. The Epistle of James is a general epistle and one of the 21 epistles (didactic letters) in the New Testament. Traditionally, the epistle is attributed to James the brother of Jesus (James the Just), and the audience is considered generally to be Jewish Christians, who were dispersed outside Israel. The Urantia Book tells us that James became the titular head of the Church in Jerusalem. James was eventually killed by order of King Herod.

Jansad:

The son of Eveson (second-born of Adam and Eve) who became the successor of Adam as head of the Adamite tribes.

Jaram:

A Hittite student of Melchizedek who extended to Abraham Melchizedek's invitation to come to Salem to hear the teachings of monotheistic truth.

Jeremiah:

Jeremiah's ministry begins in 627 BC and ends sometime around 582 BC with his prophecy to the Jews who fled to Egypt (44:1). For the majority of this time, Jeremiah based his ministry out of Jerusalem. The southern kingdom of Judah fell during Jeremiah's prophetic ministry (586 BC), having been threatened for many years by outside powers - first Assyria and Egypt and then by their eventual conquerors, Babylon. Jeremiah found himself addressing a nation hurtling headlong toward judgment from God. Significantly, the book of Jeremiah also provides us the clearest glimpse of the New Covenant God intended to make with his people once Christ comes to earth. This New Covenant would be the means of restoration for God's people, as he would put his law within them, writing it on hearts of flesh rather than on tablets of stone and fostering our relationship with God through a fixed location like a temple. God promises through Jeremiah that his people would know him directly, a knowledge that comes through the person of his Son, Jesus Christ (31:31-34; see also Hebrews 8:6).

Jerusem:

Jerusem, the headquarters of your local system of Satania, has its seven worlds of transition culture, each of which is encircled by seven satellites, among which are the seven mansion worlds of morontia detention, man's first postmortal residence. As the term heaven has been used on Urantia, it has sometimes meant these seven mansion worlds, the first mansion world being denominated the first heaven, and so on to the seventh. The conditions on Jerusem are more and more approaching the heavenly status of your traditions, for the system

headquarters is truly the heaven visualized by the majority of twentieth-century religious believers.

"John the Revelator saw a vision of the arrival of a class of advancing mortals from the seventh mansion world to their first heaven, the glories of Jerusem. He recorded: 'And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and those who had gained the victory over the beast that was originally in them and over the image that persisted through the mansion worlds and finally over the last mark and trace, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God, and singing the song of deliverance from mortal fear and death.' (Perfected space communication is to be had on all these worlds; and your anywhere reception of such communications is made possible by carrying the 'harp of God,' a morontia contrivance compensating for the inability to directly adjust the immature morontia sensory mechanism to the reception of space communications.)" [UB 47:10.2]

"Paul also had a view of the ascendant-citizen corps of perfecting mortals on Jerusem, for he wrote: 'But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the grand assembly of Michael, and to the spirits of just men being made perfect.'" [UB 47:10.3]

Jerusemites:

Beings domiciled on Jerusem.

Jesus of Nazareth:

The Urantia Book also refers to Jesus of Nazareth by his celestial titles of Michael, Christ Michael, and Michael of Nebadon - the Creator Son of God in whose universe (Nebadon) our world (Urantia) exists. Christ derives from the Greek Christós: the anointed one. The name Michael springs from the Latin *micare*: to shine, glitter. Michael means literally and interrogatively: "who is like God" in Hebrew. So, Christ Michael translates as "the anointed one who is like God." The name Jesus of Nazareth (or simply the Master), designating the human hero who we know, now takes its rightful place alongside these noble titles that designate the sovereign Creator of the universe whose monumental mission to our seemingly insignificant planet changed the course of human history and continues to influence it today.

John the Baptist:

Forerunner of Michael's mission on Urantia and, in the flesh, distant cousin of the Son of Man. From his earliest infancy John was judiciously impressed by his parents with the idea that he was to grow up to become a spiritual leader and religious teacher. And the soil of John's heart was ever responsive to the sowing of such suggestive seeds. Even as a child he was found frequently at the temple during the seasons of his father's service, and he was tremendously impressed with the significance of all that he saw. When John preached the coming kingdom, the burden of his message was: Repent! flee from the wrath to come. When Jesus began to preach, there remained the exhortation to repentance, but such a message was always followed by the gospel, the good tidings of the joy and liberty of the new kingdom. It was apparent to all who heard John that he was more than a preacher. The great majority of those who listened to this strange man who had come up from the Judean wilderness went away believing that they had heard the voice of a prophet. From all John heard of the vice and wickedness of Rome and the dissoluteness and moral barrenness of the empire, from what he

knew of the evil doings of Herod Antipas and the governors of Judea, he was minded to believe that the end of the age was impending. It seemed to this rugged and noble child of nature that the world was ripe for the end of the age of man and the dawn of the new and divine age -- the kingdom of heaven. The feeling grew in John's heart that he was to be the last of the old prophets and the first of the new. And he fairly vibrated with the mounting impulse to go forth and proclaim to all men: "Repent! Get right with God! Get ready for the end; prepare yourselves for the appearance of the new and eternal order of earth affairs, the kingdom of heaven."

Joseph (brother of Jesus):

Jesus' brother Joseph was a plodder and not up to the intellectual level of the other children of Mary and Joseph. Joseph graduated at the synagogue and prepared to begin work at the small bench in the home carpenter shop. One year Jesus went up to Jerusalem with Joseph to celebrate the Passover. Having taken James to the temple for consecration, he deemed it his duty to take Joseph. Jesus never exhibited any degree of partiality in dealing with his family. Going down the Jordan, Jesus narrated Jewish history to Joseph and on the return trip told him about the experiences of the reputed tribes of Ruben, Gad, and Gilead that traditionally had dwelt in these regions east of the river. Jesus was motivated to train his brothers James and Joseph in the bearing of the family responsibility. He had begun the slow process of weaning his family from dependency on him.

Joshua:

Joshua functioned as Moses' assistant in the books of Exodus and Numbers, and later succeeded Moses as leader of the Israelite tribes in the Book of Joshua of the Hebrew Bible. According to the Bible, he was born in Egypt prior to the Exodus. The Hebrew Bible identifies Joshua as one of the twelve spies of Israel sent by Moses to explore the land of Canaan. In Numbers 13:1 and after the death of Moses, he led the Israelite tribes in the conquest of Canaan, and allocated lands to the tribes.

Judah (Southern Kingdom):

The Kingdom of Judah was an Israelite kingdom of the Southern Levant during the Iron Age. Centered in Judea, the Kingdom's capital was Jerusalem. The other Israelite polity, the Kingdom of Israel, lay to the north. Jews are named after Judah and are primarily descended from it. The Hebrew Bible depicts the Kingdom of Judah as a successor to the United Kingdom of Israel, a term denoting the united monarchy under biblical kings Saul, David and Solomon and covering the territory of Judah and Israel.

Jude (brother of Jesus):

Jesus began wise discipline upon his brothers and sisters at such an early age that little or no punishment was ever required to secure their prompt and wholehearted obedience. The only exception was Jude, upon whom on sundry occasions Jesus found it necessary to impose penalties for his infractions of the rules of the home. Jude was present at Jesus' baptism and, with his brother James, had become a firm believer in Jesus' mission on earth. The Epistle of Jude is a book in the New Testament of the Christian Bible. It is considered one of the "general epistles" because it is addressed to no particular church or person. The epistle is attributed to

Jude, brother of James and Jesus, and is a brief book with only a single chapter containing 25 verses.

Judgment:

As the emergencies of human experience arise, God has foreseen them all, and therefore he does not react to the affairs of the universe in a detached way but rather in accordance with the dictates of eternal wisdom and in consonance with the mandates of infinite judgment. Judgment is the final application of justice. The Ancients of Days and their Trinity-origin associates mete out the just judgment of supreme fairness to the seven superuniverses.

Justice:

Justice is inherent in the universal sovereignty of the Paradise trinity, but goodness, mercy, and truth are the universe ministry of the divine personalities, whose Deity union constitutes the Trinity. Justice is not the attitude of the Father, the Son, or the Spirit. Justice is the Trinity attitude of these personalities of love, mercy, and ministry. No one of the paradise Deities fosters the administration of justice. Justice is never a personal attitude; it is always a plural function. Justice is the collective thought of righteousness; mercy is its personal expression. Natural justice is a man-made theory; it is not a reality. In nature, justice is purely theoretic, wholly a fiction. Nature provides but one kind of justice—inevitable conformity to causes. Justice, as conceived by man, means getting one's rights and has, therefore, been a matter of progressive evolution. The concept of justice may well be constitutive in a spirit-endowed mind, but it does not spring full-fledgedly into existence on the worlds of space.

Justice Guides:

These are the angels who present the summary of evidence concerning the eternal welfare of men and angels when such matters come up for adjudication in the tribunals of a system or a planet. They prepare the statements for all preliminary hearings involving mortal survival, statements which are subsequently carried with the records of such cases to the higher tribunals of the universe and the superuniverse. The defense of all cases of doubtful survival is prepared by these seraphim, who have a perfect understanding of all the details of every feature of every count in the indictments drawn by the administrators of universe justice.

Katro:

The head of the family with whom Melchizedek lived for more than 30 years.

Kenan:

Great grand-son of Adam and Eve, grandson of Seth, Adam and Eve's first-born son in the second garden. He was an early Sethite priest who instituted the first missionary service to other tribes in Mesopotamia area in approximately 35,000 BC.

Kingdom:

See "Kingdom of Heaven".

Kingdom of God:

See "Kingdom of Heaven"

Kingdom of Heaven:

Jesus never tired of telling them that the kingdom of heaven was their personal experience of realizing the higher qualities of spiritual living; that these realities of the spirit experience are progressively translated to new and higher levels of divine certainty and eternal grandeur. The kingdom of heaven is neither a social nor economic order; it is an exclusively spiritual brotherhood of God-knowing individuals. Jesus never gave a precise definition of the kingdom. At one time he would discourse on one phase of the kingdom, and at another time he would discuss a different aspect of the brotherhood of God's reign in the hearts of men. In the course of a Sabbath afternoon's sermon, Jesus noted no less than five phases, or epochs, of the kingdom, and they were:

1. The personal and inward experience of the spiritual life of the fellowship of the individual believer with God the Father.
2. The enlarging brotherhood of gospel believers, the social aspects of the enhanced morals and quickened ethics resulting from the reign of God's spirit in the hearts of individual believers.
3. The supermortal brotherhood of invisible spiritual beings which prevails on earth and in heaven, the superhuman kingdom of God.
4. The prospect of the more perfect fulfillment of the will of God, the advance toward the dawn of a new social order in connection with improved spiritual living -- the next age of man.
5. The kingdom in its fullness, the future spiritual age of light and life on earth.

The kingdom of heaven, the divine government, is founded on the fact of divine sovereignty -- God is spirit. Since God is spirit, this kingdom is spiritual. The kingdom of heaven is neither material nor merely intellectual; it is a spiritual relationship between God and man. "The kingdom of God is within you" was probably the greatest pronouncement Jesus ever made, next to the declaration that his Father is a living and loving spirit.

Lanaforgé:

A primary Lanonandek Son who succeeded Lucifer as System Sovereign. Lanaforgé was faithful to Michael in an earlier upheaval in the universe of Nebadon. This mighty and brilliant Lord of Satania is a tried and tested administrator. At the time of the second system rebellion in Nebadon, when the System Sovereign stumbled and fell into darkness, Lanaforgé, the first assistant to the erring chief, seized the reins of government and so conducted the affairs of the system that comparatively few personalities were lost either on the headquarters worlds or on the inhabited planets of that unfortunate system. Lanaforgé bears the distinction of being the only primary Lanonandek Son in all Nebadon who thus functioned loyally in the service of Michael and in the very presence of the default of his brother of superior authority and antecedent rank. Lanaforgé will probably not be removed from Jerusem until all the results of the former folly have been overcome and the products of rebellion removed from Satania. While all the affairs of the isolated worlds of Satania have not been returned to his jurisdiction, Lanaforgé discloses great interest in their welfare, and he is a frequent visitor on Urantia. With the arrival of Lanaforgé the archrebels were dethroned and shorn of all governing powers, though they were permitted freely to go about Jerusem, the morontia spheres, The first

message of Lanaforg to the Constellation Father of Norlatiadek. It read: "Not a single Jerusem citizen was lost. Every ascendant mortal survived the fiery trial and emerged from the crucial test triumphant and altogether victorious."

Lanonandek Sons:

The third order of Local Universe Sons of God brought into existence by the Creator Son and Creative Spirit. The initial complement of twelve million Lanonandeks, after passing through the Melchizedek University, were divided into primary, secondary, and tertiary orders. Primary Lanonandeks often serve as System Sovereigns; secondary Lanonandeks often serve as Planetary Princes; tertiary Lanonandeks function in subordinate and assistant roles.

Laotta:

A Nodite woman, head of the western Garden of Eden school, with whom Adam chose to mate after Eve had defaulted in their planetary mission (see Serapatatia). It was in the despair of the realization of failure that Adam, the day after Eve's misstep, sought out Laotta, the brilliant Nodite woman who was head of the western schools of the Garden, and with premeditation committed the folly of Eve. Laotta, the mother of Sansa, perished at the birth of her daughter; Eve suffered much but survived, owing to superior strength. Eve took Sansa, the child of Laotta, to her bosom, and she was reared along with Cain.

Law Forecasters:

It is the duty of these second order of supervisor seraphim to place before the constellation lawmakers a forecast of how any proposed enactment would affect the lives of freewill creatures. This service they are well qualified to perform by virtue of long experience in the local systems and on the inhabited worlds. These seraphim seek no special favors for one group or another, but they do appear before the celestial lawmakers to speak for those who cannot be present to speak for themselves.

Levites:

Levites are Jewish males who claim patrilineal descent from the Tribe of Levi. The Tribe of Levi descended from Levi, the third son of Jacob and Leah. The Tribe of Levi served particular religious duties for the Israelites and had political (administering cities of refuge) and educational responsibilities as well. In return, the landed tribes were expected to support the Levites with a tithe (Numbers 18:21–25). The Kohanim, a subset of the Levites, were the priests who performed the work of holiness in the Temple. The Levites, referring to those who were not Kohanim, were specifically assigned to:

- Singing and/or playing music in the Temple
- Serving as guards
- Carrying

Life Carriers:

Life Carriers are created beings of local universe origin who develop the life formulas and assemble the vital patterns of living things for implantation onto a targeted world. The Ancients of Days, who have jurisdiction over final decrees of life and death, participate in the creation of

the Life Carriers. While the local universe Creator Sons provide the full scope of original life designs, it is the Life Carriers and their associates who actually impart these designs to the inhabitable worlds. They usually carry the original life plasm to these worlds of implantation, but sometimes they can formulate these life designs once they arrive on these worlds. The seven local universe adjutant mind-spirits always accompany these Life Carriers in readiness to activate adjutant mind. When the physical patterns of life have been provided, it is the very presence of the Life Carriers that catalyzes the life-activation. They do this by imparting through their very being the essential vital life spark as supplied by the local universe Mother Spirit. This living spark enlivens the body and activates the living mind.

Life Plasm:

The original life plasm of an evolutionary world contains the full potential for all future developmental variations and for all subsequent evolutionary changes and modifications. The provision for such far-reaching projects of life metamorphosis may require the appearance of many apparently useless forms of animal and vegetable life. Such by-products of planetary evolution, foreseen or unforeseen, appear upon the stage of action only to disappear, but in and through all this long process there runs the thread of the wise and intelligent formulations of the original designers of the planetary life plan and species scheme. The Life Carriers often carry actual life plasm to a new world, but not always. They sometimes organize the life patterns after arriving on the planet of assignment in accordance with formulas previously approved for a new adventure in life establishment. Such was the origin of the planetary life of Urantia.

Life-Activation (Vital Spirit) Spark:

When, in accordance with approved formulas, physical patterns have been provided, then do the Life Carriers catalyze this lifeless material, imparting through their persons the vital spirit spark; and forthwith do the inert patterns become living matter. The vital spark—the mystery of life—is bestowed through the Life Carriers, not by them. The creature may produce the forms of life, but only a creator personality or a creative force can supply the activating living spark. The Infinite Spirit provides the initial spark of life and bestows the endowment of mind; life flows from the Father through the Son and by the Spirit.

Light:

Light—spirit luminosity—is a word symbol, a figure of speech, which connotes the personality manifestation characteristic of spirit beings of diverse orders. This luminous emanation is in no respect related either to intellectual insight or to physical-light manifestations. Light -- spirit luminosity -- is a word symbol, a figure of speech, which connotes the personality manifestation characteristic of spirit beings of diverse orders. This luminous emanation is in no respect related either to intellectual insight or to physical-light manifestations. Jesus said “I am the light of the world, and whosoever will believe my teaching shall no longer abide in darkness.” The spiritual luminosity of the Father's personal presence is a “light which no mortal man can approach; which no material creature has seen or can see.” Jesus said “I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.”

Light and Life:

When there develops such a spiritual harmony in a local universe that its individual and combined circuits become indistinguishable from those of the superuniverse, when such identity of function and oneness of ministry actually prevail, then does the local universe immediately swing into the settled circuits of light and life, becoming at once eligible for admission into the spiritual confederation of the perfected union of the supercreation. When such a local universe is settled in light and life, its glorified beings associate freely with the Union of Days, who then functions in an enlarged capacity in such a realm of evolutionary perfection.

A local universe settled is not recognized as being in the state of light and life until its physical possibilities of expansion and development have been exhausted, and until the spiritual status of all its inhabited worlds has been forever settled and stabilized. As systems and universes are settled in light and life, the mansion worlds increasingly cease to function as transition spheres of morontia training. When a system is settled in light and life, and as the mansion worlds one by one cease to serve as mortal-training stations, they are taken over by the increasing finaliter population which accumulates in these older and more highly perfected systems. The era of light and life is the flowering of the successive ages of physical security, intellectual expansion, social culture, and spiritual achievement. These human accomplishments are now blended, associated, and co-ordinated in cosmic unity and unselfish service. Within the limitations of finite nature and material endowments there are no bounds set upon the possibilities of evolutionary attainment by the advancing generations who successively live upon these supernal and settled worlds of time and space.

Linear Gravity:

Matter is organized energy which is subject to linear gravity except as it is modified by motion and conditioned by mind. The behavior of emergent energy when fully liberated from the grasp of the Unqualified Absolute becomes responsive to the direct influence of linear gravity. The electronic organization of universe power functions in seven phases and discloses varying response to local or linear gravity. Local or linear gravity becomes fully operative with the appearance of the atomic organization of matter. Linear gravity is the short-range cohesive force of the macrocosmos somewhat as the forces of intra-atomic cohesion are the short-range forces of the microcosmos.

Local Universe Daughter:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Local Universe Mother Spirit:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Local Universe Sons of Gods:

These types of Sons are of local universe origin; they are the offspring of a Paradise Creator Son in varied association with the complemental Universe Mother Spirit. The following orders of local universe sonship find mention in these narratives:

1. Melchizedek Sons.
2. Vorondadek Sons.

3. Lanonandek Sons.
4. Life Carrier Sons.

When the Father and the Son unite to personalize a Creator Son, they achieve their purpose; but the Creator Son thus brought into existence is never able to transmit or delegate the prerogatives of creatorship to the various orders of Sons which he may subsequently create, notwithstanding that, in the highest local universe Sons, there does appear a very limited reflection of the creative attributes of a Creator Son.

Local Universe Time:

One day of Nebadon = 18 days 6 hours 2 ½ minutes of Urantia. One year of 100 days = about five years of Urantia.

Local Universes:

A division of a superuniverse comprising one hundred constellations (about 10,000,000 habitable planets), and ruled by one of the co-ordinate Creator Sons of God of the order of Michael. The Creator Sons are the makers and rulers of the local universes of time and space. The local universes of time and space, the basic creative units of the seven evolutionary superuniverses. The local universes are all approximately of the same energy potential, though they differ greatly in physical dimensions and may vary in visible-matter content from time to time. The local universes are of decimal construction. There are just one hundred distinguishable atomic materializations of space-energy in a dual universe.

The local universes are the starting points of true evolution, the spawning grounds of bona fide imperfect personalities endowed with the freewill choice of becoming cocreators of themselves as they are to be. The local universes are the starting points of true evolution, the spawning grounds of bona fide imperfect personalities endowed with the freewill choice of becoming cocreators of themselves as they are to be.

Love:

Divinity is creature comprehensible as truth, beauty, and goodness; correlated in personality as love, mercy, and ministry; disclosed on impersonal levels as justice, power, and sovereignty. The Universal Father never imposes any form of arbitrary recognition, formal worship, or slavish service upon the intelligent will creatures of the universes. The evolutionary inhabitants of the worlds of time and space must of themselves—in their own hearts—recognize, love, and voluntarily worship him; true worship is satisfying to the love-dominated nature of the Creator Father. We all, including the mortals of the realms, love the Universal Father and all other beings, divine or human, because we discern that these personalities truly love us. The experience of loving is very much a direct response to the experience of being loved. Knowing that God loves us, we should continue to love him supremely, even though he were divested of all his attributes of supremacy, ultimacy, and absoluteness.

Loyalatia:

The great seraphim, Loyalatia, when your seer "fell down to worship before the feet of the angel," said: "See that you do it not; I am a fellow servant with you and with your races, who are all enjoined to worship God." People have a tendency to worship spiritual beings, but the

Bible forbids the worship of angels. As created beings, they are of course mere creatures: "I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he *said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God." [Revelation 22:8-9]

Lucifer:

Lucifer was a brilliant primary Lanonandek Son of Nebadon. Lucifer was number 37 of his order, and when commissioned by the Melchizedeks, he was designated as one of the one hundred most able and brilliant personalities in more than seven hundred thousand of his kind. Lucifer was not an ascendant being; he was a created Son of the local universe, onetime Sovereign of our local universe system Satania. Of him it was said: "You were perfect in all your ways from the day you were created till unrighteousness was found in you." Many times had he been in counsel with the Most Hights of Edentia. And Lucifer reigned "upon the holy mountain of God," the administrative mount of Jerusem, for he was the chief executive of a great system of 607 inhabited worlds. Lucifer is now the fallen and deposed Sovereign of Satania.

Lut:

One of the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff, the leader of the Dalamatian guardians of health and life. This council was concerned with the introduction of sanitation and the promotion of primitive hygiene. This council was concerned with the introduction of sanitation and the promotion of primitive hygiene and was led by Lut. Lut induced the religious teachers to include cleansing with water as a part of the purification ceremonies to be practiced in connection with the noontime devotions, once a week, in the worship of the Father of all. When the final roll was called concerning the Lucifer rebellion, the corporeal members of the Prince's staff were found to have aligned themselves. Lut and the whole board of health were lost.

Lutentia:

The rebellious and subsequently deposed System Sovereign of Palonia into whose position Michael was appointed as a part of Michael's second bestowal experience as a Lanonandek Son.

Maccabean Revolt:

The Maccabean Revolt was a Jewish rebellion led by the Maccabees against the Seleucid Empire and against Hellenistic influence on Jewish life. The main phase of the revolt lasted from 167 to 160 BC and ended with the Seleucids in control of Judea, but conflict between the Maccabees, Hellenized Jews, and the Seleucids continued until 134 BC, with the Maccabees eventually attaining independence. The revolt had a great impact on Jewish nationalism, as an example of a successful campaign to establish political independence and resist governmental anti-Jewish suppression.

Machiventa Melchizedek ("King of Righteousness"):

The name of the Melchizedek Son who incarnated on Urantia during the times of Abraham in approximately 2,000 BC. Also referred to as the "Sage of Salem." (see "Melchizedek".) Known

from the Book of Genesis as the king of Salem and priest of El Elyon, he brings out bread and wine and blesses Abram. Hebrews 7:3 describes him as, "Without father, without mother and without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, he abideth a priest continually." That individual, Machiventa Melchizedek, lived on Earth in human form during the times of Abraham around 2,000 BC. The term "Melchizedek" actually refers to a distinct order of descending Sons of God in the local universe that numbers more than ten million. They are a self-governing group and are primarily devoted to education and experiential training.

Magisterial Sons:

These Paradise Sons of God. Also known as Avonal Sons, are children of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit and who take part in judicial actions, magisterial missions and bestowal missions on the worlds of space. Much as the Creator Sons are personalized by the Father and the Son, so are the Magisterial Sons personalized by the Son and the Spirit. These are the Sons who, in the experiences of creature incarnation, earn the right to serve as the judges of survival in the creations of time and space. Every time an original and absolute concept of being formulated by the Eternal Son unites with a new and divine ideal of loving service conceived by the Infinite Spirit, a new and original Son of God, a Paradise Magisterial Son, is produced. These Sons constitute the order of Avonals in contradistinction to the order of Michael, the Creator Sons. Though not creators in the personal sense, they are closely associated with the Michaels in all their work. The Avonals are planetary ministers and judges, the magistrates of the time-space realms -- of all races, to all worlds, and in all universes. The Avonals are known as Magisterial Sons because they are the high magistrates of the realms, the adjudicators of the successive dispensations of the worlds of time. They preside over the awakening of the sleeping survivors, sit in judgment on the realm, bring to an end a dispensation of suspended justice, execute the mandates of an age of probationary mercy, reassign the space creatures of planetary ministry to the tasks of the new dispensation, and return to the headquarters of their local universe upon the completion of their mission. When they sit in judgment on the destinies of an age, the Avonals decree the fate of the evolutionary races, but though they may render judgments extinguishing the identity of personal creatures, they do not execute such sentences. Verdicts of this nature are executed by none but the authorities of a superuniverse.

Majeston:

The 50th Reflective Spirit; of divine Trinity origin, he was created by the Supreme Being in functional liaison with the Deity Absolute; chief of reflectivity in the grand universe with headquarters on Paradise. The Supreme Being is not a direct creator, except that he is the father of Majeston, but he is a synthetic co-ordinator of all creature-Creator universe activities. Majeston is a true person, the personal and infallible center of reflectivity phenomena in all seven superuniverses of time and space. He maintains permanent Paradise headquarters near the center of all things at the rendezvous of the Seven Master Spirits. He is concerned solely with the co-ordination and maintenance of the reflectivity service in the far-flung creation; he is not otherwise involved in the administration of universe affairs.

Major Sector:

One hundred minor sectors (about 100,000,000,000 inhabitable worlds) make one major sector. Each major sector is provided with a superb headquarters and is presided over by three Perfections of Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities. A major sector comprises about one tenth of a superuniverse and consists of one hundred minor sectors, ten thousand local universes, about one hundred billion inhabitable worlds. These major sectors are administered by three Perfections of Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities. The work of these major sector governments has chiefly to do with the intellectual status of a far-flung creation. The major sectors detain, adjudicate, dispense, and tabulate, for reporting to the courts of the Ancients of Days, all matters of superuniverse importance of a routine and administrative nature which are not immediately concerned with the spiritual administration of the realms or with the outworking of the mortal-ascension plans of the Paradise Rulers. The personnel of a major sector government is no different from that of the superuniverse. The administrators of the minor sector governments are under the immediate jurisdiction of the major sector rulers. Three Perfections of Days are assigned to each major sector capital, but unlike the Ancients of Days, it is not necessary that all three be present at all times. Since the minor sector status has to do with co-ordinate physical equilibrium, we infer that major sector unification will be concerned with certain new intellectual levels of attainment, possibly some advanced achievements in the supreme realization of cosmic wisdom.

Malachi:

Malachi is the name used by the author of the Book of Malachi, the last book of the Nevi'im (Prophets) section of the Tanakh. He was a prophet who emphasized the importance of honoring God, living with integrity, and remaining steadfast in one's devotion. The name Malachi means "My Messenger" and is widely accepted to be a title rather than an individual name.

Malavatia:

The first name of a Melchizedek Son who was one of the authors of the Urantia Papers.

Malvorian:

The first of the order of Graduate Guides and the being who greeted and acted as a guide for the first mortal, Grandfanda, when he reached the outer circle of Havona.

Mandate:

The revelators' cosmic mandate admonishes them to make every effort to convey their meanings by using the word symbols of the English tongue. They are to be guided by the mandate of the superuniverse rulers which directs that we shall, in all their efforts to reveal truth and co-ordinate essential knowledge, give preference to the highest existing human concepts pertaining to the subjects to be presented. From the Universal Father who inhabits eternity there has gone forth the supreme mandate, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect." The Unqualified Absolute is a positive universe overcontrol in infinity; this overcontrol is space-force unlimited but is definitely conditioned by the presence of life, mind, spirit, and personality, and is further conditioned by the will-reactions and purposeful mandates of the Paradise Trinity. There is finality of completeness and perfection of repleteness in the mandates of the Father. The Father acts independently and in accordance with the mandates of his own choice; and that choice is always one of unfailing perfection and infinite wisdom.

Manotia:

Manotia is a supreme seraphim and onetime functioned only as a supreme seraphim. By application and devoted service, she has, one by one, achieved all seven of the seraphic services, having functioned in well-nigh every avenue of activity open to a seraphim, and now holds the commission of associate chief of seraphim on Urantia. In describing the experiences associated with the onset of the Lucifer rebellion, Manotia said: "But my most exhilarating moment was the thrilling adventure connected with the Lucifer rebellion when, as second seraphic commander, I refused to participate in the projected insult to Michael; and the powerful rebels sought my destruction by means of the liaison forces they had arranged. There was a tremendous upheaval on Jerusem, but not a single loyal seraphim was harmed."

Manovandet Melchizedek:

The first name of a Melchizedek Son who was once attached to the receivership of Urantia after the rebellion and who authored Paper 53, "The Lucifer Rebellion".

Mansion Spheres:

See "Mansion Worlds".

Mansion World Teachers:

The Mansion World Teachers are recruited and glorified cherubim. The Mansion World Teachers are a corps of deserted but glorified cherubim and sanobim. When a pilgrim of time advances from a trial world of space to the mansion and associated worlds of morontia training, he is accompanied by his personal or group seraphim, the guardian of destiny. In the worlds of mortal existence the seraphim is ably assisted by cherubim and sanobim; but when her mortal ward is delivered from the bonds of the flesh and starts out on the ascendant career, when the postmaterial or morontia life begins, the attending seraphim has no further need of the ministrations of her former lieutenants, the cherubim and sanobim. These deserted assistants of the ministering seraphim are often summoned to universe headquarters, where they pass into the intimate embrace of the Universe Mother Spirit and then go forth to the system training spheres as Mansion World Teachers. These teachers often visit the material worlds and function from the lowest mansion worlds on up to the highest of the educational spheres connected with the universe headquarters. Upon their own motion they may return to their former associative work with the ministering seraphim. Like most other instructors in Nebadon they are commissioned by the Melchizedeks. They function in most of the educational enterprises of the morontia life, and their number is quite beyond the comprehension of mortal mind. There are billions upon billions of these teachers in Satania, and their numbers constantly increase because, in the majority of instances, when a seraphim proceeds inward with an Adjuster-fused mortal, both a cherubim and a sanobim are left behind. The Mansion World Teachers are recruited and glorified cherubim. Like most other instructors in Nebadon they are commissioned by the Melchizedeks. They function in most of the educational enterprises of the morontia life, and their number is quite beyond the comprehension of mortal mind. It is these same deserted cherubim who, as Mansion World Teachers, under the supervision of the Melchizedeks, maintain such extensive educational facilities for the training of the probationary wards of the finaliters. Mansion World Teachers, like most of the other instructors, are commissioned by the Melchizedeks. They are generally supervised by the Morontia Companions, but as individuals and as teachers they are

supervised by the acting heads of the schools or spheres wherein they may be functioning as instructors.

Mansion Worlds:

Jerusem, the headquarters of your local system of Satania, has its seven worlds of transition culture, each of which is encircled by seven satellites, among which are the seven mansion worlds of morontia detention, man's first postmortal residence. As the term heaven has been used on Urantia, it has sometimes meant these seven mansion worlds, the first mansion world being denominated the first heaven, and so on to the seventh. The Creator Son, when on Urantia, spoke of the "many mansions in the Father's universe." In a certain sense, all fifty-six of the encircling worlds of Jerusem are devoted to the transitional culture of ascending mortals, but the seven satellites of world number one are more specifically known as the mansion worlds. On the mansion worlds, after your vision range is extended and you are freed from the fetters of material comparisons, you can begin to comprehend the meaning of those realities which "eye cannot see nor ear hear, and which have never entered the concept of human minds," even those things which "God has prepared for those who love such eternal verities." You are not always to be so limited in the range of your vision and spiritual comprehension. Throughout your stay on Jerusem and its transition worlds you are far nearer your earth life of material things than your later life of advancing spirit existence.

Mansonia:

The name given to each of the seven satellites which orbit world number one of the fifty-six worlds encircling Jerusem, the capital sphere of Satania. These seven satellites (e.g., mansonia number one, two, etc.) are the "mansion worlds" that Jesus revealed that he would prepare devoted to the transitional culture of ascending mortals. Also refers to the mansion world experience or career.

Mansurotia:

A tertiary Lanonandek Son who serves in the Satania system government as first assistant Sovereign to Lanaforge, the System Sovereign. He sits on the Jerusem executive council, the supreme advisory body of Satania.

Mantutia:

The first name of a Melchizedek Son who directed the twelve Nebadon personalities who authored those Papers concerning the local universe and the history of Urantia.

Mardus:

The leader of the Cynics of Rome who, in interactions with Jesus sometime during AD 22-23, learned about good and evil.

Master Architects:

See "Architects of the Master Universe".

Master Force Organizers:

The many motions within the structure of creation are of composite origin, being derived in part from the constitutive segmentation of matter-energy into the superuniverses and in part produced by the intelligent and purposeful action of the Master force organizers. The energy circuits of space outside of the perfect central universe are subservient to the intelligent supervision of the Master Force Organizers of Paradise. The Master Physical Controllers serve throughout the grand universe. They are directly governed from Paradise by the Seven Supreme Power Directors as far as the headquarters of the superuniverses.

Master Michaels:

See "Master Son".

Master Physical Controllers:

Master Physical Controllers are a class of beings who are capable of metamorphosizing energy and power. In one of their variegated capacities, they serve as controllers and directors on habitable worlds of those physical life factors that are anticipatory of mechanical mind. They involve themselves in the development of the pre-living manifestations of material energy, the physical preliminaries of life, in anticipation for the sometime endowment of material (mechanical) mind. They elaborate on those energy systems that may eventually develop into the physical embodiments of the most elementary living organisms. Master Physical Controllers formulate the material designs of evolutionary pre-mind in conjunction with the active life implantation ministries of the assigned Life Carriers. The physical controllers have charge over the mechanical, non-teachable levels of material mind as these are passively subject to organismal environmental response. In preparation for the functioning of the adjutant mind spirits, the physical controllers activate the energy-matter of physical mind in subpersonal living things.

These beings are the mobile subordinates of the Supreme Power Centers. The Master Physical Controllers are the direct offspring of the Supreme Power Centers. The physical controllers are endowed with capabilities of individuality metamorphosis of such a nature that they can engage in a remarkable variety of autotransport, being able to traverse local space at velocities approaching the flight of Solitary Messengers. The Master Physical Controllers serve throughout the grand universe. They are directly governed from Paradise by the Seven Supreme Power Directors as far as the headquarters of the superuniverses.

Not all of these orders are persons in the sense of possessing individual powers of choice. But though such response appears wholly mechanistic, it is not; they may seem to be automatons, but all of them disclose the differential function of intelligence. The physical controllers are chiefly occupied in the adjustment of basic energies undiscovered on Urantia. These unknown energies are very essential to the interplanetary system of transport and to certain techniques of communication. When we lay lines of energy for the purpose of conveying sound equivalents or of extending vision, these undiscovered forms of energy are utilized by the living physical controllers and their associates.

Master Son:

When a Creator has seven times sojourned among his creatures, when the bestowal career is finished, then is he supremely settled in universe authority; he has become a Master Son, a sovereign and supreme ruler. Before the completion of the bestowal career a Creator Son

rules with certain self-imposed limitations of sovereignty, but subsequent to his finished bestowal service he rules by virtue of his actual experience in the form and likeness of his manifold creatures. When a Creator has seven times sojourned among his creatures, when the bestowal career is finished, then is he supremely settled in universe authority; he has become a Master Son, a sovereign and supreme ruler. With the achievement of supreme local universe sovereignty, there passes from a Michael Son the power and opportunity to create entirely new types of creature beings during the present universe age. But a Master Son's loss of power to originate entirely new orders of beings in no way interferes with the work of life elaboration already established and in process of unfoldment; this vast program of universe evolution goes on without interruption or curtailment. The completion of the creature-bestowal careers and the elevation to supreme universe sovereignty must signify the completed liberation of a Michael's finite-action capacities accompanied by the appearance of capacity for more-than-finite service. For in this connection, we note that such Master Sons are then restricted in the production of new types of creature beings, a restriction undoubtedly made necessary by the liberation of their superfinite potentialities.

Master Spirits:

See "Seven Maser Spirits".

Master Universe:

The Master Universe includes the total astronomical space. It is composed on the one hand by the Grand Universe (inhabited or habitable), and on the other hand by the four Outer Space levels, with their annular zones of unpervaded space alternating with other annular zones of pervaded space, in which huge but yet inhabitable universes are materializing. Proceeding outward from Paradise through the horizontal extension of pervaded space, the master universe is existent in six concentric ellipses, the space levels encircling the central Isle:

1. The Central Universe -- Havona.
2. The Seven Superuniverses.
3. The First Outer Space Level.
4. The Second Outer Space Level.
5. The Third Outer Space Level.
6. The Fourth and Outermost Space Level.

In the master universe there are as many suns as there are glasses of water in the oceans of your world. The successive space levels of the master universe constitute the major divisions of pervaded space -- total creation, organized and partially inhabited or yet to be organized and inhabited.

Material (Preadjutant) Mind

All organizations of material energy are receptive and responsive to the phenomenon of mind. Some functional operation of mind must always be superimposed upon a material energy system in order for it to be characterized as being minded. The most basic ministry of mind functioning is material (preadjutant) mind. This is also referred to as mechanical mind. Material mind operates exclusively with subpersonal living things. This superimposition of material mind is mechanical in that it is non-teachable, being passively and predictably responsive to stimuli. Mechanical (material) mind lacks the capacity to learn from experience. It is certainly devoid of

the personal ability to recognize the deity attributes of divinity and worship. On the other hand, material mind strives for the mechanical perfection of design in the complete absence of free will and independence of decision. This attainment of the mechanical perfection of design may still be perfectly matter-of-fact and skillfully performed with intelligent precision and accuracy.

Material mind is bestowed upon the most primitive forms of material life, providing them with a limited form of consciousness that is void of the quality of personality. Mind can function in the absence of association with personality, although this phase of material mind is consequently deprived of all powers of original choice. This operation of material mind functions largely in the non-teachable levels of the lower orders of animal life. It is sensitive to external and physical stimuli originating from the outer environment of the living organism. The external stimulus of physical reality travels over the sensory mechanism of the material body and registers in the physical mind of some rudimentary foundation of primitive brain center. Such an undeveloped (or, rather, pre-developed) physical brain provides the elementary pattern for mind endowment.

Material Sons and Daughters:

The Creator Son personalizes in dual form his final concept of being, thus finally confirming his own and original dual origin. In and of himself he then creates the beautiful and superb Material Sons and Daughters of the material order of universe sonship. This is the origin of the original Adam and Eve of each local system of Nebadon. They are a reproducing order of sonship, being created male and female. When the planetary course of human evolution is attaining its highest biologic level, there always appear the Material Sons and Daughters, the Adams and Eves, to augment the further evolution of the races by an actual contribution of their superior life plasm.

Materialism/Pantheism:

To deny the personality of the First Source and Center leaves one only the choice of two philosophic dilemmas: materialism (the doctrine that nothing exists except matter and its movements and modifications) or pantheism (a doctrine which identifies God with the universe, or regards the universe as a manifestation of God). In materialism, since man loses his body at death, he ceases to exist as a personality; in pantheism, since God has no body, he is not, therefore, a person. The false science of materialism would sentence mortal man to become an outcast in the universe. Science is engaged in the agelong contest between truth and error while it fights for deliverance from the bondage of abstraction, the slavery of mathematics, and the relative blindness of mechanistic materialism. Pantheism emboldens a fantastic spiritual experience bordering on unreality. To build a philosophy of the universe on an exclusive materialism is to ignore the fact that all things material are initially conceived as real in the experience of human consciousness. The observer cannot be the thing observed; evaluation demands some degree of transcendence of the thing which is evaluated.

Meanings:

Our revelatory mandate admonishes us to make every effort to convey our meanings by using the word symbols of the English tongue. We deem it wise to present in this initial statement an outline of the meanings to be attached to numerous English words which are to be employed in designation of Deity and certain associated concepts of the things, meanings, and values of universal reality. The universe of universes presents phenomena of deity activities on diverse

levels of cosmic realities, mind meanings. This is the true meaning of that divine command, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect," which ever urges mortal man onward and beckons him inward in that long and fascinating struggle for the attainment of higher and higher levels of spiritual values and true universe meanings. God is destined to be comprehended as the reality of values, the substance of meanings, and the life of truth. Mind transmutes the values of spirit into the meanings of intellect; volition has power to bring the meanings of mind to fruit in both the material and spiritual domains.

Mek:

One of the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff, the leader of the Dalamatian planetary council on art and science. This corps did much to improve the industrial technique of early man and to elevate his concepts of beauty. Mek did a great deal to advance the culture of the Andonites and to improve the art of the blue man. A blend of the blue man with the Andon stock produced an artistically gifted type, and many of them became master sculptors. They did not work in stone or marble, but their works of clay, hardened by baking, adorned the gardens of Dalamatia.

Melchizedek Sons:

The first of the four orders of descending sonship designated as local universe Sons of God, created by the Creator Son and Creative Spirit in collaboration with the Father Melchizedek in the early days of populating the local universe of Nebadon. The Father Melchizedek was created by the union of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit. These Sons, who number more than ten million in the local universe, are self-governing and are primarily devoted to education and experiential training.

Mercy:

Mercy is simply justice tempered by that wisdom which grows out of perfection of knowledge and the full recognition of the natural weaknesses and environmental handicaps of finite creatures. Mercy is the natural and inevitable offspring of goodness and love. The good nature of a loving Father could not possibly withhold the wise ministry of mercy to each member of every group of his universe children. Eternal justice and divine mercy together constitute what is human experience would be called fairness. Divine mercy represents a, fairness technique, of adjustment between the universe levels of perfection and imperfection. Mercy is not a contravention of justice but rather an understanding interpretation of the demands of supreme justice as it is fairly applied to the subordinate spiritual beings and to the material creatures of the evolving universes. Justice is the collective thought of righteousness; mercy is its personal expression. Mercy is the attitude of love.

Mesotron:

The charged protons and the uncharged neutrons of the nucleus of the atom are held together by the reciprocating function of the mesotron, a particle of matter 180 times as heavy as the electron. Without this arrangement the electric charge carried by the protons would be disruptive of the atomic nucleus. The integrity of the nucleus is maintained by the reciprocal cohering function of the mesotron, which is able to hold charged and uncharged particles together because of superior force-mass power and by the further function of causing protons

and neutrons constantly to change places. The mesotron causes the electric charge of the nuclear particles to be incessantly tossed back and forth between protons and neutrons.

Messenger Hosts of Space:

Ranking intermediately in the family of the Infinite Spirit are the Messenger Hosts of Space. These versatile beings function as the connecting links between the higher personalities and the ministering spirits. Angels are the ministering spirits of time; authorities, the messenger hosts of space; powers, the higher personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

Messengers of the Havona Circuits:

Messengers of the Havona Circuits. Throughout the ascendant career you will be vaguely, but increasingly, able to detect the presence of the Solitary Messengers, but not until you reach Havona will you recognize them unmistakably. The first of the messengers you will see face to face will be those of the Havona circuits.

Messengers of the Local Universes:

In the services of a local universe there is no limit upon the functioning of the Solitary Messengers. They are the faithful revealers of the motives and intent of the local universe Mother Spirit, although they are under the full jurisdiction of the reigning Master Son. And this is true of all messengers operating in a local universe, whether they are traveling out directly from universe headquarters, or whether they are acting temporarily in liaison with Constellation Fathers, System Sovereigns, or Planetary Princes.

Messengers of the Paradise Trinity:

They are the trusted and secret servants of the Deities, and when intrusted with special messages which involve the unrevealed policies and future conduct of the Gods, they have never been known to divulge a secret or betray the confidence reposed in their order.

Messengers of the Superuniverses:

The Ancients of Days, those personalities of Trinity origin who preside over the destinies of the seven superuniverses, those trios of divine power and administrative wisdom, are bountifully supplied with Solitary Messengers. It is only through this order of messengers that the triune rulers of one superuniverse can directly and personally communicate with the rulers of another. Solitary Messengers are the only available type of spirit intelligence—aside, possibly, from the Inspired Trinity Spirits—that can be dispatched from the headquarters of one superuniverse directly to the headquarters of another. All other personalities must make such excursions by way of Havona and the executive worlds of the Master Spirits.

Messiah:

The leaders of the Hebrews had taught the Israelites that they were a chosen people, not for special indulgence and monopoly of divine favor, but for the special service of carrying the truth of the one God over all to every nation. And they had promised the Jews that, if they would fulfill this destiny, they would become the spiritual leaders of all peoples, and that the coming Messiah would reign over them and all the world as the Prince of Peace. They had

formed preconceived notions regarding the promised Messiah, and most of these expectations envisaged a Messiah who would come as a part of their national and racial history.

Metaphysics:

Metaphysics is the branch of philosophy that studies the fundamental nature of reality, the first principles of being, identity and change, space and time, causality, necessity, and possibility. It includes questions about the nature of consciousness and the relationship between mind and matter, between substance and attribute, and between potentiality and actuality. Metaphysics studies questions related to what it is for something to exist and what types of existence there are. Topics of metaphysical investigation include existence, objects and their properties, space and time, cause and effect, and possibility.

True metaphysics is the real introduction to the intelligent comprehension of cosmic meanings and universe interrelationships. Many mortals have recognized the desirability of having some method of reconciling the interplay between the widely separated domains of science and religion; and metaphysics is the result of man's unavailing attempt to span this well-recognized chasm. Metaphysics affords a common meeting ground for the discoveries of both science and religion and makes possible the human attempt logically to correlate these separate but interdependent domains of thought into a well-balanced philosophy of scientific stability and religious certainty.

Michael (of Nebadon):

All local universe creations are supervised by the dual administrative presence of a Paradise Creator Son, who takes origin in the Father-Son union of Paradise Deity, and a Creative Mother Spirit, representing the local universe presence of the Paradise Mother Spirit. In our local universe of Nebadon, our Creator Son Michael and his Spirit companion, the Creative Mother Spirit, have been conjointly responsible for the creation of this material universe in which we live and breathe. The Paradise Father faithfully upholds this locally coordinated act of creative prerogative by fully supporting their divine right to "foster and sustain their work as well as to minister to the creatures of their own making." [UB 8:3.4 (93:6)] Michael functions in Nebadon as father of the inhabited worlds and as sovereign of the local universe - he is the personal residential manifestation of the Universal Father to the local universe materialization.

Michael Son:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Midsonite/Midsoniters:

The progeny of the union of a Melchizedek and a Material Daughter. The midsonite creatures live and function as reproducing beings on their magnificent worlds until they are one thousand standard years of age; whereupon they are translated by seraphic transport. Midsoniters are nonreproducing beings thereafter because the technique of dematerialization which they pass through in preparation for enseraphiming forever deprives them of reproductive prerogatives. All midsoniters ever born in Nebadon are alive today, functioning on their native worlds, on some intervening sphere, or on the Salvington midsonite sphere in the finaliters' group of worlds. The purpose of the midsonite creatures is not at present known, but it would appear that these personalities are forgathering on the seventh finaliter world in preparation for some

future eventuality in universe evolution. It is the belief that midsonite children will someday be endowed with the transcendental and eternal spirit of absonity by God the Ultimate.

Midspace Zones:

The vertical cross section of total space would slightly resemble a Maltese cross, with the horizontal arms representing pervaded (universe) space and the vertical arms representing unpervaded (reservoir) space. The areas between the four arms would separate them somewhat as the midspace zones separate pervaded and unpervaded space. These quiescent midspace zones grow larger and larger at greater and greater distances from Paradise and eventually encompass the borders of all space and completely encapsulate both the space reservoirs and the entire horizontal extension of pervaded space.

Midway Associates:

See "Midwayers".

Midwayers (Midway Creatures):

These creatures appear on most inhabited worlds and exist and function in the realm "midway" between humans and angels. Midwayers are the permanent inhabitants of a world and are invaluable to the seraphim in their work for the races of mankind as well as to the guardian angels. The generations of humans forget; the corps of midwayers remembers; and in proper circumstances treasured memories of past events are made available, even as the story of the life and teachings of Jesus has been given by the midwayers of Urantia to their human cousins.

Mighty Messengers:

Mighty Messengers belong to the ascendant group of the Trinitized Sons. They are a class of perfected mortals who have been rebellion tested or otherwise equally proved as to their personal loyalty; all have passed through some definite test of universe allegiance. At some time in their Paradise ascent they stood firm and loyal in the face of the disloyalty of their superiors, and some did actively and loyally function in the places of such unfaithful leaders.

Millennial Resurrections:

Throughout the earlier ages of an inhabited world, many are called to the mansion spheres at the special and the millennial resurrections. Before the days of Christ Michael on Urantia all souls slept on until the dispensational or special millennial resurrections. Even Moses was not permitted to go over to the other side until the occasion of a special resurrection. Countless individuals having personal seraphic guardians and those achieving the requisite attainment of spiritual personality progress had gone on to mansonia during the ages subsequent to the times of Adam and Eve. There had been many special and millennial resurrections of Urantia sons.

Mind:

Mind is organized consciousness that is capable of conditioning matter and is capable of becoming liberated by spirit modification. Mind dominates over the reality of matter and is

responsive to the overcontrol of spirit. Mind acts on all levels of intelligence, and it always acts as the intermediary between the realities of spirit and matter. All realities and expressions of mind find their origin and destiny in the circuit of the Infinite Spirit. Mind. Mind connotes the presence of a living ministry added to various energy systems. As the nature of thought is different at various levels; cosmic terminology often use special words to qualify certain aspects of material Mind, of soul mind, or of spiritual mind.

Mind Gravity:

The mind gravity of the Conjoint Actor unerringly clutches all vital meanings of intellectual existence. Mind gravity can operate independently of material and spiritual gravity, but wherever and whenever the latter two impinge, mind gravity always functions. The Infinite Spirit draws all intellectual values Paradiseward. Throughout the central universe the mind gravity of the Infinite Spirit.

Mind-Gravity Circuit:

All mind is circuited in the Conjoint Actor Any and all that responds to the mind circuit of the Conjoint Actor, we call mind, mind as an attribute of the Infinite Spirit—mind in all its phases. All these activities of mind are grasped in the absolute mind-gravity circuit which focalizes in the Third Source and Center and is a part of the personal consciousness of the Infinite Spirit. The mind-gravity circuit is dependable; it emanates from the Third Person of Deity on Paradise, but not all the observable function of mind is predictable.

Ministering Spirits of Time:

The Ministering Spirits of Time are spirit beings who are concerned with teaching and ministering to the will creatures of the ascendant scheme of mortal progression. Angels are the ministering-spirit associates of the evolutionary and ascending will creatures of all space; they are also the colleagues and working associates of the higher hosts of the divine personalities of the spheres. The Ministering Spirits of the Local Universes embrace the seraphim and their assistants, the cherubim. With these offspring of a Universe Mother Spirit mortal ascenders have initial contact.

Ministry:

The Father's faithfulness and the Son's constancy are made very real to the spirit beings and the material creatures of the spheres by the loving ministry and ceaseless service of the personalities of the Infinite Spirit. God is love, the Son is mercy, the Spirit is ministry—the ministry of divine love and endless mercy to all intelligent creation. Jesus inspired hope and confidence in the hearts of all who came under his ministry. By opening the human end of the channel of the God-man communication, mortals make immediately available the ever-flowing stream of divine ministry to the creatures of the worlds.

Minor Sector:

One hundred local universes (about 1,000,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a minor sector of the superuniverse government; it has a wonderful headquarters world, wherefrom its rulers, the Recents of Days, administer the affairs of the minor sector. There are three Recents of Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities, on each minor sector headquarters.

Mithraism:

Mithraism, also known as the Mithraic mysteries, was a Roman mystery religion centered on the god Mithras. The religion was inspired by Iranian worship of the Zoroastrian divinity Mithra, although the Greek Mithras was linked to a new and distinctive imagery, and the level of continuity between Persian and Greco-Roman practice is debated. The mysteries were popular among the Imperial Roman army from about the 1st to the 4th century CE.

Monitors:

See "Thought Adjusters".

Monmatia:

The universe name for Urantia's solar system which was formed over four billion years ago (see Angona). Monmatia is the registered name for our Urantia solar system; our sun and its planetary family. Thus was the stage of local space set for the unique origin of Monmatia. Less than one per cent of the planetary systems of Orvonton have had a similar origin.

Monota:

The living, nonspirit energy of Paradise. Monota energy is close of kin to divinity when it is Paradise energy. The revelators incline to the belief that monota is the living, nonspirit energy of Paradise—an eternity counterpart of the living, spirit energy of the Original Son—hence the nonspiritual energy system of the Universal Father. They cannot differentiate the nature of Paradise spirit and Paradise monota; they are apparently alike. They have different names, but you can hardly be told very much about a reality whose spiritual and whose nonspiritual manifestations are distinguishable only by name.

Monotheism:

The concept of a semihuman and jealous God is an inevitable transition between polytheism and sublime monotheism. Moses taught monotheism. Said he: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one God." "The Lord he is God. There is none beside him." He persistently sought to uproot the remnants of the ghost cult among his people, even prescribing the death penalty for its practitioners. The monotheism of Moses was adulterated by his successors, but in later times they did return to many of his teachings. The Hebrew religion encompasses the philosophic transition from polytheism to monotheism; it is an evolutionary link between the religions of evolution and the religions of revelation.

Morality:

Evolutionary religion may become ethical, but only revealed religion becomes truly and spiritually moral. The olden concept that God is a Deity dominated by kingly morality was upstepped by Jesus to that affectionately touching level of intimate family morality of the parent-child relationship, than which there is none more tender and beautiful in mortal experience. Evolutionary religion may become ethical, but only revealed religion becomes truly and spiritually moral. The olden concept that God is a Deity dominated by kingly morality was upstepped by Jesus to that affectionately touching level of intimate family morality of the parent-child relationship, than which there is none more tender and beautiful in mortal experience.

Morontia:

The soul-like state of being. That phase of universe reality intervening and bridging the gulf between the material and spiritual. This realm of progression and experience takes place in the local universe and ranges from the transition spheres orbiting Jerusem up through Salvington. Morontia refers to material, mindal, and spiritual realities, and to the soul. When Jesus said to Mary Magdalene at the tomb: "Touch me not, Mary, for I am not as you knew me in the flesh," he was referring to this state of being through which he was passing, and in which form he was able to appear throughout each of his nineteen resurrection appearances and disappear at will. Jesus was unique in this regard as people do not resurrect on this world as he did. Nevertheless, the morontia estate is that to which we will be resurrected on the next world. Paul learned of the existence of the morontia worlds and of the reality of the morontia estate, for he wrote, "They have in heaven a better and more enduring substance." And these morontia materials are real, literal, even as in "the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Morontia Companions:

These children of the local universe Mother Spirits are the friends and associates of all who live the ascending morontia life. They are not indispensable to an ascender's real work of creature progression, neither do they in any sense displace the work of the seraphic guardians who often accompany their mortal associates on the Paradise journey. The Morontia Companions are simply gracious hosts to those who are just beginning the long inward ascent.

Morontia Power Supervisors:

The various Morontia Power Supervisors deal with certain of the unrevealed activities of the Master Spirits. These ancestors of both physical controllers and spirit ministers combine and associate material and spiritual energies as to produce a hitherto nonexistent phase of universe reality—morontia substance and morontia mind. Morontia Power Supervisors perform throughout the transition realms between the material and the spiritual worlds. When mortal survivors arrive on the first mansion world, the Morontia Power Supervisors sponsor, and the attending seraphim provide, the undifferentiated morontia material wherewith the morontia life can begin to work. These living morontia dynamos seem to transform the everywhere energies of space into those materials which the morontia supervisors weave into the bodies and life activities of the ascending mortals.

Morontia (Soul) Mind:

As the creative source of local universe intellect, the Mother Spirit ministers a translated modification of cosmic mind to directly assist in the evolution of morontia (soul) mind. Whereas adjutant mind can freely operate within a pattern of material-energy, the superadjutant morontia soul requires the presence of the Adjuster to fully attain self-consciousness. The human mind and the indwelling Adjuster are each aware of the differential presence of the evolving soul, and the soul becomes conscious as well of the mortal mind and the indwelling Adjuster.

Morontia Supervisors:

See "Morontia Power Supervisors".

Mortal Corps of Finality:

See "Corps of Finality".

Mortal Corps of the Finality:

See "Corps of the Finality".

Moses:

The beginning of the evolution of the Hebraic concepts and ideals of a Supreme Creator dates from the departure of the Semites from Egypt under that great leader, teacher, and organizer, Moses. His mother was of the royal family of Egypt; his father was a Semitic liaison officer between the government and the Bedouin captives. Moses thus possessed qualities derived from superior racial sources; his ancestry was so highly blended that it is impossible to classify him in any one racial group.

Moses was the emancipator of a remnant of the submerged violet race and the instigator of the revival of the worship of the Universal Father under the name of "The God of Israel." In his early teachings, Moses very wisely did not attempt to go back of Adam's time, and since Moses was the supreme teacher of the Hebrews, the stories of Adam became intimately associated with those of creation. Moses made an effort to control fetish worship among the Hebrews. He carefully directed that they should make no sort of image that might become consecrated as a fetish. He made it plain, "You shall not make a graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters of the earth." Moses attempted to end human sacrifices by inaugurating the ransom as a substitute. He established a systematic schedule which enabled his people to escape the worst results of their rash and foolish vows. Moses taught monotheism. Said he: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one God." "The Lord he is God. There is none beside him."

Most High:

"Most High" is a term used to describe God as the very highest, above all other things. It emphasizes His role as Creator, ruler of Heaven and Earth, and His Majesty. The name "Most High" appears in the Old Testament in both Hebrew and Aramaic. "El Elyon" is a Hebrew name for God that means "God Most High". It conveys the supreme, exalted, and sovereign nature of God, emphasizing His preeminence and power over all things. The name appears frequently in the Old Testament, especially in the Psalms and the Book of Daniel, and highlights God's role as the highest authority and Creator.

Most High Assistants:

The Most High Assistants are a group of volunteering beings, of origin outside the local universe, who are temporarily assigned as central and superuniverse representatives to, or observers of, the local creations. Their number varies constantly but is always far up in the millions. From time to time we thus benefit from the ministry and assistance of such Paradise-origin beings as Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counselors, Universal Censors, Inspired Trinity Spirits, Trinitized Sons, Solitary Messengers, supernaphim, seconaphim, tertiaphim, and other gracious ministers, who sojourn with us for the purpose of helping our native personalities in

the effort to bring all Nebadon into fuller harmony with the ideas of Orvonton and the ideals of Paradise.

Most Highs:

See "Constellation Fathers".

Most Holy Sphere:

On upper Paradise there are three grand spheres of activity, the Deity presence, the Most Holy Sphere, and the Holy Area. The vast region immediately surrounding the presence of the Deities is set aside as the Most Holy Sphere and is reserved for the functions of worship, trinitization, and high spiritual attainment. It is useless for me to undertake to portray to the human mind the divine nature and the beauteous grandeur of the Most Holy Sphere of Paradise. This realm is wholly spiritual, and you are almost wholly material. A purely spiritual reality is, to a purely material being, apparently nonexistent.

Mota:

The wisdom of the morontia level of reality; the mindal mechanism for the comprehension of cosmic meanings and the interrelationships of the universe. Mota - morontia wisdom. Mota is more than a superior philosophy; it is to philosophy as two eyes are to one; it has a stereoscopic effect on meanings and values. Material man sees the universe, as it were, with but one eye—flat. Mansion world students achieve cosmic perspective—depth—by superimposing the perceptions of the morontia life upon the perceptions of the physical life. Reason is the understanding technique of the sciences; faith is the insight technique of religion; mota is the technique of the morontia level.

Mota is a supermaterial reality sensitivity which is beginning to compensate incomplete growth, having for its substance knowledge-reason and for its essence faith-insight. Mota is a superphilosophical reconciliation of divergent reality perception which is nonattainable by material personalities; it is predicated, in part, on the experience of having survived the material life of the flesh. But many mortals have recognized the desirability of having some method of reconciling the interplay between the widely separated domains of science and religion; and metaphysics is the result of man's unavailing attempt to span this well-recognized chasm. But human metaphysics has proved more confusing than illuminating. Metaphysics stands for man's well-meant but futile effort to compensate for the absence of the mota of morontia.

Revelation is evolutionary man's only hope of bridging the morontia gulf. Faith and reason, unaided by mota, cannot conceive and construct a logical universe. Without the insight of mota, mortal man cannot discern goodness, love, and truth in the phenomena of the material world.

Mother Eves:

See "Material Sons and Daughters".

Mother Spirit:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Mother-Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Mystery:

The infinity of the perfection of God is such that it eternally constitutes him mystery. And the greatest of all the unfathomable mysteries of God is the phenomenon of the divine indwelling of mortal minds. The manner in which the Universal Father sojourns with the creatures of time is the most profound of all universe mysteries; the divine presence in the mind of man is the mystery of mysteries. As a reality in human spiritual experience God is not a mystery. But when an attempt is made to make plain the realities of the spirit world to the physical minds of the material order, mystery appears: mysteries so subtle and so profound that only the faith-grasp of the God-knowing mortal can achieve the philosophic miracle of the recognition of the Infinite by the finite, the discernment of the eternal God by the evolving mortals of the material worlds of time and space.

Mystery Monitors:

See "Thought Adjusters".

Mystery Religions:

Mystery religions, mystery cults, sacred mysteries or simply mysteries, were religious schools of the Greco-Roman world for which participation was reserved to initiates. The main characterization of this religion is the secrecy associated with the particulars of the initiation and the ritual practice, which may not be revealed to outsiders.

Mysticism:

Mysticism is popularly known as becoming one with God or the Absolute, but may refer to any kind of ecstasy or altered state of consciousness which is given a religious or spiritual meaning. It may also refer to the attainment of insight in ultimate or hidden truths, and to human transformation supported by various practices and experiences. Mysticism, is the technique of the cultivation of the consciousness of the presence of God. There is great danger associated with the habitual practice of religious daydreaming; mysticism may become a technique of reality avoidance, albeit it has sometimes been a means of genuine spiritual communion. Deriving from Neo-Platonism and Henosis, mysticism is popularly known as union with God or the Absolute. In the 13th century the term *unio mystica* came to be used to refer to the "spiritual marriage," the ecstasy, or rapture, that was experienced when prayer was used "to contemplate both God's omnipresence in the world and God in his essence." In the 19th century, under the influence of Romanticism, this "union" was interpreted as a "religious experience," which provides certainty about God or a transcendental reality.

Nabodad:

The early progress of the Melchizedek teaching was highly gratifying until Nabodad, the leader of the school at Kish, decided to make a concerted attack upon the prevalent practices of temple harlotry. But the Salem missionaries failed in their effort to bring about this social reform, and in the wreck of this failure all their more important spiritual and philosophic teachings went down in defeat.

Nabon:

Nabon was a Greek Jew and foremost among the leaders of the chief mystery cult in Rome, the Mithraic. While this high priest of Mithraism held many conferences with the Damascus scribe, he was most permanently influenced by their discussion of truth and faith one evening. Nabon had thought to make a convert of Jesus and had even suggested that he return to Palestine as a Mithraic teacher. He little realized that Jesus was preparing him to become one of the early converts to the gospel of the kingdom. Nabon was greatly impressed by each of his talks with Jesus. These truths continued to burn within his heart, and he was of great assistance to the later arriving preachers of Jesus' gospel.

Nambia:

The original and first-born Life Carrier of Nebadon. In the universe of Nebadon we have on record the creation of one hundred million Life Carriers. This efficient corps of life disseminators is not a truly self-governing group. They are directed by the life-determining trio, consisting of Gabriel, the Father Melchizedek, and Nambia. But in all phases of their divisional administration, they are self-governing.

Nature:

The First Source and Universe Center has never revealed himself by name, only by nature. Universal Father is not a synonym for nature, neither is he natural law personified; the nature of God is especially expressed by his infinite love, by truth, beauty, and goodness. Nature is in a limited sense the physical habit of God. Therefore, nature, as mortal man understands it, presents the underlying foundation and fundamental background of a changeless Deity and his immutable laws, modified by, fluctuating because of, and experiencing upheavals through, the working of the local plans, purposes, patterns, and conditions which have been inaugurated and are being carried out by the local universe, constellation, system, and planetary forces and personalities.

Nazarite:

In the Hebrew Bible, a Nazarite is an Israelite man or woman who voluntarily took a vow which is described in Numbers 6:1–21. The Nazarite is described as being "holy" and "holy unto God". This vow required the Nazarite to:

- Abstain from wine and strong drink as well as all other grape products, such as vinegar
- Refrain from cutting the hair on his head
- Not to become ritually impure by contact with corpses or graves, even those of family members.

Nebadon:

The name of our local universe of which Christ Michael is the Sovereign Son together with his Creative Mother Spirit consort. Salvington is its headquarters sphere. Our world is a component. Nebadon will eventually comprise ten million inhabited worlds. It was scarcely a million years subsequent to this epoch that Michael of Nebadon, a Creator Son of Paradise, selected this disintegrating nebula as the site of his adventure in universe building. Almost immediately the architectural worlds of Salvington and the one hundred constellation headquarters groups of planets were begun. It required almost one million years to complete

these clusters of specially created worlds. The local system headquarters planets were constructed over a period extending from that time to about five billion years ago. The characteristic space phenomenon which sets off each local creation from all others is the presence of the Creative Spirit. All Nebadon is certainly pervaded by the space presence of the Divine Minister of Salvington, and such presence just as certainly terminates at the outer borders of our local universe. That which is pervaded by our local universe Mother Spirit is Nebadon; that which extends beyond her space presence is outside Nebadon, being the extra-Nebadon space regions of the superuniverse of Orvonton -- other local universes. Salvington, the capital of Nebadon, your local universe, is surrounded by ten university clusters of forty-nine spheres each.

Nebadon Corps of Completion:

Finaliters acquire a marvelous and far-flung experience of transient service in all seven segments of the grand universe, but they do not ordinarily acquire that intimate knowledge of any one universe which even now characterizes the Spirit-fused veterans of the Nebadon Corps of Completion.

Nebula:

A nebula (Latin for 'cloud' or 'fog'; pl. nebulae or nebulas) is an interstellar cloud of dust, hydrogen, helium and other ionized gases. Originally, the term was used to describe any diffused astronomical object, including galaxies beyond the Milky Way. The Andromeda Galaxy, for instance, was once referred to as the Andromeda Nebula (and spiral galaxies in general as "spiral nebulae") before the true nature of galaxies was confirmed in the early 20th century by Vesto Slipher, Edwin Hubble and others.

Nebulae vary greatly in size and in the resulting number and aggregate mass of their stellar and planetary offspring. A sun-forming nebula just north of the borders of Orvonton, but within the superuniverse space level, has already given origin to approximately forty thousand suns, and the mother wheel is still throwing off suns, the majority of which are many times the size of yours. Some of the larger nebulae of outer space are giving origin to as many as one hundred million suns. [UB 15:4:5]

Around 150 A.D, Ptolemy recorded, in books VII–VIII of his "Almagest", five stars that appeared "nebulous". He also noted a region of nebulosity between the constellations Ursa Major and Leo that was not associated with any star. The first true nebula, as distinct from a star cluster, was mentioned by the Persian astronomer Abd al-Rahman al-Sufi, in his Book of Fixed Stars. He noted "a little cloud" where the Andromeda Galaxy is located. He also cataloged the Omicron Velorum star cluster as a "nebulous star" and other nebulous objects, such as Brocchi's Cluster. The supernova that created the Crab Nebula, the SN 1054, was observed by Arabic and Chinese astronomers in 1054.

The spiral and other nebulae, the mother wheels of the spheres of space, are initiated by Paradise force organizers; and following nebular evolution of gravity response, they are superseded in superuniverse function by the power centers and physical controllers, who thereupon assume full responsibility for directing the physical evolution of the ensuing generations of stellar and planetary offspring. This physical supervision of the Nebadon preuniverse was,

upon the arrival of our Creator Son, immediately co-ordinated with his plan for universe organization. Within the domain of this Paradise Son of God, the Supreme Power Centers and the Master Physical Controllers collaborated with the later appearing Morontia Power Supervisors and others to produce that vast complex of communication lines, energy circuits, and power lanes which firmly bind the manifold space bodies of Nebadon into one integrated administrative unit. [UB 41:1:1]

Nether Paradise:

The gravity forces of the material universes are convergent in the gravity center of nether Paradise. God controls all power; he has made "a way for the lightning"; he has ordained the circuits of all energy. He has decreed the time and manner of the manifestation of all forms of energy-matter. And all these things are held forever in his everlasting grasp—in the gravitational control centering on nether Paradise. space seemingly originates just below nether Paradise; time just above upper Paradise.

Nod:

One of the 100 corporeal members of Caligastia's staff; headed the commission on industry and trade, and became leader of those 60 staff members who joined the rebellion. This council was employed in fostering industry within the tribes and in promoting trade between the various peace groups. The sixty members of the planetary staff who went into rebellion chose Nod as their leader. They worked wholeheartedly for the rebel Prince but soon discovered that they were deprived of the sustenance of the system life circuits. They awakened to the fact that they had been degraded to the status of mortal beings. After the fall of Dalamatia the disloyal staff migrated to the north and the east. Their descendants were long known as the Nodites, and their dwelling place as "the land of Nod."

Nodites:

Descendants of the rebel members of Caligastia's corporeal staff who derived their name from their leader, Nod. The sixty members of the planetary staff who went into rebellion chose Nod as their leader. After the fall of Dalamatia the disloyal staff migrated to the north and the east. Their descendants were long known as the Nodites, and their dwelling place as "the land of Nod." "Nodite" is both a cultural and racial term, for the Nodites themselves constituted the eighth race of Urantia. The pure-line Nodites were a magnificent race, but they gradually mingled with the evolutionary peoples of earth, and before long great deterioration had occurred. Ten thousand years after the rebellion they had lost ground to the point where their average length of life was little more than that of the evolutionary races.

Nog:

A false god of those remnants of the lowest Sangik races occupying Dalamatia at the time of the flood which engulfed the city 162 years after the planetary rebellion.

Norlatiadek:

The constellation to which Urantia belongs. Norlatiadek is number seventy in the universe of Nebadon. The local universe of Nebadon consists of one hundred constellations and has a capital known as Salvington. Constellations represent the 100 primary divisions of local

universes and link the systems to local universe administration. Norlatiadek is number seventy in the universe of Nebadon. Since the triumph of Christ, all Norlatiadek is being cleansed of sin and rebels.

Omniaphim:

The fourth class of ministering spirits of the grand universe, created by the Infinite Spirit in concert with the Seven Supreme Executives, who serve as the exclusive servants and messengers of the Supreme Executives. Omniaphim are of grand universe assignment, and in Orvonton their corps maintains headquarters in the northerly parts of Uversa, where they reside as a special courtesy colony. They are not of registry on Uversa, nor are they attached to our administration. Neither are they directly concerned with the ascendant scheme of mortal progression. The omniaphim are wholly occupied with the oversight of the superuniverses in the interests of administrative co-ordination from the viewpoint of the Seven Supreme Executives.

Omnipotence:

The everywhere dominance of the absolute level. Of all the divine attributes, his omnipotence, especially as it prevails in the material universe, is the best understood. Viewed as an unspiritual phenomenon, God is energy. The omnipotence of the Father pertains to the everywhere dominance of the absolute level, whereon the three energies, material, mindal, and spiritual, are indistinguishable in close proximity to him—the Source of all things. The divine omnipotence is perfectly co-ordinated with the other attributes of the personality of God.

Omnipresence:

Everywhere present, and at the same time; the ability of the Universal Father to be everywhere present, and at the same time, constitutes his omnipresence. The omnipresence of God is in reality a part of his infinite nature; space constitutes no barrier to Deity. The omnipresence of the Original Son constitutes the spiritual unity of the universe of universes. The spiritual cohesion of all creation rests upon the everywhere active presence of the divine spirit of the Eternal Son.

Omnipresent Spirit:

See "Infinite Spirit".

Omnipotence:

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Omniscience:

Omniscience is the capacity to know everything. We are not wholly certain as to whether or not God chooses to foreknow events of sin. But even if God should foreknow the freewill acts of his children, such foreknowledge does not in the least abrogate their freedom. One thing is certain: God is never subjected to surprise. God is possessed of unlimited power to know all things; his consciousness is universal. His personal circuit encompasses all personalities, and his knowledge of even the lowly creatures is supplemented indirectly through the descending series of divine Sons and directly through the indwelling Thought Adjusters. And furthermore, the Infinite Spirit is all the time everywhere present. God cannot experientially know what he has never personally experienced; God's preknowledge is existential. Therefore does the spirit of the Father descend from Paradise to participate with finite mortals in every bona fide experience of the ascending career; it is only by such a method that the existential God could become in truth and in fact man's experiential Father. The infinity of the eternal God encompasses the potential for finite experience, which indeed becomes actual in the ministry of the Adjuster fragments that actually share the life vicissitude experiences of human beings.

Onagar:

The great leader of the Andonic tribes who taught worship of the "Breath Giver to men and animals" approximately ten thousand years after Andon and Fonta. Currently serves on the Urantia Advisory Council as one of the four and twenty counselors. As the Andonic dispersion extended, the cultural and spiritual status of the clans retrogressed for nearly ten thousand years until the days of Onagar, who assumed the leadership of these tribes, brought peace among them, and for the first time, led all of them in the worship of the "Breath Giver to men and animals."

Onamonalonton:

The leader and spiritual deliverer of the red race who taught about the "Great Spirit" 65,000 years ago in the redwood forests of California. Because of a great retrogression the red men seemed doomed when, about sixty-five thousand years ago, Onamonalonton appeared as their leader and spiritual deliverer. He brought temporary peace among the American red men and revived their worship of the "Great Spirit." Onamonalonton lived to be ninety-six years of age and maintained his headquarters among the great redwood trees of California. As time passed, the teachings of Onamonalonton became hazy traditions. Internecine wars were resumed. However, certain tribes of the red man preserved the teaching of Onamonalonton.

Ordination:

Ordination is the process by which individuals are consecrated, that is, set apart and elevated from the general population. In the New Testament, the apostles are primarily the twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to be his closest followers and to carry out his mission after His ascension.

Orlandof

Currently serves on the Urantia Advisory Council as one of the four and twenty counselors. About five hundred years after Caligastia's downfall a widespread revival of learning and religion of a primitive sort—but none the less real and beneficial—occurred. Orlandof became a great teacher among the blue race and led many of the tribes back to the worship of the true God under the name of the "Supreme Chief." This was the greatest advance of the blue man

until those later times when this race was so greatly upstepped by the admixture of the Adamic stock. Orlandof currently serves on the Urantia Advisory Council as one of the four and twenty counselors.

Original Michael:

The original or first-born Michael has never experienced incarnation as a material being, but seven times he passed through the experience of spiritual creature ascent on the seven circuits of Havona, advancing from the outer spheres to the innermost circuit of the central creation. He was a Son of the Eternal Son, who literally passed through the circuits of the central universe and actually shared those experiences which constitute an ascender's preparation for Deity attainment. This was the original Michael, the first-born Creator Son, and he passed through the life experiences of the ascending pilgrims from circuit to circuit, personally journeying a stage of each circle with them in the days of Grandfanda, the first of all mortals to attain Havona.

Original Mother Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Original Personality:

The Universal Father is the Original Personality. The more completely man understands himself and appreciates the personality values of his fellows, the more he will crave to know the Original Personality, and the more earnestly such a God-knowing human will strive to become like the Original Personality. In an ever-changing universe, the Original Personality of causation, intelligence, and spirit experience is changeless, absolute.

Original Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Orvonon:

The great leader and teacher of the indigo race who taught worship of the "God of Gods" and who currently serves on the Urantia Advisory Council as one of the four and twenty counselors. Alone in Africa, the indigo race made little advancement until the days of Orvonon, when they experienced a great spiritual awakening. While they later almost entirely forgot the "God of Gods" proclaimed by Orvonon, they did not entirely lose the desire to worship the Unknown; at least they maintained a form of worship up to a few thousand years ago.

Orvonton:

Our world, Urantia, is one of many similar inhabited planets which comprise the local universe of Nebadon. This universe, together with similar creations, makes up the superuniverse of Orvonton, the seventh superuniverse within the Grand Universe creation. Orvonton is divided into 10 major sectors. Each of which is divided into 100 minor sectors. This seventh superuniverse swings on between superuniverses one and six, having not long since turned the southeastern bend of the superuniverse space level. we are just now advancing beyond the southeastern bend and are moving swiftly through the long and comparatively straightaway

northern path. For untold ages Orvonton will pursue this almost direct northerly course. Practically all of the starry realms visible to the naked eye on Urantia belong to the seventh section of the grand universe, the superuniverse of Orvonton. The vast Milky Way starry system represents the central nucleus of Orvonton. The superuniverse of Orvonton is illuminated and warmed by more than ten trillion blazing suns.

Outer Space Levels:

Far out in space, at an enormous distance from the seven inhabited superuniverses, there are assembling vast and unbelievably stupendous circuits of force and materializing energies are the four Outer Space Levels. These four outer space levels are undoubtedly destined to eventuate-evolve the ultimacy of creation.

Oversoul:

The great Supreme is the cosmic oversoul of the grand universe, the consciousness of the finite cosmos, the completion of finite reality, and the personification of Creator-creature experience. If a mortal creature rejects the Father's gift of eternal salvation, that part of the Supreme which was dependent on this creature's choice experiences inescapable delay, a deprivation which must be compensated by substitutional or collateral experience; as for the personality of the nonsurvivor, it is absorbed into the oversoul of creation, becoming a part of the Deity of the Supreme. Also, when the continued mortal embrace of sin by the associated mind culminates in complete self-identification with iniquity, then upon the cessation of life, upon cosmic dissolution, such an isolated personality is absorbed into the oversoul of creation, becoming a part of the evolving experience of the Supreme Being.

Paganism:

The word "pagan" literally means anyone else's religion or belief system that rests outside of their own religion. In other words, to the Orthodox Jews, Muslims are pagans, and to the Muslims, the Jews are pagan, and just about every other religion classifies those outside of their own beliefs as pagan. Paganism is known for the elaborate rituals, ceremonies, and other practices that involve worship of their god or gods (whichever the case may be).

Palonia:

The system in which Michael made his second bestowal as a primary Lanonandek Son serving as System Sovereign. For more than seventeen years of universe time this strange and unknown temporary ruler administered the affairs and wisely adjudicated the difficulties of this confused and demoralized local system. No System Sovereign was ever more ardently loved or more widespreadly honored and respected. In justice and mercy this new ruler set the turbulent system in order while he painstakingly ministered to all his subjects, even offering his rebellious predecessor the privilege of sharing the system throne of authority if he would only apologize to Immanuel for his indiscretions. But Lutentia spurned these overtures of mercy, well knowing that this new and strange System Sovereign was none +other than Michael, the very universe ruler whom he had so recently defied.

Panoptia:

The Lucifer rebellion was system wide. Thirty-seven seceding Planetary Princes swung their world administrations largely to the side of the archrebel. Only on Panoptia did the Planetary Prince fail to carry his people with him. On this world, under the guidance of the Melchizedeks, the people rallied to the support of Michael. Ellanora, a young woman of that mortal realm, grasped the leadership of the human races, and not a single soul on that strife-torn world enlisted under the Lucifer banner. And ever since have these loyal Panoptians served on the seventh Jerusem transition world as the caretakers and builders on the Father's sphere and its surrounding seven detention worlds.

Pantheism:

Pantheism is the belief that reality is identical with divinity, or that all things compose an all-encompassing, immanent god or goddess. Pantheist belief does not recognize a distinct personal god, anthropomorphic or otherwise, but instead characterizes a broad range of doctrines differing in forms of relationships between reality and divinity. In pantheism, since God has no body, he is not, therefore, a person.

Parables:

A parable is a short, didactic story that illustrates one or more instructive lessons or principles. It is a type of metaphorical analogy. Unlike fables, which employ animals, plants, inanimate objects, or forces of nature as characters, parables have human characters. Parables often have a moral lesson at the end. The word "parable" comes from the Greek word "parabole", which means "comparison".

Paradise:

Paradise is a term inclusive of the personal and the nonpersonal focal Absolutes of all phases of universe reality. Paradise, properly qualified, may connote any and all forms of reality, Deity, divinity, personality, and energy—spiritual, mindal, or material. All share Paradise as the place of origin, function, and destiny, as regards values, meanings, and factual existence. Paradise serves many purposes in the administration of the universal realms, but to creature beings it exists primarily as the dwelling place of Deity. The personal presence of the Universal Father is resident at the very center of the upper surface of this well-nigh circular, but not spherical, abode of the Deities. This Paradise presence of the Universal Father is immediately surrounded by the personal presence of the Eternal Son, while they are both invested by the unspeakable glory of the Infinite Spirit. On Paradise, time and space are nonexistent; the time-space status of Paradise is absolute. This level is Trinity attained, existentially, by the Paradise Deities, but this third level of unifying Deity expression is not fully unified experientially. Whenever, wherever, and however the absolute level of Deity functions, Paradise-absolute values and meanings are manifest.

On Paradise the three energies, physical, mindal, and spiritual, are co-ordinate. In the evolutionary cosmos energy-matter is dominant except in personality, where spirit, through the mediation of mind, is striving for the mastery. Paradise not otherwise qualified -- is the Absolute of the material-gravity control of the First Source and Center. Paradise is motionless, being the only stationary thing in the universe of universes. The Isle of Paradise has a universe location but no position in space. This eternal Isle is the actual source of the physical universes -- past, present, and future. The nuclear Isle of Light is a Deity derivative, but it is hardly Deity; neither are the material creations a part of Deity; they are a consequence.

Paradise Adjusters:

See "Thought Adjusters".

Paradise Bestowal Sons:

Paradise bestowal Sons are, in every phase of personality experience, God and man. When a certain standard of intellectual and spiritual development is attained on an inhabited world, a Paradise bestowal Son always arrives. On a mortal-bestowal mission a Paradise Son is always born of woman and grows up as a male child of the realm, as Jesus did on Urantia. These Sons of supreme service all pass from infancy through youth to manhood just as does a human being. In every respect they become like the mortals of the race into which they are born. They make petitions to the Father as do the children of the realms in which they serve. From a material viewpoint, these human-divine Sons live ordinary lives with just one exception: They do not beget offspring on the worlds of their sojourn; that is a universal restriction imposed on all orders of the Paradise bestowal Sons. 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.

Dispensations of the Magisterial Bestowal Sons cover anywhere from twenty-five thousand to fifty thousand years of Urantia time. In the fullness of time one of these Magisterial Sons will be born as a Paradise bestowal Son.

Paradise Citizens:

The Holy Area, the outlying or residential region, is divided into seven concentric zones. Paradise is sometimes called "the Father's House" since it is his eternal residence, and these seven zones are often designated "the Father's Paradise mansions." The inner or first zone is occupied by Paradise Citizens and the natives of Havona who may chance to be dwelling on Paradise. They are not directly concerned with the scheme of perfecting ascending will creatures and are not, therefore, fully revealed to Urantia mortals.

Paradise Companions:

The Paradise Companions are a composite or assembled group recruited from the ranks of the seraphim, seconaphim, supernaphim, and omniaphim. Though serving for what you would regard as an extraordinary length of time, they are not of permanent status. When this ministry has been completed, as a rule (but not invariably) they return to those duties they performed when summoned to Paradise service.

Paradise Corps of Finality:

See "Corps of the Finality".

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Paradise Creators:

See "Trinity".

Paradise Father:

See "Universal Father".

Paradise Force Organizers:

The Paradise force organizers transmute space potency into primordial force and evolve this prematerial potential into the primary and secondary energy manifestations of physical reality. Paradise force organizers are nebulae originators; they are able to initiate about their space presence the tremendous cyclones of force which, when once started, can never be stopped or limited until the all-pervading forces are mobilized for the eventual appearance of the ultimatonic units of universe matter. The spiral and other nebulae, the mother wheels of the spheres of space, are initiated by Paradise force organizers.

Paradise Gravity:

Absolute gravity is Paradise gravity. Paradise gravity grasps the basic units of material existence. Gravity Stages (Energy) as the modification of the force-charge of space is produced by the action of the Paradise force organizers. It signalizes the appearance of energy systems responsive to the pull of Paradise gravity. This emergent energy is originally neutral but consequent upon further metamorphosis will exhibit the so-called negative and positive qualities. We designate these stages ultimata. Puissant (primary) energy emerges to the level of initial response to the circular and absolute-gravity grasp of Paradise. The ultimatons are not subject to local gravity, the interplay of material attraction, but they are fully obedient to absolute or Paradise gravity, to the trend, the swing, of the universal and eternal circle of the universe of universes. Ultimatonic energy does not obey the linear or direct gravity attraction of near-by or remote material masses, but it does ever swing true to the circuit of the great ellipse of the far-flung creation. The force-charge of space is produced by the action of the Paradise force organizers. It signalizes the appearance of energy systems responsive to the pull of Paradise gravity. This emergent energy is originally neutral but consequent upon further metamorphosis will exhibit the so-called negative and positive qualities. We designate these stages ultimata.

Paradise Michael:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Paradise Monota:

Energy-matter, in all its metamorphic presentations, responds to the material-gravity circuit centering in nether Paradise. Paradise energy, monota, can be characterized as living but non-spirit energy. On Paradise, monota is indistinguishable from that Paradise spirit which originates in the person of the Eternal Son; it is only when you depart from the unity of Paradise that monota energy can be distinguished from Paradise spirit. Paradise monota is the original non-spirit expression of the First Source and Center.

Paradise Rulers:

See "Trinity".

Paradise Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Paradise Sons of God:

The Universal Father controls and regulates his creation through the downstepping administration of his descending Sons. This unbroken chain of authority extends downward from Paradise throughout all the levels of his superuniverse domains, starting with the Paradise Sons and ending with the Planetary Princes who carry the responsibility for directing the destinies of the evolutionary worlds. Even though the Paradise Sons are scattered throughout the grand universe, they always maintain a direct and exclusive channel of communication with the Original Mother Son. Three classifications of Paradise Sons take origin in various creative liaisons of the three Persons of Deity - the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. The Second Person of Deity, the Eternal Son, is involved in giving origin to all three of these Paradise Son offspring. All these Paradise Sons are the divine presentation of the acting natures of the three persons of Deity to the domains of time and space. The Creator, Magisterial, and Teacher Sons are the gifts of the eternal Deities to the children of men and to all other universe creatures of ascension potential. These Sons of God are the divine ministers who are unceasingly devoted to the work of helping the creatures of time attain the high spiritual goal of eternity. [UB 20:10.2]

Paradise Source and Center:

See "Universal Father".

Paradise Spheres:

The central universe whirls around the stationary Isle of Paradise in one vast plane, consisting of ten concentric stabilized units—the three circuits of Paradise spheres (Father Spheres, Son Spheres, Spirit Spheres) and the seven circuits of Havona worlds.

Paradise Spirit:

We cannot differentiate the nature of Paradise spirit and Paradise monota; they are apparently alike. They have different names, but you can hardly be told very much about a reality whose spiritual and whose nonspiritual manifestations are distinguishable only by name. Paradise spirit that indwells the minds of the mortals of time and there fosters the evolution of the immortal soul of the surviving creature is of the nature and divinity of the Universal Father. Paradise Spirit is the exemplary and inspiring pattern for each of his co-ordinate Spirits and subordinate personalities ministering to the created beings on the worlds of time and space. The presence of the Paradise spirit in the mind of man constitutes the revelation promise and the faith pledge of an eternal existence of divine progression for every soul seeking to achieve identity with this immortal and indwelling spirit fragment of the Universal Father.

Paradise-Havona:

The Paradise-Havona system is the central nucleus of all creation. The universes of time and space revolve around this perfect center of divine creation. At the core of this eternal universe system is found the motionless Isle of Paradise. Paradise is the geographic center of infinity and the dwelling place of God. Paradise is an eternal and exclusive existence. It is not even a part of the created universe; it is primal to the derivative creations within the universe creations. The three realities of spirit, matter, and mind are indistinguishable in the actual presence of the Paradise Father. As spirit and material energies diverge from Paradise, mind begins to proportionately function. Mind is the inevitable technique for unifying the ever-widening divergence of the dual universe manifestations of the original monothetic Creator personality of the Father.

Paradisers:

See "Paradise Citizens".

Passenger Birds:

See "Fandors".

Pattern:

Pattern can be projected as material, spiritual, or mindal, or any combination of these energies. It can pervade personalities, identities, entities, or nonliving matter. But pattern is pattern and remains pattern; only copies are multiplied. Pattern may configure energy, but it does not control it. Gravity is the sole control of energy-matter. Neither space nor pattern are gravity responsive, but there is no relationship between space and pattern; space is neither pattern nor potential pattern. Pattern is a configuration of reality which has already paid all gravity debt; the reality of any pattern consists of its energies, its mind, spirit, or material components. Pattern may configure energy, but it does not control it. Gravity is the sole control of energy-matter. Neither space nor pattern are gravity responsive, but there is no relationship between space and pattern; space is neither pattern nor potential pattern. Pattern is a configuration of reality which has already paid all gravity debt; the reality of any pattern consists of its energies, its mind, spirit, or material components. Havona serves as the pattern creation for all other universes +and as the finishing school for the pilgrims of time on their way to Paradise. Paradise is the pattern of infinity; the God of Action is the activator of that pattern. Havona is a perfect pattern of the universality potential of the Supreme. This universe is a finished portrayal of the future perfection of the Supreme and is suggestive of the potential of the Ultimate.

Paul:

Paul was born in Tarsus. He and his father were Roman citizens. Paul was a "Hebrew of the Hebrews". He was a well-respected, well-educated, and well-read Hebrew rabbi, born into a family of Pharisees and thoroughly trained in the ultra-orthodox traditions - he was also familiar with the philosophy of the Stoics and the Cynics and he had a basic understanding of the various pagan religions. He was a cosmopolitan for his times - a Roman citizen entitled to all the legal rights thereto, a seasoned traveler, and a distinguished legal scholar. He was educated in Jerusalem at the feet of Gamaliel [Acts 22:3]. Before his famous encounter with the risen Jesus on the Damascus Road, "Saul of Tarsus" (as he was known before his conversion experience) aggressively fought any challenge to the Pharisee's traditions. Yet, after his dramatic conversion, Paul was a completely different kind of man. He took great pains

not to put any stress on his own intellectual and academic achievements, lest he unwittingly undermined the simplicity of the evangelistic message. His death occurred 64 or 65 AD. He was an active missionary for about 33 years.

In the early days of the Christian Church in Jerusalem, when he was known by his birth name of Saul (Paul is his Greek name by which he later preached Christianity to the Gentiles), he exercised an authority to carry out "murderous threats against the Lord's disciples." [Acts 9:1] He would arrest both men and women followers of Jesus Christ and the "Way" and have them thrown into prison. In his deadly persecutions of these early Christians, he had given his approval for the killing of Stephen, the brave and outspoken first-martyr for the Christian cause. Paul was present at Stephen's death - the first martyr of the new religion. Stephen's death precipitated a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and many believers were scattered. Throughout Judea and Samaria, only the apostles remained. When others of these followers continued to agitate brazenly in the open, Saul initiated a series of persecutions against these outgoing sectarians.

The early Church leaders – James (Jesus' brother), Peter, and John – realized that God was using Paul to reach the Gentiles, just as Peter was to be used so greatly to reach the Jews. After hearing of Paul's conversion and message, they gave Paul their approval to continue working among the Gentiles. Paul became an extraordinary missionary and established many Gentile churches throughout Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome. Many of his instructional letters (epistles) to these churches are included in the Bible's New Testament. The apostle Paul travelled tremendous distances as he tirelessly spread the gospel across much of the Roman Empire. His combined trips, by land and sea, total up to more than 13,000 miles. Paul, the "Apostle to the Gentiles," had plenty of opportunity to preach to Jews in his travels. There were some four to five million Jews living abroad in the first century. Every major city had at least one synagogue, and Rome had at least eleven. The Jewish population of Rome alone was 40,000–50,000.

Pentecost:

Pentecost was the great festival of baptism, the time for fellowshipping the proselytes of the gate, those gentiles who desired to serve Yahweh. The coming of the Spirit of Truth on Pentecost made possible a religion which is neither radical nor conservative; it is neither the old nor the new; it is to be dominated neither by the old nor the young. The term Pentecost comes from the Greek meaning "fiftieth" (50th). It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition. In Christian tradition, Pentecost refers to the descent of Jesus' spirit of Truth, his promised Comforter, on the first Christians. The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14-36 stresses the resurrection and exaltation. In his sermon, Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 and Psalm 16 to indicate that first Pentecost marks the start of the new Messianic Age. About one hundred and twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15) were present, including the twelve Apostles (Matthias was Judas' replacement) (Acts 1:13, 26), Jesus' mother Mary, other female disciples and his brothers (Acts 1:14).

The apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of prophecy: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." [Acts 2:17] Peter also mentions that this moment occurred at the third hour of the day (about 9:00 am). Peter stated that this event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike. Two remarkable things happened to the disciples after Jesus' ascension. The first is that they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." [Luke 24:52] They were not despondent over the departure of Jesus; they finally understood why he was leaving. The second major impact was an emergent spiritual strength in the lives of these disciples. No longer did they flee like sheep without a shepherd when threatened. Instead, they shook the world to its core as armed with the living truth of Jesus' gospel. The day of Pentecost immediately impacted Jerusalem. Jesus' enemies believed they had vanquished and eliminated the threat to their institutions and ideologies that the revolutionary teachings of Jesus posed, but Jesus' poured-out spirit of Truth brought a renewed and fresh revelation of a risen Lord. An insignificant group of just over one hundred suddenly grew to several thousand. The true power of Pentecost quickly revealed itself not only the next day, but also by what transpired weeks, months and years following.

No longer did these early Christians strain to obey God's Law as inscribed in stone; Jesus' Comforter brought the Law to the soul-interior of every re-born life, and this new spiritual consciousness daily revealed itself to the world. Only after Pentecost did the whole range of God's spiritual gifts begin to be exercised through all of God's people who were re-born into the Spirit. It has been said the early Christians preached like a people who had just witnessed the risen Christ. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving Jesus' Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized: "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Only a few of these early Christians had actually seen Jesus in the flesh, but the majority had not. Yet this new Spirit brought Jesus to life once again.

Perfections of Days:

Perfections of Days are the rulers of the superuniverse major sectors. The courts of the Perfections of Days are constituted much as are those of the Ancients of Days except that they do not sit in spiritual judgment upon the realms. The work of these major sector governments has chiefly to do with the intellectual status of a far-flung creation. The major sectors detain, adjudicate, dispense, and tabulate, for reporting to the courts of the Ancients of Days, all matters of superuniverse importance of a routine and administrative nature which are not immediately concerned with the spiritual administration of the realms or with the outworking of the mortal-ascension plans of the Paradise Rulers.

Perfectors of Wisdom:

The Perfectors of Wisdom are a specialized creation of the Paradise Trinity designed to personify the wisdom of divinity in the superuniverses. There are exactly seven billion of these beings in existence, and one billion are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses. In common with their co-ordinates, the Divine Counselors and the Universal Censors, the Perfectors of Wisdom passed through the wisdom of Paradise, of Havona, and except for

Divinington, of the Father's Paradise spheres. After these experiences the Perfectors of Wisdom were permanently assigned to the service of the Ancients of Days.

Peripheral Paradise:

On peripheral Paradise are the enormous historic and prophetic exhibit areas assigned to the Creator Sons, dedicated to the local universes of time and space. The Seven Supreme Power Directors are stationed on peripheral Paradise, where their slowly circulating presences indicate the whereabouts of the force-focal headquarters of the Master Spirits. On peripheral Paradise are the enormous historic and prophetic exhibit areas assigned to the Creator Sons, dedicated to the local universes of time and space. There are just seven trillion of these historic reservations now set up or in reserve, but these arrangements all together occupy only about four per cent of that portion of the peripheral area thus assigned. We infer that these vast reserves belong to creations sometime to be situated beyond the borders of the present known and inhabited seven superuniverses. The Seven Supreme Power Directors are stationed on peripheral Paradise, where their slowly circulating presences indicate the whereabouts of the force-focal headquarters of the Master Spirits. These power directors function singly in the power-energy regulation of the superuniverses but collectively in the administration of the central creation. They operate from Paradise but maintain themselves as effective power centers in all divisions of the grand universe.

Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit:

The Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit exist for the exclusive assistance of the Paradise presence of the Third Person of Deity. The Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit exist for the exclusive assistance of the Paradise presence of the Third Person of Deity. Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit are stationed on the central Isle of Light. Personal Aids are characterized by the possession of tremendous endowments of antigravity. We have no authentic knowledge as to the time or manner of the creation of the Personal Aids. Their number must be legion, but it is not of record on Uversa.

Personality:

The Father, by being personal God, is endowed with absolute, primal, and unlimited free will - free will is the essential endowment characterizing personality. The Eternal Son is eternally present with the Father as the absolute personality, and all other bona fide personalities share in this nature of being personal. Personality may be identified with various associations of spirit, mind, and matter, but personality is not to be equated with these systems of spirit, mind, and matter. Rather, it is the presence of personality that brings these various associations of spirit, mind, and matter into a unified reality of identity.

The divine gift of personality is bestowed upon a mind-endowed mortal mechanism as an exclusive gift of the Paradise Father. Personality is one of the greatest mysteries in all existence. The concepts of personality and Deity are very similar in origin, function, and reach of their characterization. The endowment of personality originates at the most primal and original level of the Father-I AM. Before the divergence of the two absolutes of the spiritual Eternal Son and the material Isle of Paradise, there is the original personality of the Universal Father. It is at this primal level of deified reality that all personality derives.

Personality (Gravity) Circuit:

The personality circuit of the universe of universes is centered in the person of the Universal Father, and the Paradise Father is personally conscious of, and in personal touch with, all personalities of all levels of self-conscious existence. Any and all things responding to the personality circuit of the Father, we call personal. Only by means of his far-flung personality circuit does God deal directly with the personalities of his vast creation of will creatures, but he is contactable (outside of Paradise) only in the presences of his fragmented entities, the will of God abroad in the universes.

Personalization:

The Universal Father achieves freewill liberation from the bonds of infinity and the fetters of eternity by the technique of trinitization, threefold Deity personalization. The Supreme Being is even now evolving as a subeternal personality unification of the sevenfold manifestation of Deity in the time-space segments of the grand universe. The bestowal of personality is the exclusive function of the Universal Father, the personalization of the living energy systems which he endows with the attributes of relative creative consciousness and the freewill control thereof.

Personalized Adjusters:

See "Personalized Thought Adjusters".

Personalized Monitors:

See "Personalized Thought Adjusters".

Personalized Thought Adjusters:

Sometimes when Thought Adjusters are subject to extraordinary circumstances of their indwelling, they become personalized by the Universal Father; that is to say, they enjoy a distinct personal existence apart from their normal indwelling of a mortal mind. To all beings who have attained the Universal Father, the Personalized Thought Adjusters are visible. Adjusters of all stages, together with all other beings, entities, spirits, personalities, and spirit manifestations, are always discernible by those Supreme Creator Personalities who originate in the Paradise Deities, and who preside over the major governments of the grand universe. To all beings who have attained the Universal Father, the Personalized Thought Adjusters are visible. Adjusters of all stages, together with all other beings, entities, spirits, personalities, and spirit manifestations, are always discernible by those Supreme Creator Personalities who originate in the Paradise Deities, and who preside over the major governments of the grand universe.

Pervaded Space:

The space of the grand universe and that of all outer regions is believed to be actually pervaded by the ancestral space potency of the Unqualified Absolute. The successive space levels of the master universe constitute the major divisions of pervaded space—total creation, organized and partially inhabited or yet to be organized and inhabited. Pervaded space is now approaching the mid-point of the expanding phase, while unpervaded space nears the mid-point of the contracting phase, and we are informed that the outermost limits of both space extensions are, theoretically, now approximately equidistant from Paradise. The unpervaded-space reservoirs now extend vertically above upper Paradise and below nether Paradise just as far as the pervaded space of the universe extends horizontally outward from peripheral

Paradise to and even beyond the fourth outer space level. From near approach to peripheral Paradise, pervaded space extends horizontally outward through the fourth space level and beyond the periphery of the master universe, but how far beyond we do not know. When the universes expand and contract, the material masses in pervaded space alternately move against and with the pull of Paradise gravity.

Pharisees:

The Pharisees conceived Judaism as a religion centered upon the observance of the Mosaic Law, and they interpreted the obligations of the law in the most severe manner. As a group, the Pharisees accepted as inspired Scripture the Torah, the historical writings, the wisdom writings, and the works of the prophets. In other words, they accepted as canon all the 46 books of the Old Testament that are in our modern Catholic translations. They also accepted the Oral Tradition passed down by Moses to the elders. Israel under the Law, which the Pharisees conceived, was a theocracy and a national-religion. They were opposed to the rule of the Romans and their Herodian puppet kings, although they had little sympathy with the fanatic nationalists like the Zealots who espoused armed rebellion against Rome. As a group they stood in opposition to the Sadducees, but they were in close alliance with the scribes, the teachers and interpreters of the Law.

Because of their zeal for the holiness code (especially that of Leviticus), they emphasized purity and separation from those who did not observe their practices. Unlike the Sadducees, the Pharisees believed in resurrection and in angels. As to free will, Josephus puts them between the fatalistic Essenes and the free-will Sadducees: they ascribed everything to "fate" and God's providence, yet they believed the power to do good or evil is principally in the power of men, although fate does cooperate in every action. In contrast to the Sadducees, the Pharisees did not collaborate with Rome. Pharisees were generally considered to be the champions of the common people. Jesus condemned the Pharisees for their legalism and pronounced seven curses against them in Matthew 23:13-36. Pharisaic Judaism alone survived the catastrophe of the destruction of the Temple and the beginning of the great Diaspora in 70 AD; these Pharisees were the founders of Rabbinical Judaism.

Philo:

The doctrines of early Christianity were generally based on the personal religious experience of three different persons: Philo of Alexandria, Jesus of Nazareth, and Paul of Tarsus. Paul of Tarsus and Philo of Alexandria were the greatest teachers of this era. Their concepts of religion have played a dominant part in the evolution of that faith which bears the name of Christ. Philo of Alexandria harmonized and systemized Greek philosophy and Hebrew theology into a compact and fairly consistent system of religious belief and practice. And it was this later teaching of combined Greek philosophy and Hebrew theology that prevailed in Palestine when Jesus lived and taught, and which Paul utilized as the foundation on which to build his more advanced and enlightening cult of Christianity.

Philosophy:

Next to the supreme satisfaction of worship is the exhilaration of philosophy. Never do you climb so high or advance so far that there do not remain a thousand mysteries which demand the employment of philosophy in an attempted solution. Truth is the basis of science and

philosophy, presenting the intellectual foundation of religion. The concept of good and evil as cosmic co-ordinates is, even in the twentieth century, very much alive in human philosophy. Revelation synthesizes the apparently divergent sciences of nature and the theology of religion into a consistent and logical universe philosophy, a co-ordinated and unbroken explanation of both science and religion, thus creating a harmony of mind and satisfaction of spirit which answers in human experience those questionings of the mortal mind which craves to know how the Infinite works out his will and plans in matter, with minds, and on spirit.

Physical Controllers:

See "Master Physical Controllers".

Planetary Council:

This is the system council of world rulers, the Planetary Princes and the resident governors general of the isolated worlds. System Sovereigns preside over these planetary councils. The System Sovereign presides over the system council of world rulers, the Planetary Princes and the resident governors general of the isolated worlds. This planetary council assembles from time to time on the headquarters of the system—"When the Sons of God come together." Cessation of existence can be decreed at such times by co-ordinate action of all tribunals of jurisdiction, extending from the planetary council up through the courts of the Creator Son to the judgment tribunals of the Ancients of Days.

Planetary Helpers:

The fifth order of angels, the planetary helpers, are attached to the Adamic mission, always accompanying the Planetary Adams on their world adventures. The fifth order of angels, the planetary helpers, are attached to the Adamic mission, always accompanying the Planetary Adams on their world adventures. In the case of our planet's Adam and Eve, the angel of the Garden was none other than the chief of the planetary helpers then on duty. This seraphim, Solonia, proclaimed the miscarriage of the divine plan and requisitioned the return of the Melchizedek receivers to Urantia.

Planetary Princes:

Both Vorondadek Sons and Lanonandek Sons are brought into being by a Creator Son and his Creative Spirit associate. Vorondadeks are best known as the Most Highs, the Constellation Fathers; Lanonandeks as System Sovereigns and as Planetary Princes. While belonging to the order of Lanonandek Sons, the Planetary Princes are so specialized in service that they are commonly regarded as a distinct group. After their Melchizedek certification as secondary Lanonandeks, these local universe Sons are assigned to the reserves of their order on the constellation headquarters. From here they are assigned to various duties by the System Sovereign and eventually commissioned as Planetary Princes and sent forth to rule the evolving inhabited worlds.

Planetary Sovereigns:

See "Planetary Princes".

Platonism:

Platonism is the philosophy of Plato and philosophical systems closely derived from it. Platonism had a profound effect on Western thought. Platonism at least affirms the existence of abstract objects, which are asserted to exist in a third realm distinct from both the sensible external world and from the internal world of consciousness, and is the opposite of nominalism. This can apply to properties, types, propositions, meanings, numbers, sets, truth values, and so on. Platonism is the philosophy of Plato and philosophical systems closely derived from it, though contemporary platonists do not necessarily accept all of the doctrines of Plato. Platonism had a profound effect on Western thought. Platonism at least affirms the existence of abstract objects, which are asserted to exist in a third realm distinct from both the sensible external world and from the internal world of consciousness, and is the opposite of nominalism. This can apply to properties, types, propositions, meanings, numbers, sets, truth values, and so on (see abstract object theory). Philosophers who affirm the existence of abstract objects are sometimes called platonists; those who deny their existence are sometimes called nominalists. The terms "platonism" and "nominalism" also have established senses in the history of philosophy. They denote positions that have little to do with the modern notion of an abstract object.

Polytheism:

Polytheism is the belief in multiple deities, which are usually assembled into a pantheon of gods and goddesses, along with their own religious sects and rituals. Polytheism is a type of theism. Within theism, it contrasts with monotheism, the belief in a singular God, in most cases transcendent. In religions that accept polytheism, the different gods and goddesses may be representations of forces of nature or ancestral principles; they can be viewed either as autonomous or as aspects or emanations of a creator deity or transcendental absolute principle (monistic theologies), which manifests immanently in nature (panentheistic and pantheistic theologies). Polytheists do not always worship all the gods equally; they can be henotheists, specializing in the worship of one particular deity, or kathenotheists, worshiping different deities at different times. Polytheism was the typical form of religion before the development and spread of the universalist Abrahamic religions of Christianity and Islam, which enforce monotheism. It is well documented throughout history, from prehistory and the earliest records of Ancient Egyptian religion and Ancient Mesopotamian religion to the religions prevalent during Classical antiquity, such as ancient Greek religion and ancient Roman religion, and in ethnic religions such as Germanic, Slavic, and Baltic paganism and Native American religions. With primitive man, even polytheism is a relative unification of the evolving concept of Deity; polytheism is monotheism in the making. The concept of a semihuman and jealous God is an inevitable transition between polytheism and sublime monotheism. The Hebrew religion encompasses the philosophic transition from polytheism to monotheism; it is an evolutionary link between the religions of evolution and the religions of revelation.

Porogia:

A neighboring local system in the constellation of Norlatiadek.

Porshunta:

The leader and master mind of the orange race who ministered from their headquarters at Armageddon approximately 300,000 years ago. Serves today on the Urantia Advisory Council as one of the four and twenty counselors. Before the end came, this people lost much cultural

and spiritual ground. But there was a great revival of higher living as a result of the wise leadership of Porshunta, the master mind of this unfortunate race, who ministered to them when their headquarters was at Armageddon.

Portalon:

A local universe neighbor of Nebadon.

Post-Adamic Dispensation:

The result of the gift of the Adamic life plasm to the mortal races is an immediate upstepping of intellectual capacity and an acceleration of spiritual progress. There is usually some physical improvement also. On an average world the post-Adamic dispensation is an age of great invention, energy control, and mechanical development. This is the era of the appearance of multiform manufacture and the control of natural forces; it is the golden age of exploration and the final subduing of the planet.

Potential/Potentiality:

From a creature's viewpoint, actuality is substance, potentiality is capacity. Actuality exists centermost and expands therefrom into peripheral infinity; potentiality comes inward from the infinity periphery and converges at the center of all things. Actual and potential realities exist in fullness of expression in contrast to those which carry undisclosed capacity for growth. The Eternal Son is an absolute spiritual actuality; mortal man is very largely an unrealized spiritual potentiality. The mind level suggests the perpetuation of ideational continuity, the unceasing flow of conceptual potentiality from pre-existent conceptions. The mind level suggests the perpetuation of ideational continuity, the unceasing flow of conceptual potentiality from pre-existent conceptions. The Triodity of Potentiality consists in the association of the three Absolutes of potentiality—Deity, Universal, and Unqualified. This triodity of existential potentiality constitutes the potential revelation of the originality of the First Source and Center. The eternity action of the Trinity Absolute may be thought of as culminating in some kind of experientialization of the Absolutes of potentiality. 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.

Power:

Energy is an all-inclusive term applied to spiritual, mindal, and material realms. Force is also thus broadly used. Power is ordinarily limited to the designation of the electronic level of material or linear-gravity-responsive matter in the grand universe. Power is also employed to designate sovereignty. Throughout the material universes Paradise influences the reactions and conduct of all beings having to do with force, energy, and power. Divinity is disclosed on impersonal levels as justice, power, and sovereignty.

Power Centers:

The power centers utilize vast mechanisms and co-ordinations of a material order in liaison with the living mechanisms of the various segregated energy concentrations. The power centers and their subordinate controllers are assigned to the working of all of the physical energies of organized space. They work with the three basic currents of ten energies each.

That is the energy charge of organized space; and organized space is their domain. Power centers and physical controllers undergo no training; they are all created in perfection and are inherently perfect in action. Never do they pass from one function to another; always do they serve as originally assigned. There is no evolution in their ranks, and this is true of all seven divisions of both orders. Their relation to gravity is wholly negative.

Each individual power center is constituted in exactly one million units of functional control, and these energy-modifying units are not stationary as are the vital organs of man's physical body; these "vital organs" of power regulation are mobile and truly kaleidoscopic in associative possibilities:

It is utterly beyond my ability to explain the manner in which these living beings encompass the manipulation and regulation of the master circuits of universe energy. To undertake to inform you further concerning the size and function of these gigantic and almost perfectly efficient power centers, would only add to your confusion and consternation. They are both living and "personal," but they are beyond your comprehension. [UB 29:3.8]

Power Directors:

The universe of universes is permeated by the power-control creatures of the Third Source and Center: physical controllers, power directors, power centers, and other representatives of the Infinite Spirit who have to do with the regulation and stabilization of physical energies. The physical systems of the superuniverses are mobilized by the Universe Power Directors and their associates. These material organizations are dual in constitution and are known as gravita.

Power-Personality Synthesis:

Triune Paradise Deity is unified in the Trinity and is existential as the three persons of Deity - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. In association with triune Paradise Deity, God the Supreme resides in Havona and is the personal spirit reflection of the unified Trinity. Havona is an eternal and perfect expression of the spiritual nature of the Supreme Being. The spirit personality of God the Supreme dominates the evolutionary power of the Almighty Supreme. The power-personality synthesis of these two phases of the Supreme Being is the unification of evolutionary power with spirit personality. The nonspiritual and impersonal aspects of the universe of universes are undergoing unification within the Almighty Supreme in complete harmony and balance with the spirit-personal qualities of God the Supreme as these are both manifested in the evolution of the Supreme Being. Moreover, this power-personality synthesis discloses the active and unifying functioning of Supreme Mind.

Power-Personality Unification:

See "Power-Personality Synthesis"

Power Transformers:

These transformers are powerful and effective living switches, being able to dispose themselves for or against a given power disposition or directionization. They are also skillful in their efforts to insulate the planets against the powerful energy streams passing between gigantic planetary and starry neighbors. Their energy-transmutative attributes render them most

serviceable in the important task of maintaining universal energy balance, or power equilibrium. At one time they seem to consume or store energy; at other times they appear to exude or liberate energy. The transformers are able to increase or to diminish the "storage-battery" potential of the living and dead energies of their respective realms. But they deal only with physical and semimaterial energies.

Prayer:

Prayer is entirely a personal and spontaneous expression of the attitude of the soul toward the spirit; prayer should be the communion of sonship and the expression of fellowship. Prayer, when indited by the spirit, leads to co-operative spiritual progress. The ideal prayer is a form of spiritual communion which leads to intelligent worship. True praying is the sincere attitude of reaching heavenward for the attainment of your ideals. When men pray for providential intervention in the circumstances of life, many times the answer to their prayer is their own changed attitudes toward life. Prayer is designed to make man less thinking but more realizing; it is not designed to increase knowledge but rather to expand insight. After his father's death Jesus tried to teach the older children to express themselves individually in prayer—much as he so enjoyed doing—but they could not grasp his thought and would invariably fall back upon their memorized prayer forms.

Precreative:

See "Transcendental".

Predestination:

In certain aspects, and in accordance with the established mandates of the Father's purpose and plan, the choice-actions precipitated by the human mind are for the most part unpredictable. We are far more than isolated material beings bound by unbreakable chains in a tyrannical river of time. We are not inexorably circumscribed to a personal fate that is inflexibly fixed from all eternity. This freedom from the shackles of absolute predestination may be primarily due to the Universal Father's eternity decision to lovingly provide for a creation where creature free will is of tantamount sanctity.

Man's personality is eternal but with regard to identity a conditioned eternal reality. Having appeared in response to the Father's will, personality will attain Deity destiny, but man must choose whether or not he will be present at the attainment of such destiny. In default of such choice, personality attains experiential Deity directly, becoming a part of the Supreme Being. The cycle is foreordained, but man's participation therein is optional, personal, and experiential. We are all subjects of predestination, but it is not foreordained that we must accept this divine predestination; we are at full liberty to reject this path towards destiny.

Prepersonal:

Deity is personalizable as God, is prepersonal and superpersonal in ways not altogether comprehensible by man. Deity functions on personal, prepersonal, and superpersonal levels. The prepersonal, the personal, and the superpersonal are all linked together by mutual potential of co-ordinate attainment, progressive achievement, and cocreational capacity. The prepersonal divine spirit presence of God indwells the mortal mind. In its very presence, this prepersonal Thought Adjuster provides valid proof of its actual existence, but the concept of

the expression of divine personality can be grasped only by the spiritual insight of genuine personal religious experience. The Adjusters utilize direct prepersonal channels of communication with God - capacity for divine personality is inherent in the prepersonal Adjuster.

The material self has personality and identity, temporal identity; the prepersonal spirit Adjuster also has identity, eternal identity. This material personality and this spirit prepersonality are capable of so uniting their creative attributes as to bring into existence the surviving identity of the immortal soul. [UB 5:6.7]

Prereality:

Prereality, may be thought of something like this: At some infinitely distant, hypothetical, past-eternity moment, the I AM may be conceived as both thing and no thing, as both cause and effect, as both volition and response. At this hypothetical eternity moment there is no differentiation throughout all infinity. Infinity is filled by the Infinite; the Infinite encompasses infinity. Space potency is a prereality. These differentiations of the theoretical monistic I AM are eternally integrated by simultaneous relationships arising within the same I AM—the prepotential, preactual, prepersonal, monothetic prereality which, though infinite, is revealed as absolute in the presence of the First Source and Center and as personality in the limitless love of the Universal Father.

Primal Reality/Primacy/Primordial:

The absolute cosmos is conceptually without limit; to define the extent and nature of this primal reality is to place qualifications upon infinity and to attenuate the pure concept of eternity. God is primal reality in the spirit world; God, as the First Source and Center, is primal in relation to total reality—unqualifiedly. The First Source and Center is, therefore, primal in all domains: deified or undeified, personal or impersonal, actual or potential, finite or infinite. No thing or being, no relativity or finality, exists except in direct or indirect relation to, and dependence on, the primacy of the First Source and Center.

Primary Energy:

Occupying an enormous area on the capital sphere of each of the seven superuniverses are one thousand power centers of the third order. Three currents of primary energy of ten segregations each come in to these power centers, but seven specialized and well-directed, though imperfectly controlled, circuits of power go forth from their seat of united action. This is the electronic organization of universe power. Force organizers transmute primordial force (pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity) into primary or puissant energy, energy transmuting from the exclusive grasp of the Unqualified Absolute to the gravity grasp of the Isle of Paradise. They are thereupon succeeded by the associate force organizers, who continue the process of energy transmutation from the primary through the secondary or gravity-energy stage.

Primary (Eventuated) Master Force Organizers:

Primary Master Force Organizers are the manipulators of the primordial or basic space-forces of the Unqualified Absolute; they are nebulae creators. They

are the living instigators of the energy cyclones of space and the early organizers and directionizers of these gigantic manifestations. These force organizers transmute primordial force (pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity) into primary or puissant energy, energy transmuting from the exclusive grasp of the Unqualified Absolute to the gravity grasp of the Isle of Paradise. They are thereupon succeeded by the associate force organizers, who continue the process of energy transmutation from the primary through the secondary or gravity-energy stage. [UB 29:5.3]

Inherent in the architectural plans of God's master universe, there are cosmic creation activities that are of composite origin, being derived in part from the constitutive segmentation of matter-energy into the superuniverses and in part produced by the intelligent and purposeful action of the Paradise force organizers. The Architects of the Master Universe have at their disposal numerous groups of assistants and helpers, including two vast orders of force organizers, the primary eventuated and the associate transcendental. The force organizers initiate those changes and institute those modifications of space-force which eventuate in energy; the power directors transmute energy into matter; thus, the material worlds are born. The Master Force Organizers can withstand temperatures and function under physical conditions which would be intolerable even to the versatile power centers and physical controllers of Orvonton. The living power directors and force organizers "are the secret of the special control and intelligent direction of the endless metamorphoses of universe making, unmaking, and remaking." [UB 15:8.10]

Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers transmute pre-material space potency into primary and secondary energy manifestations of physical reality. The space presence of these force organizers initiates that tremendous force for mobilizing the eventual appearance of the ultimatomic building units of universe matter. The force organizers initiate those changes and institute those modifications of space-force that eventuate in this emergent energy. Thus, material energy potential, space potency, is downgraded to a state of actuality where the Supreme can begin functioning by first passing through the transcendent energy domain of the Ultimate. This interim force-charge of space, cosmic force, is known as ultimata, and this is the domain of the emerging Ultimate, God the Ultimate. The preuniverse manipulations of space-force and the primordial energies are the work of the Paradise Master Force Organizers; but in the superuniverse domains, when emergent energy becomes responsive to local or linear gravity, they retire in favor of the power directors of the superuniverse concerned.

The Paradise force organizers transmute space potency into primordial force and evolve this prematerial potential into the primary and secondary energy manifestations of physical reality. When this energy attains gravity-responding levels, the power directors and their associates of the superuniverse regime appear upon the scene and begin their never-ending manipulations designed to establish the manifold power circuits and energy channels of the universes of time and space. Thus does physical matter appear in space, and so is the stage set for the inauguration of universe organization. [UB 15:4.2]

Paradise force organizers are nebulae originators; they are able to initiate about their space presence the tremendous cyclones of force which, when once started, can never be stopped or limited until the all-pervading forces are

mobilized for the eventual appearance of the ultimatonic units of universe matter. Thus are brought into being the spiral and other nebulae, the mother wheels of the direct-origin suns and their varied systems. In outer space there may be seen ten different forms of nebulae, phases of primary universe evolution, and these vast energy wheels had the same origin as did those in the seven superuniverses. [UB 15:4.4]

Primary Midwayers:

Primary Midwayers are a somewhat standardized order of beings who are uniformly derived from the modified ascendant-mortal staffs of the Planetary Princes. The number of primary midway creatures is always fifty thousand, and no planet enjoying their ministry has a larger group. Primary midwayers are energized intellectually and spiritually by the angelic technique and are uniform in intellectual status. Primary Midwayers are a somewhat standardized order of beings who are uniformly derived from the modified ascendant-mortal staffs of the Planetary Princes. The seven adjutant mind-spirits make no contact with them. The primary midwayers have their genesis in a unique interassociation of the material and the spiritual on Urantia. We know of the existence of similar creatures on other worlds and in other systems, but they originated by dissimilar techniques. Midwayers vary greatly in their abilities to make contact with the seraphim above and with their human cousins below. It is exceedingly difficult, for instance, for the primary midwayers to make direct contact with material agencies. They are considerably nearer the angelic type of being and are therefore usually assigned to working with, and ministering to, the spiritual forces resident on the planet. They act as companions and guides for celestial visitors and student sojourners. The primary midwayers are the planetary historians who, from the time of the arrival of the Planetary Prince to the age of settled light and life, formulate the pageants and design the portrayals of planetary history for the exhibits of the planets on the system headquarters worlds.

Primordial Force:

Primordial force represents the first basic change in space potency and may be one of the nether Paradise functions of the Unqualified Absolute. The Paradise force organizers transmute space potency into primordial force and evolve this prematerial potential into the primary and secondary energy manifestations of physical reality. Primordial force is pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity. Primordial force is sometimes spoken of as pure energy; on Uversa they refer to it as segregata.

Prince of Peace:

A bestowal Son is the Prince of Peace. He arrives with the message, "Peace on earth and good will among men." On normal worlds this is a dispensation of world-wide peace; the nations no more learn war. But such salutary influences did not attend the coming of your bestowal Son, Christ Michael. Urantia is not proceeding in the normal order. Your world is out of step in the planetary procession. Your Master, when on earth, warned his disciples that his advent would not bring the usual reign of peace on Urantia. He distinctly told them that there would be "wars and rumors of wars," and that nation would rise against nation. At another time he said, "Think not that I have come to bring peace upon earth."

Prince of Salem:

See "Machiventa Melchizedek".

Probationary Nursery:

Mansion world students who have one or more children in the probationary nursery on the finaliters' world, and who are deficient in essential parental experience, may apply for a Melchizedek permit which will effect their temporary transfer from ascension duties on the mansion worlds to the finaliter world, where they are granted opportunity to function as associate parents to their own and other children. The guardian seraphim attend these youths in the probationary nursery on the finaliter world just as they spiritually minister to mortals on the evolutionary planets, while the faithful spornagia minister to their physical necessities. And so do these children grow up on the transition world until such time as they make their final choice. Temporal life on the evolutionary worlds is uncertain, and many die in youth before choosing the Paradise career. Such Adjuster-indwelt children and youths follow the parent of most advanced spiritual status, thus going to the system finaliter world (the probationary nursery) on the third day, at a special resurrection, or at the regular millennial and dispensational roll calls.

Prophesy:

The term "prophesy" refers to the act of declaring or predicting something that will happen in the future, often believed to be inspired by divine influence. In a biblical context, it is defined as a declaration or description of something future, beyond human ability to foresee. Overall, prophesy involves speaking a message that is believed to come from a higher power or divine inspiration.

Prophet:

A prophet is generally defined as an individual who is regarded as being in contact with a divine being and speaks on behalf of that being, serving as an intermediary with humanity by delivering messages or teachings from the supernatural source. In a biblical context, a prophet is someone chosen by God to accurately impart His message, often referred to as a spokesperson for divine truth. The term "prophet" comes from the Greek word "prophetes," meaning "one who speaks forth".

Providence:

In its widest reaching of cosmic implications, celestial providence is the deliberate and certain emergence of the "light and life" sovereignty of the Supreme Being within the universes of time and space. From the Paradise Father's point of view from eternity, the emergent Supreme Being is a foregone conclusion. The Supreme Being is the destiny of original purpose implicit within the Father's far-reaching plans for his time-space creations. The contributory details of outworking for this providential destiny, however, remain original and unpredictable.

Providence is the sure and certain march of the galaxies of space and the personalities of time toward the goals of eternity, first in the Supreme, then in the Ultimate, and perhaps in the Absolute. And in infinity it is believed there is the same providence, and this is the will, the actions, the purpose of the Paradise Trinity thus motivating the cosmic panorama of universes upon universes. There appears to be a providential unity in the evolving universes of time and space that is providing a basis of purposed continuity to the whole fabric of cosmic events.

There is a driving cosmic flow of time and events that draws all things and beings into its powerful and swirling whitewaters and eddies. There is a powerful indication that all experiences, lives, ages, and epochs that successively occur in the cosmos are demonstrating an accounting for and correlation with "the transactions of time with the underlying purposes and basic reactions of eternity." [UB 32:5:3 (364:5)]

Psychic Circles:

Self-realization and mind-attainment are the supernal and divine goals that the Universal Father sets before his mortal children. The psychic circles have to do with the harmonious functioning of the entire mortal personality with regard to personality status, mind attainment, soul growth, and Adjuster attunement. A human being progressively strives to attain ever-higher levels of associated intellectual, social, spiritual, and cosmic insight values, and this evolution of a primarily material creature into the mature human of immortal potentiality is measured by the successive attainment and mastery of seven cosmic circles of mortal progression. These circles are attained from the outermost seventh and inward to the first. The embryonic spirit nature of an initial seventh circler gradually emerges and manifests into the emerging morontia nature of a local universe citizen.

Publicans:

In the Bible, a publican is a term often used to refer to tax collectors during the time of Jesus. These individuals were responsible for collecting taxes on behalf of the Roman Empire from the Jewish people. The role of a publican was not only despised but also held significant social stigma. Publicans were seen as traitors to their own people and were often viewed as sinful individuals.

Puissant Energy:

Primary energy, powerful-directional, mass-movemented, mighty-tensioned, and forcible-reacting energy. Force organizers transmute primordial force (pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity) into primary or puissant energy, energy transmuting from the exclusive grasp of the Unqualified Absolute to the gravity grasp of the Isle of Paradise. They are thereupon succeeded by the associate force organizers, who continue the process of energy transmutation from the primary through the secondary or gravity-energy stage. Puissant energy is the powerful-directional, mass-movemented, mighty-tensioned, and forcible-reacting energy—gigantic energy systems set in motion by the activities of the primary force organizers. This primary or puissant energy is not at first definitely responsive to the Paradise-gravity pull though probably yielding an aggregate-mass or space-directional response to the collective group of absolute influences operative from the nether side of Paradise. When energy emerges to the level of initial response to the circular and absolute-gravity grasp of Paradise, the primary force organizers give way to the functioning of their secondary associates.

Pure Energy:

See "Segregata".

Pure Mind:

Pure mind is subject only to the universal gravity grasp of the Conjoint Actor. Pure mind is close of kin to infinite mind, and infinite mind (the theoretical co-ordinate of the absolutes of spirit and energy) is apparently a law in itself. There are no personalities of "pure mind"; no entity has

personality unless he is endowed with it by God who is spirit. Any mind entity that is not associated with either spiritual or physical energy is not a personality.

Qualified Absolute:

See "Deity Absolute".

Qualified Vicegerents of the Ultimate:

We have been informed of the existence of the Qualified Vicegerents of the Ultimate, though we have not been informed of their present whereabouts or function.

Quarantine:

In its normal condition, a planet is in constant communication with the remainder of the universe thorough the broadcasting systems, hierarchically organized. But in case of rebellion, the first move of the heavenly hierarchy is to put it in quarantine, which means cutting the communications immediately up-stream of the planet, in order to prevent the rebellion from expanding. This is what happened to our planet Urantia at the time of the Lucifer rebellion. We must wait for the final judgment of Lucifer to see the end of the situation.

Quickeners of Morality:

On the mansion worlds you begin to learn self-government for the benefit of all concerned. Your mind learns co-operation, learns how to plan with other and wiser beings. On the system headquarters these seraphic teachers will further quicken your appreciation of cosmic morality—of the interactions of liberty and loyalty.

Rabbi:

A rabbi is a spiritual leader or religious teacher in Judaism. One became a rabbi by being ordained by another rabbi—known as semikha—following a course of study of Jewish history and texts such as the Talmud. The basic form of the rabbi developed in the Pharisaic (167 BC–73 AD) and Talmudic (70–640 AD) eras, when learned teachers assembled to codify Judaism's written and oral laws. The title "rabbi" was first used in the first century AD.

Rantowoc:

In the evolution of races a guardian of destiny is assigned to the very first being who attains the requisite third psychic circle of conquest. On Urantia the first mortal to secure a personal guardian was Rantowoc, a wise man of the red race of long ago.

Rantulia:

A neighboring local system to Satania in the constellation of Norlatiadek.

Ratta:

A pure-line descendent of the Caligastia's corporeal staff who married Adamson, the first-born son of Adam and Eve during the times of the second garden in approximately 35,900 B.C. A company of twenty-seven followed Adamson northward in quest of these people of his childhood fantasies. In a little over three years Adamson's party actually found the object of their adventure, and among these people he discovered a wonderful and beautiful woman, twenty years old, who claimed to be the last pure-line descendant of the Prince's staff. This woman, Ratta, said that her ancestors were

all descendants of two of the fallen staff of the Prince. She was the last of her race, having no living brothers or sisters. She had about decided not to mate, had about made up her mind to die without issue, but she lost her heart to the majestic Adamson. And when she heard the story of Eden, how the predictions of Van and Amadon had really come to pass, and as she listened to the recital of the Garden default, she was encompassed with but a single thought—to marry this son and heir of Adam. And quickly the idea grew upon Adamson. In a little more than three months they were married. Together they had a family of sixty-seven children and were grandparents to the secondary order of midwayers. Every fourth child born to them was of a unique order. It was often invisible. Never in the world's history had such a thing occurred.

Reality:

Reality, as comprehended by finite beings, is partial, relative, and shadowy. God, as the First Source and Center, is primal in relation to total reality—unqualifiedly. The First Source and Center is infinite as well as eternal and is therefore limited or conditioned only by volition. Reality differentially actualizes on diverse universe levels; reality originates in and by the infinite volition of the Universal Father and is realizable in three primal phases on many different levels of universe actualization:

1. *Undeified reality* ranges from the energy domains of the nonpersonal to the reality realms of the nonpersonalizable values of universal existence, even to the presence of the Unqualified Absolute.
2. *Deified reality* embraces all infinite Deity potentials ranging upward through all realms of personality from the lowest finite to the highest infinite, thus encompassing the domain of all that which is personalizable and more.
3. *Interassociated reality* is supposedly either deified or undeified, but to subdeified beings there exists a vast domain of interassociated reality, potential and actualizing, which is difficult of identification.

The *finite* level of reality is characterized by creature life and time-space limitations. Finite realities may not have endings, but they always have beginnings—they are created. The *absonite* level of reality is characterized by things and beings without beginnings or endings and by the transcendence of time and space. Absonites are not created; they are eventuated—they simply are. Cosmic consciousness implies the recognition of a First Cause, the one and only uncaused reality. This is the primal concept of original reality: The Father initiates and maintains Reality. The primal differentials of reality are the antipodal deified and the undeified. The Universal Father, through the mechanism of evolutionary Deity, is actually engaged in the stupendous and amazing act of personality focalization and power mobilization, on their respective universe meaning-levels, of the divine reality values of the finite, the absonite, and even of the absolute. Reality is finite on the human level, infinite and eternal on the higher and divine levels. All reality is ever in balance between the potentials and the actuals of the cosmos, and these are eternally harmonized by the spirit of divinity. True cosmic self-realization results from identification with cosmic reality and with the finite cosmos of energy, mind, and spirit, bounded by space and conditioned by time.

Science deals with facts; religion is concerned only with values. Through enlightened philosophy the mind endeavors to unite the meanings of both facts and values, thereby arriving at a concept of complete reality. Partial approaches to the reality of the cosmos must eventually become harmonized by the revelatory presentation of religion, philosophy, and cosmology which portrays the triune existence of spirit, mind, and energy proceeding from the Trinity of Paradise and attaining time-space unification within the Deity of the Supreme. In

physical life the senses tell of the existence of things; mind discovers the reality of meanings; but the spiritual experience reveals to the individual the true values of life. These high levels of human living are attained in the supreme love of God and in the unselfish love of man.

Rebellion:

God is not personally present in nature or in any of the forces of nature, for the phenomenon of nature is the superimposition of the imperfections of progressive evolution and, sometimes, the consequences of insurrectionary rebellion, upon the Paradise foundations of God's universal law. Much, very much, of the difficulty which Urantia mortals have in understanding God is due to the far-reaching consequences of the Lucifer rebellion and the Caligastia betrayal. The greatest punishment (in reality an inevitable consequence) for wrongdoing and deliberate rebellion against the government of God is loss of existence as an individual subject of that government.

Recents of Days:

The Recents of Days, administer the affairs of the minor sector. There are three Recents of Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities, on each minor sector headquarters. Their administration is concerned mainly with the physical control, unification, stabilization, and routine co-ordination of the administration of the component local universes. The Recents of Days receive all reports of observations and co-ordinate all recommendations which come up to a superuniverse from the Unions of Days who are stationed as Trinity observers and advisers on the headquarters spheres of the local universes and from the Faithfuls of Days who are similarly attached to the councils of the Most Highs at the headquarters of the constellations. All such reports are transmitted to the Perfections of Days on the major sectors, subsequently to be passed on to the courts of the Ancients of Days.

Recorders:

These are the official recorders for the supreme seraphim. Many of these high angels were born with their gifts fully developed; others have qualified for their positions of trust and responsibility by diligent application to study and faithful performance of similar duties while attached to lower or less responsible orders.

Redemption:

Biblical redemption indicates the end, the death, to the controlling power of sin in our lives. Primitive man regarded himself as being in debt to the spirits, as standing in need of redemption. Early in the evolution of religion there existed two conceptions of the sacrifice: the idea of the gift sacrifice, which connoted the attitude of thanksgiving, and the debt sacrifice, which embraced the idea of redemption.

Reflective Image Aids:

The seven Reflective Image Aids are the spokesmen of the seven Reflective Spirits and through them representatives of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise. The Reflective Image Aids also function as the representatives of numerous groups of beings who are influential in the superuniverse governments, but who are not, at present, for various reasons, fully active in their individual capacities. The Reflective Spirits of each superuniverse are the creators of their Reflective Image Aids, their personal voices to the courts of the Ancients of Days. The forty-nine

Reflective Image Aids were created by the Reflective Spirits, and there are just seven Aids on the headquarters of each superuniverse.

Reflective Spirits:

Each of these seven superuniverses is dependent on one of the Master Spirits of Paradise, who acts through the seven Reflective Spirits situated at the capital of the superuniverse. The superuniverse headquarters are the abiding places of the Reflective Spirits and the Reflective Image Aids. From this midway position these marvelous beings conduct their tremendous reflectivity operations, thus ministering to the central universe above and to the local universes below.

Reflectivity:

The unique and inexplicable power to see, hear, sense, and know all things as they transpire throughout a superuniverse, and to focalize, by reflectivity, all this information and knowledge at any desired point. The Conjoint Actor is able to co-ordinate all levels of universe actuality in such manner as to make possible the simultaneous recognition of the mental, the material, and the spiritual. This is the phenomenon of universe reflectivity, that unique and inexplicable power to see, hear, sense, and know all things as they transpire throughout a superuniverse, and to focalize, by reflectivity, all this information and knowledge at any desired point. The action of reflectivity is shown in perfection on each of the headquarters worlds of the seven superuniverses. It is also operative throughout all sectors of the superuniverses and within the boundaries of the local universes. Reflectivity finally focalizes on Paradise. The forty-nine Reflective Spirits are of Trinity origin, but each of the seven creative episodes attendant upon their appearance was productive of a type of being in nature resembling the characteristics of the coancestral Master Spirit. Thus, they variously reflect the natures and characters of the seven possible combinations of the association of the divinity characteristics of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit. For this reason, it is necessary to have seven of these Reflective Spirits on the headquarters of each superuniverse. One of each of the seven types is required in order to achieve the perfect reflection of all phases of every possible manifestation of the three Paradise Deities as such phenomena might occur in any part of the seven superuniverses. Seconaphim of the superuniverses are the offspring of the Reflective Spirits, and therefore reflectivity is inherent in their nature. They are reflectively responsive to all of each phase of every creature of origin in the Third Source and Center and the Paradise Creator Sons

Rehabilitation:

The rule of the Creator Sons in the local universes is devoted to the effective execution of the Paradise plan of progressive mortal ascension and to the rehabilitation of rebels and wrong thinkers. The Paradise Deities effectively co-operate in all works of creation, control, evolution, revelation, and ministration—and if required, in restoration and rehabilitation. As a result of Lucifer's rebellion in heaven, thousands of the angels and the lower orders of celestial beings, including hundreds of the Material Sons and Daughters, accepted the mercy proclaimed unto them, and they were given rehabilitation at the time of Jesus' resurrection nineteen hundred years ago.

Religion:

The truth and maturity of any religion is directly proportional to its concept of the infinite personality of God and to its grasp of the absolute unity of Deity. The idea of a personal Deity becomes, then,

the measure of religious maturity after religion has first formulated the concept of the unity of God. In its true essence, religion is a faith-trust in the goodness of God. God could be great and absolute, somehow even intelligent and personal, in philosophy, but in religion God must also be moral; he must be good. Religion implies that the superworld of spirit nature is cognizant of, and responsive to, the fundamental needs of the human world. Religion is the striving to know God and to manifest love for one's fellows through service for them. Religion, true religion, is the indispensable source of that higher energy which drives men to establish a superior civilization based on human brotherhood. Faith in the survival of supreme values is the core of religion; genuine religious experience consists in the union of supreme values and cosmic meanings as a realization of universal reality.

Repentance/Redemption:

Repentance is the act of turning away from sin and turning toward God. Redemption is the process of being saved from sin and restored to a relationship with God. Repentance is a phase of redemption that shows our faith in God's mercy and forgiveness. Repentance is inspired by the belief that God's love is stronger than our sins and transgressions.

Repersonalization:

Repersonalization is the resurrection from death. The material body returns to the elemental world from which it was derived, but two nonmaterial factors of surviving personality persist: The pre-existent Thought Adjuster, with the memory transcription of the mortal career, proceeds to Divinington; and there also remains, in the custody of the destiny guardian, the immortal morontia soul of the deceased human. These phases and forms of soul, these once kinetic but now static formulas of identity, are essential to repersonalization on the morontia worlds

Reserve Corps of Destiny:

Master seraphim insure planetary progress against vital jeopardy through the mobilization, training, and maintenance of the reserve corps of destiny. The chief function of these reservists is to insure against breakdown of evolutionary progress; they are the provisions which the celestial forces have made against surprise; they are the guarantees against disaster. Members of the various reserve corps of destiny are supernormal minded mortal beings, those of great decision and undoubted potential of spiritual achievement, men and women who enjoy more or less contact with their indwelling Adjusters. No matter in what circle a human happens to be, if such an individual becomes enrolled in any of the several reserve corps of destiny, right then and there, personal seraphim are assigned,

Reserves:

Large reserves of all types of the superior seraphim are held on Salvington, instantly available for dispatch to the farthermost worlds of Nebadon as they are requisitioned by the directors of assignment or upon the request of the universe administrators. The reserves of superior seraphim also furnish messenger aids upon requisition by the chief of the Brilliant Evening Stars, who is intrusted with the custody and dispatch of all personal communications.

Restoration/Rehabilitation:

The Deities effectively co-operate in the work of creation, control, evolution, revelation, and ministration—and if required, in restoration and rehabilitation. On those worlds segregated in

spiritual darkness, those spheres which have, through rebellion and default, suffered planetary isolation, an observer Most High is usually present pending the restoration of normal status. When Satania can return to the constellation fold, then will come up for consideration the readmission of the isolated worlds into the system family of inhabited planets, accompanied by their restoration to the spiritual communion of the realms. But even if Urantia were restored to the system circuits, you would still be embarrassed by the fact that your whole system rests under a Norlatiadek quarantine partially segregating it from all other systems.

Resurrection:

Upon mortal death, the physical body of mortal flesh is not a part of the reassembly of the sleeping survivor; the physical body has returned to dust. The seraphim of assignment sponsors the new body, the morontia form, as the new life vehicle for the immortal soul and for the indwelling of the returned Adjuster. The Adjuster is the custodian of the spirit transcript of the mind of the sleeping survivor. The assigned seraphim is the keeper of the surviving identity—the immortal soul—as far as it has evolved. And when these two, the Adjuster and the seraphim, reunite their personality trusts, the new individual constitutes the resurrection of the old personality, the survival of the evolving morontia identity of the soul. Such a reassociation of soul and Adjuster is quite properly called a resurrection, a reassembly of personality factors. It was said of Christ Michael that, when he ascended on high at the conclusion of his work on earth, "He led a great multitude of captives." And these captives were the sleeping survivors from the days of Adam to the day of the Master's resurrection on Urantia.

You may be certain of being warmly welcomed when you experience the resurrection into eternity on the everlasting shores of Paradise. Angels of Paradise come out to greet those who stand at the threshold of eternity and complete their preparation for the transition slumber of the last resurrection. You are not really a child of Paradise until you have traversed the inner circle and have experienced the resurrection of eternity from the terminal sleep of time.

Resurrection Halls:

On Mansion World number one, from the Temple of New Life there extend seven radial wings, the resurrection halls of the mortal races. Each of these structures is devoted to the assembly of one of the seven races of time. There are one hundred thousand personal resurrection chambers in each of these seven wings terminating in the circular class assembly halls, which serve as the awakening chambers for as many as one million individuals. These halls are surrounded by the personality assembly chambers of the blended races of the normal post-Adamic worlds. Regardless of the technique which may be employed on the individual worlds of time in connection with special or dispensational resurrections, the real and conscious reassembly of actual and complete personality takes place in the resurrection halls of mansonia number one. From the Temple of New Life there extend seven radial wings, the resurrection halls of the mortal races. Each of these structures is devoted to the assembly of one of the seven races of time. There are one hundred thousand personal resurrection chambers in each of these seven wings terminating in the circular class assembly halls, which serve as the awakening chambers for as many as one million individuals. These halls are surrounded by the personality assembly chambers of the blended races of the normal post-Adamic worlds. Regardless of the technique which may be employed on the individual worlds of time in connection with special or dispensational resurrections, the real and conscious reassembly of actual and complete personality takes place in the resurrection halls of mansonia number one.

Retrieval:

To “retrieve” is to get or bring (something) back, to regain possession of. If ever the authority or administration of a Creator Son is challenged, attacked, or jeopardized, he is eternally pledged to uphold, protect, defend, and if necessary retrieve his personal creation.

Revelation:

Reason is the method of science; faith is the method of religion; logic is the attempted technique of philosophy. Revelation compensates for the absence of the morontia viewpoint by providing a technique for achieving unity in the comprehension of the reality and relationships of matter and spirit by the mediation of mind. And true revelation never renders science unnatural, religion unreasonable, or philosophy illogical. Faith reveals God in the soul. Revelation, the substitute for morontia insight on an evolutionary world, enables man to see the same God in nature that faith exhibits in his soul. Thus does revelation successfully bridge the gulf between the material and the spiritual, even between the creature and the Creator, between man and God.

Revelation as an epochal phenomenon is periodic; as a personal human experience it is continuous. Revelation is a technique whereby ages upon ages of time are saved in the necessary work of sorting and sifting the errors of evolution from the truths of spirit acquirement. Revelation liberates men and starts them out on the eternal adventure. Science sorts men; religion loves men, even as yourself; wisdom does justice to differing men; but revelation glorifies man and discloses his capacity for partnership with God. Science vainly strives to create the brotherhood of culture; religion brings into being the brotherhood of the spirit. Philosophy strives for the brotherhood of wisdom; revelation portrays the eternal brotherhood, the Paradise Corps of the Finality.

Reversion Directors:

The Reversion Directors are the promoters of relaxation and humor—reversion to past memories. They are of great service in the practical operation of the ascending scheme of mortal progression, especially during the earlier phases of morontia transition and spirit experience.

Rig-Veda:

The Rig-Veda is an ancient Indian collection of Vedic Sanskrit hymns. It is one of the four sacred canonical Hindu texts known as the Vedas. Only one Shakha of the many survive today, namely the Śakalya Shakha. Much of the contents contained in the remaining Shakhas are now lost or are not available in the public forum. The Rig-Veda is the oldest known Vedic Sanskrit text. Its early layers are among the oldest extant texts in any Indo-European language. The sounds and texts of the Rig-Veda have been orally transmitted since the 2nd millennium BC. Philological and linguistic evidence indicates that the bulk of the Rigveda Samhita was composed in the northwestern region of the Indian subcontinent, most likely between c.1500 and 1000 BC, although a wider approximation of c. 1900–1200 BC has also been given.

Righteousness:

It is in the consideration of the technique of receiving God's forgiveness that the attainment of the righteousness of the kingdom is revealed. Faith is the price you pay for entrance into the family of God; but forgiveness is the act of God which accepts your faith as the price of admission. And the reception of the forgiveness of God by a kingdom believer involves a definite and actual experience and consists in the following four steps, the kingdom steps of inner righteousness:

1. God's forgiveness is made actually available and is personally experienced by man just in so far as he forgives his fellows.
2. Man will not truly forgive his fellows unless he loves them as himself.
3. To thus love your neighbor as yourself is the highest ethics.
4. Moral conduct, true righteousness, becomes, then, the natural result of such love.

Rodan:

A Greek philosopher from Alexandria whose discussions with Nathaniel and Thomas led him to become a committed believer in and teacher of the gospel of the kingdom. This Greek had recently become a disciple of Jesus through the teaching of one of Abner's associates who had conducted a mission at Alexandria. Rodan was now earnestly engaged in the task of harmonizing his philosophy of life with Jesus' new religious teachings, and he had come to Magadan hoping that the Master would talk these problems over with him. Early Monday morning, Rodan began a series of ten addresses to Nathaniel, Thomas, and a group of some two dozen believers who chanced to be at Magadan. Rodan discovered that he had been well instructed in Jesus' teachings by one of the former apostles of John the Baptist who had been his teacher at Alexandria. Rodan made his way back to Alexandria, where he long taught his philosophy in the school of Meganta. He became a mighty man in the later affairs of the kingdom of heaven; he was a faithful believer to the end of his earth days, yielding up his life in Greece with others when the persecutions were at their height.

Ruth (sister of Jesus):

On Wednesday evening, April 17, AD 9, Ruth, the baby of Jesus' family, was born, and to the best of his ability Jesus endeavored to take the place of his father in comforting and ministering to his mother during this trying and peculiarly sad ordeal. For almost a score of years (until he began his public ministry) no father could have loved and nurtured his daughter any more affectionately and faithfully than Jesus cared for little Ruth. Baby Ruth was the sunshine of the home; though thoughtless of speech, she was most sincere of heart. She just about worshiped her big brother and father. Ruth, Jesus' youngest sibling, remained unwaveringly loyal to her father-brother.

Ruth was the only member of Jesus' family who consistently and unwaveringly believed in the divinity of his earth mission from the times of her earliest spiritual consciousness right on down through his eventful ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension; and she finally passed on to the worlds beyond never having doubted the supernatural character of her father-brother's mission in the flesh. Baby Ruth was the chief comfort of Jesus, as regards his earth family, throughout the trying ordeal of his trial, rejection, and crucifixion. Sometime after the master's forty-day morontia career on Urantia, David Zebedee, after his mothers' death, assisted Martha and Mary with the selling of their real estate, and in early June, David married Ruth, Jesus' youngest sibling.

Sabbath:

The Sabbath (or Shabbat) is a day of rest and worship observed in various Abrahamic religions, primarily Judaism and Christianity. In Judaism, the Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and ends at nightfall on Saturday, commemorating God's rest after creation. It is marked by rituals such as lighting candles, prayers, and festive meals. In Christianity, the Sabbath is often observed on Sunday, reflecting the resurrection of Jesus. It is seen as a day for rest and spiritual reflection. The term "Sabbath" comes from the Hebrew word "Shabbat," meaning "to

cease" or "to rest," emphasizing the importance of taking time away from work to focus on spiritual matters. Overall, the Sabbath serves as a vital time for rest, reflection, and community in both religious traditions.

Sadducees:

The Sadducees were a religious and political party within Judaism in the New Testament period. They were a small group, whose more conservative views greatly influenced the ruling priests. Unlike their rivals the Pharisees, they accepted the political status quo. Indeed, because of their influence and political clout, they worked hard to preserve it. With the ruling priests, they collaborated with Rome to manage Judea. In return for their cooperation (which consisted primarily of maintaining law and order and collecting the Roman tribute), Rome gave them preferential treatment and helped them hold on to their power.

The Sadducees were mostly composed of the priestly aristocracy and their dependents and supporters. The New Testament writers and the 1st century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus ascribe to them distinct beliefs different from the beliefs of the Pharisees. The Sadducees, who were also hostile to Jesus and his ministry, denied the resurrection of the dead and the existence of angels and spirits (Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:6-8). They accepted only the Torah, the written law, as authoritative and rejected the Pharisaic doctrine of the traditions of the elders (the Oral Tradition). The Sadducees also accepted Roman domination and many embraced Greek culture. They controlled the Law court known as the Sanhedrin. As a group, the Sadducees disappeared with the destruction of the temple and the priesthood in AD 70.

Sadib:

The second assistant Sovereign, a tertiary Lanonandek Son. Sadib, number 271,402 of that order came to Satania with Lanaforgo.

Salsatia:

The Nebadon Census Director, Salsatia, maintains headquarters within the Gabriel sector of Salvington. He is automatically cognizant of the birth and death of will and currently registers the exact number of will creatures functioning in the local universe. He works in close association with the personality recorders domiciled on the record worlds of the archangels.

Salvation:

True salvation is the technique of the divine evolution of the mortal mind from matter identification through the realms of morontia liaison to the high universe status of spiritual correlation. The saving or losing of a soul has to do with whether or not the moral consciousness attains survival status through eternal alliance with its associated immortal spirit endowment. Salvation is the spiritualization of the self-realization of the moral consciousness, which thereby becomes possessed of survival value. All forms of soul conflict consist in the lack of harmony between the moral, or spiritual, self-consciousness and the purely intellectual self-consciousness. Salvation is the gift of the Father and is revealed by his Sons. Acceptance by faith on your part makes you a partaker of the divine nature, a son or a daughter of God. By faith you are justified; by faith are you saved; and by this same faith are you eternally advanced in the way of progressive and divine perfection.

Salvington:

The capital and headquarters sphere of the local universe of Nebadon, personal home of the Creator Son, Michael, and the Creative Spirit (see Nebadon; Orvonton). Salvington, the capital of Nebadon is surrounded by ten university clusters of forty-nine spheres each. Hereon is man spiritualized following his constellation socialization. There are here the "seven spirits of God," "like lamps burning before the throne," which the prophet John saw in the symbols of vision. Salvington, the headquarters of Nebadon, is situated at the exact energy-mass center of the local universe. Salvington is the personal headquarters of Michael of Nebadon, but he will not always be found there. The Salvington government is the supreme judicial and co-ordinating authority.

Samaritans:

In the New Testament, "Samaritan" is the name given to the inhabitants of the district of Samaria, north of Judea and south of the Galilee. To the Orthodox Jews and Galileans, the Samaritans were a heretical and schismatic group of spurious worshipers of the God of Israel, who were detested even more than pagans. As a people, they were mixed with descendants of foreign tribes the Assyrians had imported into the former northern kingdom of Israel in the eighth century BC (see 2 Kings, chapter 17) who had accepted the worship of Yahweh along with their own foreign gods. Jews believed Samaritans were, at best, only partially Jewish. Samaritans claim they are Israelite descendants of the Northern Israelite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, who survived the destruction of the Kingdom of Israel (Samaria) by the Assyrians in 722 BC.

Samson:

Samson was the last of the judges of the ancient Israelites mentioned in the Book of Judges (chapters 13 to 16) and one of the last leaders who "judged" Israel before the institution of the monarchy. God gifted Samson with incredible strength, but he lost his strength when Delilah betrayed him to the Philistines, who blinded and enslaved him. At the end of his life, God restored Samson's strength.

Samuel:

Samuel was a prophet, the last of the judges, and an anointer of kings. Samuel was a man chosen for God, from his miraculous birth until his death. He served in several important positions during his life, earning God's favor because he knew how to obey. Samuel was a contemporary of King Saul and King David. His parents Elkanah and Hannah dedicated him to the Lord, giving the child to the priest Eli to be raised in the temple. In Acts 3:20 Samuel is portrayed as the last of the judges and the first of the prophets. Few people in the Bible were as obedient to God as Samuel.

Sandmatia:

A neighboring local system to Satania in the constellation of Norlatiadek.

Sangik:

The ancestors of all of the six colored races of Urantia were born in approximately 498,000 BC. These Sangik children, nineteen in number, were not only intelligent above their fellows, but their skins manifested a unique tendency to turn various colors upon exposure to sunlight.

Among these nineteen children were five red, two orange, four yellow, two green, four blue, and two indigo. These colors became more pronounced as the children grew older, and when these youths later mated with their fellow tribesmen, all of their offspring tended toward the skin color of the Sangik parent.

Sanhedrin:

The Sanhedrin were assemblies of either twenty-three or seventy-one elders, who were appointed to sit as a tribunal in every city in the ancient Land of Israel. There were two classes of rabbinical courts called Sanhedrin, the Great Sanhedrin and the Lesser Sanhedrin. A lesser Sanhedrin of 23 judges was appointed to each city, but there was to be only one Great Sanhedrin of 71 judges, which among other roles acted as the Supreme Court, taking appeals from cases decided by lesser courts. In general usage, "The Sanhedrin" without qualifier normally refers to the Great Sanhedrin, which was composed of the Nasi, who functioned as head or representing president, and was a member of the court; the Av Beit Din or chief of the court, who was second to the Nasi; and sixty-nine general members (Mufla).

Sanobim:

See Cherubim/Sanobim

Sansa:

Cain and Sansa were both born before the Adamic caravan had reached its destination garden, the second garden of Eden between the rivers in Mesopotamia. Laotta, the mother of Sansa, perished at the birth of her daughter; Eve suffered much but survived, owing to superior strength. Eve took Sansa, the child of Laotta, to her bosom, and she was reared along with Cain. Sansa grew up to be a woman of great ability. She became the wife of Sargan, the chief of the northern blue races, and contributed to the advancement of the blue men of those times.

Sanselon:

A neighboring local universe to Nebadon.

Sargan:

Chief of the northern blue races and husband of Sansa.

Satan:

Satan was the first lieutenant of Lucifer, who delegated him on Urantia to foster the rebellion. He also was a Primary Lanonandek. Lucifer and his first assistant, Satan, had reigned on Jerusem for more than five hundred thousand years when in their hearts they began to array themselves against the Universal Father and his then vicegerent Son, Michael. The Lucifer manifesto was issued at the annual conclave of Satania on the sea of glass, in the presence of the assembled hosts of Jerusem, on the last day of the year, about two hundred thousand years ago, Urantia time. Satan proclaimed that worship could be accorded the universal forces -- physical, intellectual, and spiritual -- but that allegiance could be acknowledged only to the actual and present ruler, Lucifer, the "friend of men and angels" and the "God of liberty." 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. or three hundred thousand years Caligastia had been in charge of Urantia when Satan, Lucifer's assistant, made one of his periodic inspection calls. And when Satan arrived on the planet, his appearance in no way resembled your caricatures of his nefarious majesty. He was, and still is, a Lanonandek Son of great brilliance. "And no marvel, for Satan himself is a brilliant creature of light." The doors of the hearts of all Edentia closed against Satan; he was unanimously rejected by the assembled System Sovereigns, and it was at this time that the Son of Man "beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven." Though Jesus knew that the plan for his death had its origin in the councils of the rulers of the Jews, he was also aware that all such nefarious schemes had the full approval of Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia. And he well knew that these rebels of the realms would also be pleased to see all of the apostles destroyed with him.

Satania:

Our Urantia, is number 606 in the planetary group, or system, of Satania. This system has at present 619 inhabited worlds, and more than two hundred additional planets are evolving favorably toward becoming inhabited worlds at some future time. Satania has a headquarters world called Jerusem, and it is system number twenty-four in the constellation of Norlatiadek. Our constellation, Norlatiadek, consists of one hundred local systems and has a headquarters world called Edentia. A day in Satania, as reckoned on Jerusem, is a little less (1 hour, 4 minutes, 15 seconds) than three days of Urantia time. These times are generally known as Salvinton or universe time, and Satania or system time.

Science:

Science is man's attempted study of his physical environment, the world of energy-matter. Science is man's effort to solve the apparent riddles of the material universe. God is to science a cause, to philosophy an idea, to religion a person, even the loving heavenly Father. God is to the scientist a primal force, to the philosopher a hypothesis of unity, to the religionist a living spiritual experience. Mathematics, material science, is indispensable to the intelligent discussion of the material aspects of the universe, but such knowledge is not necessarily a part of the higher realization of truth or of the personal appreciation of spiritual realities. Science teaches man to speak the new language of mathematics and trains his thoughts along lines of exacting precision. And science also stabilizes philosophy through the elimination of error, while it purifies religion by the destruction of superstition. Science, guided by wisdom, may become man's great social liberator. Civilized man attacks the problems of a real environment through his science. Reason is the method of science. Science ends its reason-search in the hypothesis of a First Cause. Reason is the proof of science. The science of the material world enables man to control, and to some extent dominate, his physical environment. Science (knowledge) is founded on the inherent (adjutant spirit) assumption that reason is valid, that the universe can be comprehended.

Scribes:

Scribes in ancient Israel were learned men whose business was to study the Law, transcribe it, and write commentaries on it. They were also hired on occasions when the need for a written document arose or when an interpretation of a legal point was needed.

Scriptures:

Bible writings are the work of men, some of them holy men, others not so holy. The teachings of these books represent the views and extent of enlightenment of the times in which they had their origin. As a revelation of truth, the last are more dependable than the first. The Scriptures are faulty and altogether human in origin, but mistake not, they do constitute the best collection of religious wisdom and spiritual truth to be found in all the world at this time. Many of these books were not written by the persons whose names they bear, but that in no way detracts from the value of the truths which they contain.

The Scriptures are sacred because they present the thoughts and acts of men who were searching for God, and who in these writings left of record their highest concepts of righteousness, truth, and holiness. The Scriptures contain much that is true, very much, but in the light of your present teaching, you know that these writings also contain much that is misrepresentative of the Father in heaven, the loving God I have come to reveal to all the worlds.

Sea of Glass:

The sea of glass, the receiving area of Edentia, is near the administrative center and is encircled by the headquarters amphitheater. Surrounding this area are the governing centers for the seventy divisions of constellation affairs. The Edentia sea of glass is one enormous circular crystal about one hundred miles in circumference and about thirty miles in depth. This magnificent crystal serves as the receiving field for all transport seraphim and other beings arriving from points outside the sphere; such a sea of glass greatly facilitates the landing of transport seraphim. Transports arrive on the crystal field, the so-called sea of glass. Around this area are the receiving stations for the various orders of beings who traverse space by seraphic transport. Near the polar crystal receiving station for student visitors you may ascend the pearly observatory and view the immense relief map of the entire headquarters planet. The superuniverse and Paradise-Havona broadcasts are received on Jerusem in liaison with Salvington and by a technique involving the polar crystal, the sea of glass.

Seconaphim:

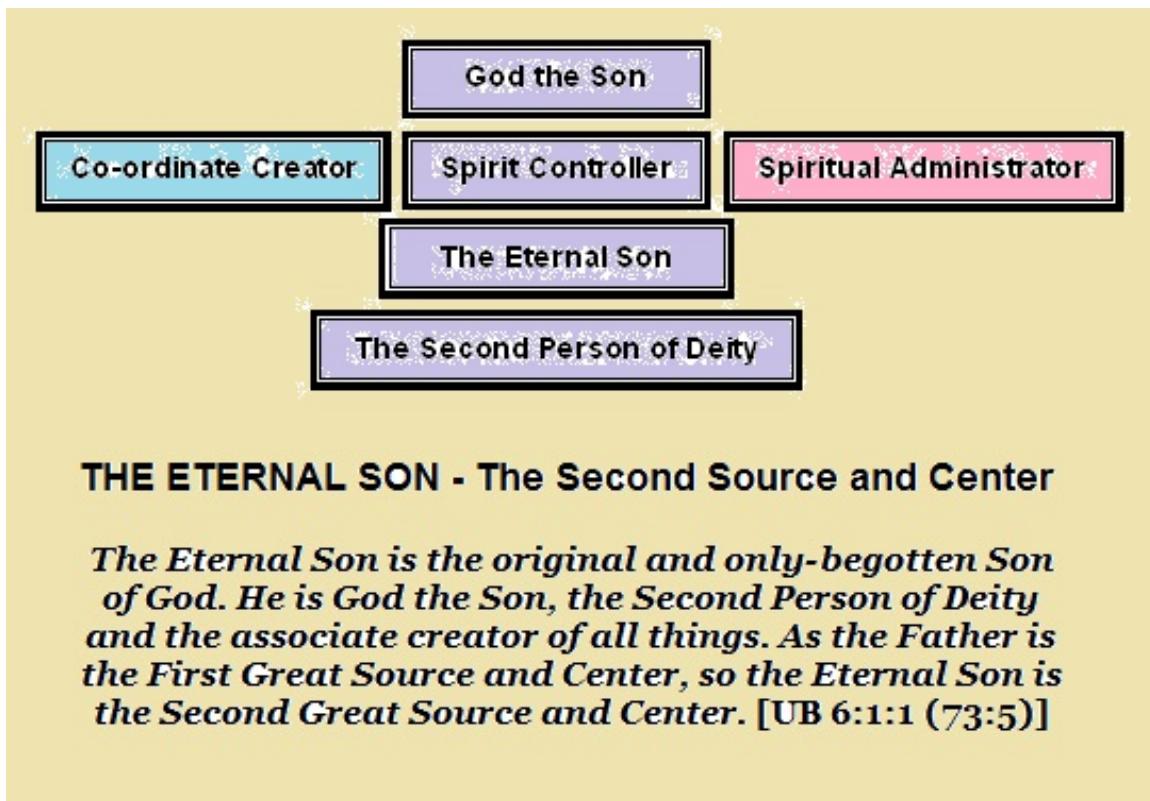
The ministering angels of the superuniverses; children of the Reflective Spirits assigned to the headquarters of each of the superuniverses. Due to their origin, these angels evidence reflectivity as an inherent part of their natures, and in so doing confirm the reality of the universal presence of the infinite mind of the Conjoint Actor. The seconaphim are also retentive personalities, acting as the living records of everything of true spiritual value in their domains.

Second Isaiah:

Next to nothing is known of the author - not even Second Isaiah's name, only that he lived and preached in Babylon during the exile. He was Israel's greatest poet, profoundest philosopher, and transcendent prophet. He scales the heights of ecstatic praise and descends to the depths of darkest grief. Israel's Creator is to become a Redeemer. Yahweh is the Holy One of Israel. Israel is chosen to become the "light of the nations." Yahweh rules in the Kingdom of men. In the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all made use of Isaiah as referring to Christ's work. There are more than 25 quotations cited in the New Testament. Jesus many times made use of Isaiah in reference to his work. Isaiah 44:6 contains the first clear statement

of monotheism. This model of monotheism became the defining characteristic of post-Exilic Judaism, and the basis for Christianity and Islam: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God." [Is. 44:6]

Second Source and Center:



As the second person of the Trinity and the Second Source and Center of all spirit reality, the Eternal Son of the Paradise Father is the eternal personality. He is the eternal pattern for all other personalities; he "is the perfect and final expression of the 'first' personal and absolute concept of the Universal Father." [UB 6:0.1]

Secondary Energy:

Secondary energy is the appearance of gravity energy. The now-appearing gravity-responding energy carries the potential of universe power and becomes the active ancestor of all universe matter. This secondary or gravity energy is the product of the energy elaboration resulting from the pressure-presence and the tension-trends set up by the Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers. In response to the work of these force manipulators, space-energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, thus becoming directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise (absolute) gravity while disclosing a certain potential for sensitivity to the linear-gravity pull inherent in the soon appearing material mass of the electronic and the postelectronic stages of energy and matter.

Secondary Midwayers:

On Urantia there function two distinct orders of midwayers: the primary or senior corps, who came into being back in the days of Dalamatia, and the secondary or younger group, whose

origin dates from the times of Adam. The story of the life and teachings of Jesus has been given by the midwayers of Urantia to their cousins in the flesh. Secondary Midwayers, the more material group of the Midwayers, vary greatly in numbers on the different worlds, though the average is around fifty thousand. They are variously derived from the planetary biologic upifters, the Adams and Eves, or from their immediate progeny. There are no less than twenty-four diverse techniques involved in the production of these secondary midway creatures on the evolutionary worlds of space. The secondary midway creatures are indigenous to the Adamic missions. As with the corporeal staff of the Planetary Prince, the descendants of the Material Sons and Daughters are of two orders: their physical children and the secondary order of midway creatures. These material but ordinarily invisible planetary ministers contribute much to the advancement of civilization and even to the subjection of insubordinate minorities who may seek to subvert social development and spiritual progress. The mode of origin for this group on Urantia was unusual and extraordinary. The midway creatures from various universes differ greatly in origin and nature, but they are all destined to one or another of the Paradise finality corps. The secondary midwayers are all eventually Adjuster fused and are mustered into the mortal corps. Many finaliter companies have one of these glorified beings in their group. Midwayers are the skillful ministers who compensate that gap between the material and spiritual affairs of Urantia which appeared upon the death of Adam and Eve. They are likewise your elder brethren, comrades in the long struggle to attain a settled status of light and life on Urantia. The United Midwayers are a rebellion-tested corps, and they will faithfully enact their part in planetary evolution until this world attains the goal of the ages, until that distant day when in fact peace does reign on earth and in truth is there good will in the hearts of men.

Secoraphic:

Of or pertaining to the seconaphim and their activities. The Reflective Spirits are not merely transmitting agents; they are retentive personalities as well. Their offspring, the seconaphim, are also retentive or record personalities. Everything of true spiritual value is registered in duplicate, and one impression is preserved in the personal equipment of some member of one of the numerous orders of secoraphic personalities belonging to the vast staff of the Reflective Spirits. The secoraphic hosts are produced by the seven Reflective Spirits assigned to the headquarters of each superuniverse.

Secrets:

“Secrets” are partial revelations where it is deemed proper to withhold certain features of their full disclosure from our full understanding. In so far as we may come in contact with these phases of divine activity, we are permitted relative knowledge of some of these details, but concerning their intimate details, we are not fully informed. Those truths pertaining to these secrets, if revealed, would merely confuse us. Perhaps they are beyond the conceptual capacity of our order of being, penetrated by none save those who have personally passed through these unique experiences. Only those phases of secrets having to do with our ascension career are brought to our notice.

Secrets of Supremacy:

There are seven worlds in the innermost circuit of the Paradise satellites, and each of these exalted worlds is presided over by a corps of ten Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy. The Paradise worlds of the Father are directed by the highest order of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy. The Paradise worlds of the Father are directed by

the highest order of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy. These beings are fully known only by their special world groups; they are little comprehended by other orders. After you attain Paradise, you will know and ardently love the ten Secrets of Supremacy who direct Ascendington. Excepting Divington, you will also achieve a partial understanding of the Secrets of Supremacy on the other worlds of the Father, though not so perfectly as on Ascendington.

Segregata:

Pure energy at the pregravity response stage of cosmic force. This is the first step in the individuation of space potency into the pre-energy forms of cosmic force. This state is analogous to the concept of the primordial force-charge of space, sometimes called pure energy, or segregata. Primordial force is sometimes spoken of as pure energy; on Uversa we refer to it as segregata.

Self-Consciousness:

Self-consciousness consists in intellectual awareness of personality actuality; it includes the ability to recognize the reality of other personalities. It indicates capacity for individualized experience in and with cosmic realities, equating to the attainment of identity status in the personality relationships of the universe.

Self-Revelation:

The higher concepts of universe personality imply: identity, self-consciousness, self-will, and possibility for self-revelation. In the local universe mind bestowals, the three insights of the cosmic mind constitute the a priori assumptions which make it possible for man to function as a rational and self-conscious personality in the realms of science, philosophy, and religion. Stated otherwise, the recognition of the reality of these three manifestations of the Infinite is by a cosmic technique of self-revelation. A concept of God as the I AM implies full self-realization—it embraces that limitless galaxy of personalities who have become volitional participants in the self-revelation of the I AM, and who will remain eternally as absolute volitional parts of the totality of infinity, final sons of the absolute Father.

Semites:

It was only after the days of Machiventa Melchizedek and Abraham that certain tribes of Semites, because of their peculiar religious beliefs, were called the children of Israel and later on Hebrews, Jews, and the "chosen people." Abraham was not the racial father of all the Hebrews; he was not even the progenitor of all the Bedouin Semites who were held captive in Egypt. True, his offspring, coming up out of Egypt, did form the nucleus of the later Jewish people, but the vast majority of the men and women who became incorporated into the clans of Israel had never sojourned in Egypt. They were merely fellow nomads who chose to follow the leadership of Moses as the children of Abraham and their Semite associates from Egypt journeyed through northern Arabia.

During the fore part of the first century after Christ, the Jews were the most influential group of the Semitic peoples, and they happened to occupy a peculiarly strategic geographic position in the world as it was at that time ruled and organized for trade.

Serapatatia:

The Nodite leader (descended from Caligastia's defaulted corporeal staff) manipulated by Caligastia to entrap Eve into the default of the Adamic mission by mating with Cano. Eve had most scrupulously carried out their instructions for more than one hundred years, and it did not occur to her that any danger would attach to the increasingly private and confidential visits she was enjoying with a certain Nodite leader named Serapatatia. The whole affair developed so gradually and naturally that she was taken unawares. Serapatatia, upon the death of his father, came to the leadership of the western or Syrian confederation of the Nodite tribes. Serapatatia was a brown-tinted man, a brilliant descendant of the onetime chief of the Dalamatia commission on health mated with one of the master female minds of the blue race of those distant days. Serapatatia had made several visits to the Garden and had become deeply impressed with the righteousness of Adam's cause. Serapatatia became one of the most able and efficient of all of Adam's lieutenants. He was entirely honest and thoroughly sincere in all of his activities; he was never conscious, even later on, that he was being used as a circumstantial tool of the wily Caligastia.

Seraphic Corps of Completion:

The directors of the corps of special angels known as "The Voices of Mercy are always completion seraphim who are also graduate guardians of mortal destiny; that is, each angelic pair has guided at least one soul of animal origin during the life in the flesh and has subsequently traversed the circles of Seraphington and has been mustered into the Seraphic Corps of Completion. When a Creator Son undertakes incarnation into mortal flesh, he is attended by special angels. Bestowal attendants are completion seraphim; they have all traversed the circles of Seraphington and have attained the Seraphic Corps of Completion.

Seraphic Guardians:

See "Guardian Seraphim".

Seraphic Transport:

The ability of various orders of seraphim and allied spirit beings to envelop within their spirit forms all orders of nonmaterial personalities and to carry them away on lengthy interplanetary journeys. Ascenders must depend upon seraphic transport in advancing from world to world until after the last rest of sleep on the inner circle of Havona and the eternal awakening on Paradise.

Seraphim:

As the ministering orders of the angelic hosts, seraphim are of origin in the local universes, and in these very realms of their nativity some achieve service destiny. With the help and counsel of the senior archangels some seraphim may be elevated to the exalted duties of Brilliant Evening Stars, while others attain the status and service of the unrevealed coordinates of the Evening Stars. Still other adventures in local universe destiny may be attempted, but Seraphington ever remains the eternal goal of all angels.

Seraphim of the Future:

These angels do not minister extensively except in older realms and on the more advanced planets of Nebadon. Large numbers of them are held in reserve on the seraphic worlds near Salvington, where they are engaged in pursuits relevant to the sometime dawning of the age of light and life in Nebadon. These seraphim do function in connection with the ascendant-mortal career but minister almost exclusively to those mortals who survive by some one of the modified orders of ascension.

Seraphington:

One of the seven sacred life spheres of the Father which orbit the innermost circuit around Paradise. It is the home world of the vast hosts of beings created by the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit as well as the destiny sphere of all the orders of angelic hosts. The sphere of Seraphington is the "bosom of the Son and the Spirit" and is the home world of the vast hosts of unrevealed beings created by the Son and the Spirit. This is also the destiny sphere of all ministering orders of the angelic hosts, including supernaphim, seconaphim, and seraphim. The secrets of Seraphington involve a threefold mystery, only one of which may be mentioned—the mystery of seraphic transport. The ability of various orders of seraphim and allied spirit beings to envelop within their spirit forms all orders of nonmaterial personalities and to carry them away on lengthy interplanetary journeys, is a secret locked up in the sacred sectors of Seraphington.

Sermon on the Mount:

The Sermon on the Mount is a collection of sayings spoken by Jesus of Nazareth, found in the Gospel of Matthew (chapters 5, 6, and 7). It emphasizes his moral teachings and is the first of Jesus' five long speeches in the Gospel of Matthew. The sermon covers various topics, including the Law of Moses. It is named after the location where Jesus delivered it, on a mountainside near Capernaum.

Servital:

An order of central universe (Havona) creatures of origin in the collaboration of the Seven Master Spirits and the Seven Supreme Power Directors, whose service ministry to ascendant mortals in the superuniverses qualifies them for translation into Graduate Guides (beings who greet and guide ascendant creatures through the Havona experiential regime). Also known as Havona Servitals.

Seth:

The eldest son of Adam and Eve born in the second garden; founded the Sethite priesthood whose ministry included religion, education, and health. The religious rulers, or priesthood, originated with was born one hundred and twenty-nine years after Adam's arrival on Urantia. Seth became absorbed in the work of improving the spiritual status of his father's people, becoming the head of the new priesthood of the second garden. His son, Enos, founded the new order of worship, and his grandson, Kenan, instituted the foreign missionary service to the surrounding tribes, near and far.

Sethite Priesthood:

The Sethite priests under the leadership of Amosad were the great post-Adamic teachers. They spread throughout the lands of the Andites, and their influence persisted longest among the Greeks, Sumerians, and the Hindus who have persisted to the present time as the Brahmans of the Hindu faith. The superior culture and religious leanings of the peoples of India date from the early times of Dravidian domination. Very many of the Sethite priesthood entered India, both in the earlier Andite and in the later Aryan invasions, and it was their thread of monotheism that runs through the religious history of India. The Sethite priesthood embraced religion, health, and education being trained to officiate at religious ceremonies, to serve as physicians and sanitary inspectors, and to act as teachers in the schools of the garden.

Seven Absolutes of Infinity:

Total, infinite reality is existential in seven phases and as seven co-ordinate Absolutes. The Universal Father is related to the six co-ordinate Absolutes, and thus do all seven encompass the circle of infinity throughout the endless cycles of eternity. The Universal Father is the personal cause of the Absolutes; he is the absolute of Absolutes. All seven Absolutes are unqualifiedly and co-ordinately eternal. The seven Absolutes had no beginning; they are eternal and as such have always been. They have been described as follows:

1. The First Source and Center (the Universal Father)
2. The Second Source and Center (the Eternal Son)
3. The Paradise Source and Center (the Isle of Paradise)
4. The Third Source and Center (the Infinite Spirit)
5. The Deity Absolute
6. The Unqualified Absolute
7. The Universal Absolute

Seven Cosmic Circles:

See "Psychic Circles".

Seven Master Spirits:

Seven Master Spirits function as superuniverse source-centers for the far-flung ministry of cosmic mind. The absolute mind of the Infinite Spirit is discerned in the time-space creations as the cosmic mind. Cosmic mind is endowed by and derived from the Seven Master Spirits. Cosmic mind "is the sevenfold diversified mind of time and space, one phase of which is ministered by each of the Seven Master Spirits to one of the seven superuniverses." [UB 42:10.6]

The probable event that initiated the first universe age of finite reality, the age of superuniverse evolution, was the creation of the Seven Master Spirits – "they have their origin in the creative acts of the Paradise Deities." [UB 16:4.1]. These Master Spirits, one assigned for each of the seven superuniverses, are not existential; they are experiential, they had beginnings in time - "the primary personalities of the Third Source and Center are experiential and are seven in number." [UB 10:2.7]. They are the very first expressions of personality associated with the manifestation of experiential Deity. They are representative of Paradise Deity on all levels below the existential absolute.

Seven Spirits of the Havona Circuits:

Each of the seven planetary circuits of Havona is under the direct supervision of one of the Seven Spirits of the Circuits, themselves the collective—hence uniform—creation of the Seven Master Spirits. The Seven Spirits of the Circuits are each limited to the permeation of a single Havona circuit. Tertiary supernaphim take origin in these Seven Spirits of the Circuits. Each one of them, on the separate Havona circles, is empowered by the Infinite Spirit to create a sufficient number of high superaphic ministers of the tertiary order to meet the needs of the central universe.

Seven Superuniverses:

See “Grand Universe”.

Seven Supreme Executives:

The Seven Supreme Executives function as the administrative co-ordinators of the grand universe; they might be termed the board of managing directors of the post-Havona creation. They are not concerned with the internal affairs of Paradise, and they direct their limited spheres of Havona activity through the Seven Spirits of the Circuits. Otherwise there are few limits to the scope of their supervision; they engage in the direction of things physical, intellectual, and spiritual; they see all, hear all, feel all, even know all, that transpires in the seven superuniverses and in Havona.

Seven Supreme Power Directors:

The Seven Master Spirits and the associated Seven Supreme Power Directors, respectively, are the personal repositories of the mind potential and of the power potential of the Supreme Being which he does not, as yet, operate personally. The Seven Supreme Power Directors are the physical-energy regulators of the grand universe. Their creation by the Seven Master Spirits is the first recorded instance of the derivation of semimaterial progeny from true spirit ancestry. The Seven Supreme Power Directors are stationed on peripheral Paradise, where their slowly circulating presences indicate the whereabouts of the force-focal headquarters of the Master Spirits.

Sevenfold Deity:

See “God the Sevenfold”.

Sin:

The conscious knowing and deliberate transgression of the divine law, the Father’s will, deliberately embraced evil. Unrestrained evil can evolve into deliberate and willful sin. Evil practices lead to immorality and sin when they are consciously and deliberately embraced. Sin constitutes a deliberate choice for evil. All the way on our ascent through the worlds of space we will entertain error and experience evil though our experience of evil will diminish as we gravitate towards truth and goodness. It is not until we achieve final soul-spirit identification that we will be free of these pre-cursors toward sin. Upon the establishment of a pattern of error and evil, there dangerously arises a growing urge towards embracing sin. This embrace signifies an over focus on self and unreserved liberty; it is a self-deception that gives one a sense of power over others while ignoring one’s obligations to a fraternal society. Sin becomes real when the human will consciously and deliberately endorses an immoral judgment (evil).

- The conscious, knowing, and deliberate transgression of the divine law, the Father's will – deliberate disloyalty to Deity.
- The measure of unwillingness to be divinely led and spiritually directed.
- Deliberately embraced evil.
- A purposeful resistance to divine reality—a conscious choosing to oppose spiritual progress.
- Abject spiritual poverty.

Singlangton:

A great leader and teacher of the yellow race who was the first of the yellow men to teach the worship of "One Truth." There occurred one brilliant age among the yellow race when Singlangton, about one hundred thousand years ago, assumed the leadership of these tribes and proclaimed the worship of the "One Truth." Currently serves on the Urantia Advisory Council as one of the four and twenty counselors. The survival of comparatively large numbers of the yellow race is due to their intertribal peacefulness. From the days of Singlangton to the times of modern China, the yellow race has been numbered among the more peaceful of the nations of Urantia. Singlangton currently serves on the Urantia Council as one of the four and twenty counselors.

Skepticism:

Skepticism, or scepticism, is generally a questioning attitude or doubt towards one or more putative instances of knowledge which are asserted to be mere belief or dogma. Formally, skepticism is a topic of interest in philosophy, particularly epistemology. More informally, skepticism as an expression of questioning or doubt can be applied to any topic, such as politics, religion, or pseudoscience. It is often applied within restricted domains, such as morality (moral skepticism), theism (skepticism about the existence of God), or the supernatural.

Sleeping Survivors:

All mortals of survival status, in the custody of personal guardians of destiny, pass through the portals of natural death and, on the third period, personalize on the mansion worlds. Those accredited beings who have, for any reason, been unable to attain that level of intelligence mastery and endowment of spirituality which would entitle them to personal guardians, cannot thus immediately and directly go to the mansion worlds. Such surviving souls must rest in unconscious sleep until the judgment day of a new epoch, a new dispensation, the coming of a Son of God to call the rolls of the age and adjudicate the realm, and this is the general practice throughout all Nebadon. It was said of Christ Michael that, when he ascended on high at the conclusion of his work on earth, "He led a great multitude of captives." And these captives were the sleeping survivors from the days of Adam to the day of the Master's resurrection on Urantia.

The physical body of mortal flesh is not a part of the reassembly of the sleeping survivor; the physical body has returned to dust. The seraphim of assignment sponsors the new body, the morontia form, as the new life vehicle for the immortal soul and for the indwelling of the returned Adjuster. The Adjuster is the custodian of the spirit transcript of the mind of the sleeping survivor. From time to time, on motion of the planetary authorities or the system rulers, special resurrections of the sleeping survivors are conducted. Such resurrections occur

at least every millennium of planetary time, when not all but "many of those who sleep in the dust awake." These special resurrections are the occasion for mobilizing special groups of ascenders for specific service in the local universe plan of mortal ascension. There are both practical reasons and sentimental associations connected with these special resurrections. The mortal-mind transcripts and the active creature-memory patterns as transformed from the material levels to the spiritual are the individual possession of the detached Thought Adjusters; these spiritized factors of mind, memory, and creature personality are forever a part of such Adjusters. The creature mind-matrix and the passive potentials of identity are present in the morontia soul intrusted to the keeping of the seraphic destiny guardians. And it is the reuniting of the morontia-soul trust of the seraphim and the spirit-mind trust of the Adjuster that reassembles creature personality and constitutes resurrection of a sleeping survivor.

Throughout the life-lapse period of the sleeping survivors the spiritual values and eternal realities of their newly evolved and immortal souls are held as a sacred trust by the personal or by the group guardian seraphim. The group guardians of assignment to the sleeping survivors always function with the judgment Sons on their world advents. "He shall send his angels, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds." With each seraphim of assignment to the repersonalization of a sleeping mortal there functions the returned Adjuster, the same immortal Father fragment that lived in him during the days in the flesh, and thus is identity restored and personality resurrected. During the sleep of their subjects these waiting Adjusters serve on Divinington; they never indwell another mortal mind in this interim. The situation which makes repersonalization possible is brought about in the resurrection halls of the morontia receiving planets of a local universe. Here in these life-assembly chambers the supervising authorities provide that relationship of universe energy—morontial, mindal, and spiritual—which makes possible the reconsciousizing of the sleeping survivor.

Social Architects:

From the individual planets up through the morontia training worlds, these seraphim labor to enhance all sincere social contacts and to further the social evolution of universe creatures. These are the angels who seek to divest the associations of intelligent beings of all artificiality while endeavoring to facilitate the interassociation of will creatures on a basis of real self-understanding and genuine mutual appreciation.

Solitarington:

One of the seven sacred life spheres of the Father which orbit the innermost circuit around Paradise; the home of a host of beings of origin in the conjoint action of the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit, as well as the home sphere of the Solitary Messengers and other superangelic orders. Solitarington is the "bosom of the Father and the Spirit" and is the rendezvous of a magnificent host of unrevealed beings of origin in the conjoint acts of the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit, beings who partake of the traits of the Father in addition to their Spirit inheritance.

Solitary Messengers:

Solitary Messengers are personalities of the superangelic orders. Solitary Messengers are the personal and universal corps of the Conjoint Creator; they are the first and senior order of the Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit. They represent the initial creative action of the Infinite Spirit in solitary function for the purpose of bringing into existence solitary personality spirits.

Neither the Father nor the Son directly participated in this stupendous spiritualization. Besides certain secrets of trinitization, this world holds the secrets of the personal relation of the Infinite Spirit with certain of the higher offspring of the Third Source and Center. On Solitarington are held the mysteries of the intimate association of numerous unrevealed orders with the spirits of the Father, of the Son, and of the Spirit, with the threefold spirit of the Trinity, and with the spirits of the Supreme, the Ultimate, and the Supreme-Ultimate.

Solonia:

The chief of the fifth order of angels, the planetary helpers, who was on duty during the time of Adam and Eve and who proclaimed Eve's default of the divine plan and requested the return of the Melchizedek receivers to Urantia. This angel, also known as the "voice in the Garden," was responsible for Papers 73-76. In the case of Adam and Eve, the angel of the Garden was none other than the chief of the planetary helpers then on duty. This seraphim, Solonia, proclaimed the miscarriage of the divine plan and requisitioned the return of the Melchizedek receivers to Urantia.

Son:

See "Eternal Son".

Son Fusion:

See "Fusion".

Son of Man, Son of God:

God and man can coexist in a unified personality, as is so exquisitely demonstrated in the present status of Christ Michael—Son of Man and Son of God. God becomes man, as occurred in the bestowal of Michael, who was called interchangeably the Son of God and the Son of Man. When a Son of God becomes a Son of Man, is literally born of woman, as occurred on our world two thousand years ago, it is a universal mystery.

Son-Fused Mortals:

When it becomes apparent that some synchronizing difficulty is inhibiting Father fusion, the survival referees of the Creator Son are convened. And when this court of inquiry, sanctioned by a personal representative of the Ancients of Days, finally determines that the ascending mortal is not guilty of any discoverable cause for failure to attain fusion, they so certify on the records of the local universe and duly transmit this finding to the Ancients of Days. Thereupon does the indwelling Adjuster return forthwith to Divinington for confirmation by the Personalized Monitors, and upon this leave-taking the morontia mortal is immediately fused with an individualized gift of the spirit of the Creator Son.

Son-Spirit Ministers:

This first group of the supreme seraphim are assigned to the service of the high Sons and Spirit-origin beings resident and functioning in the local universe. This group of angelic ministers also serve the Universe Son and the Universe Spirit and are closely affiliated with the

intelligence corps of the Bright and Morning Star, the universe chief executive of the united wills of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit.

Sonarington:

One of the seven sacred life spheres of the Father which orbit the innermost circuit around Paradise. It is the personal receiving world of the Eternal Son and Paradise headquarters of the accredited and approved ascending and descending Sons of God. Sonarington is the "bosom of the Son," the personal receiving world of the Eternal Son. It is the Paradise headquarters of the descending and ascending Sons of God when, and after, they are fully accredited and finally approved. This world is the Paradise home for all Sons of the Eternal Son and of his co-ordinate and associate Sons. There are numerous orders of divine sonship attached to this supernal abode which have not been revealed to mortals since they are not concerned with the plans of the ascension scheme of human spiritual progression through the universes and on to Paradise. The secrets of Sonarington include the secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons. When a Son of God becomes a Son of Man, is literally born of woman, as occurred on your world nineteen hundred years ago, it is a universal mystery. It is occurring right along throughout the universes, and it is a Sonarington secret of divine sonship.

Sons of God:

Personalities of the Paradise Sons of God are perfect in divinity and often partake of the nature of the very flesh and blood of the planetary races via incarnation, becoming one of you and one with you. These Sons of God are the personal expression of God in the sectors of time and to the children of the whirling planets of the evolving universes of space. The Sons of God are a direct revelation of the Father's heart of universal love and infinite compassion.

Sonship:

Mortal creatures of animal origin are beings privileged to enjoy sonship. There are three groups of beings who are called Sons of God. We are sons of spiritual promise, faith sons; we have accepted the status of sonship. We believe in the reality of our sonship, and thus does our sonship with God become eternally real. Sonship is the supreme relationship of the creature to the Creator.

Sonta-an:

The name Fonta used for Andon meaning "loved by mother".

Sonta-en:

The name Andon used for Fonta meaning "loved by father".

Sontad:

It was almost two years from the night of the twins' departure from home before their first child was born. They named him Sontad; and Sontad was the first creature to be born on Urantia who was wrapped in protective coverings at the time of birth. The human race had begun, and with this new evolution there appeared the instinct properly to care for the increasingly enfeebled infants which would characterize the progressive development of mind of the

intellectual order as contrasted with the more purely animal type. Upon the death of his parents, Sontad, despite a seriously injured foot, immediately assumed the leadership of the clan and was ably assisted by his wife, his eldest sister.

Sortoria:

A neighboring local system to Satania in the constellation of Norlatiadek.

Soul:

When the mortal creature initiates a relationship with the Paradise Father by desiring the intimacy of his divine presence, and when the mortal creature willingly chooses to do the Father's will, the Paradise Father responds by sending a fragment of his primal being to live within the mind of this receptive mortal being. Such a divinely indwelt creature finds it possible to acquire and develop the supermaterial reality of a viable soul. The evolution of the human mind from matter association to spirit union results in the transmutation of the potentially spirit phases of the mortal mind into the morontia realities of the immortal soul. The survival of identity is dependent on the survival of the immortal soul of morontia status and increasingly divine value. The Father presence (our Thought Adjuster) drives the spiritual evolution of the immortal soul upon "the material and mortal mind in accordance with the freewill choosing of the personality which has been bestowed upon such a mortal creature by the parental act of God as a Father." [UB 30:1.12]

Souls of Peace:

The early millenniums of the upward strivings of evolutionary men are marked by many a struggle. Peace is not the natural state of the material realms. The worlds first realize "peace on earth and good will among men" through the ministry of the seraphic souls of peace.

Sources and Centers:

All forms of material, mindal, and spiritual force-energy are subject to the presence of universal gravities. The activities of gravity are not exclusively applicable to just material phenomena. Where spirit reality may be thought of as a thesis representing the quality of the living energy of divinity, physical reality becomes the corresponding antithesis typifying the quantity of nonspirit energy. Mind ends up becoming the unifying synthesis of these two antipodal energies of spirit and matter. The finite human mind is capable of comprehending much of the basic three levels of finite reality - the organized energy of matter that is conditioned by mind, the organized consciousness of mind that is modified by spirit, and the highest personal reality of spirit that is the motivating influence of all energy systems of personal dignity.

Sovereign of Nebadon:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Sovereign Michaels:

See "Master Sons".

Sovereign Son:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Sovereignty:

Divinity is disclosed on impersonal levels as justice, power, and sovereignty. Power is ordinarily limited to the designation of the electronic level of material or linear-gravity-responsive matter in the grand universe. Power is also employed to designate sovereignty. Power is ordinarily limited to the designation of the electronic level of material or linear-gravity-responsive matter in the grand universe. Power is also employed to designate sovereignty. The Eternal Son exercises absolute spiritual sovereignty. He literally holds all spirit realities and all spiritualized values, as it were, in the hollow of his hand. The control of universal spiritual gravity is universal spiritual sovereignty. A Creator Son is given the range of a universe by the consent of the Paradise Trinity and with the confirmation of the supervising Master Spirit of the superuniverse concerned. The elevation of a Creator Son from this initial and self-limited stage of rulership to the experiential supremacy of self-earned sovereignty comes as a result of his own personal experiences in the work of universe creation and incarnated bestowal. Until the achievement of bestowal-earned sovereignty, he rules as vicegerent of the Universal Father.

Space:

Space is not force, energy, or power. It seemingly originates just below nether Paradise and is a bestowal of Paradise. Space is, from the human viewpoint, nothing—negative; it exists only as related to something positive and nonspatial. Space is, however, real. It contains and conditions motion. It even moves. Only by ubiquity could Deity unify time-space manifestations to the finite conception, for time is a succession of instants while space is a system of associated points. You do after all, perceive time by analysis and space by synthesis. Space comes the nearest of all nonabsolute things to being absolute. Space is apparently absolutely ultimate. The real difficulty we have in understanding space on the material level is due to the fact that, while material bodies exist in space, space also exists in these same material bodies. While there is much about space that is absolute, that does not mean that space is absolute.

Space Potency:

A primal endowment of Paradise that is not an actual level of reality, but is ancestral to all relative functional nonspirit realities. Space potency is a prereality; it is the domain of the Unqualified Absolute and is responsive only to the personal grasp of the Universal Father, notwithstanding that it is seemingly modifiable by the presence of the Primary Master Force organizers. On Uversa, space potency is spoken of as *absoluta*.

Space-Energy:

The living power directors deal with space-energy. The only physical limitation upon the developmental expansion of the Nebadon universe consists in the quantitative charge of space-energy held captive by the gravity control of the associated powers and personalities of the combined universe mechanism. In those suns which are encircuated in the space-energy channels, solar energy is liberated by various complex nuclear-reaction chains, the most common of which is the hydrogen-carbon-helium reaction. In response to the work of the force manipulators, space-energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, thus becoming directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise (*absolute*) gravity while disclosing a certain potential for sensitivity to the linear-gravity pull inherent in the soon

appearing material mass of the electronic and the postelectronic stages of energy and matter. Space-force has been changed into space-energy and thence into the energy of gravity control. Thus has physical energy been ripened to that point where it can be directed into channels of power and made to serve the manifold purposes of the universe Creators.

Space-Force:

Space-force manifests throughout creation from the primordial force-charge of space that appears to be focalized in the central nether region of the Isle of Paradise. This center encompasses the focal point of the force-energy activities of Paradise itself. The nascent force of universal space seems to flow in at the south end of the Isle of Paradise and out at the north through the operation of some unknown circulatory system which is concerned with the diffusion of this basic form of force-energy. All force-energy originally proceeded from nether Paradise and will eventually return thereto following the completion of its space circuit. The preuniverse manipulations of space-force and the primordial energies are the work of the Paradise Master Force Organizers.

Spirit:

Spirit reality implies the highest ideal of purpose and carries with it real qualities of meanings and values. All spirit is inexorably drawn into the personal presence of the Eternal Son. Spirit is that dynamic quality of living energy that entails vivacity and momentum towards the enhancement of truth, beauty, and goodness. The absolute of all spirit is embodied in the divine person of the Infinite Spirit.

Spirit Adjutants:

See "Adjutant Mind-Spirits".

Spirit Circuits:

There are three distinct spirit circuits in the local universe of Nebadon:

1. The bestowal spirit of the Creator Son, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth.
2. The spirit circuit of the Divine Minister, the Holy Spirit.
3. The intelligence-ministry circuit, including the more or less unified activities but diverse functioning of the seven adjutant mind-spirits.

Spirit Co-ordinators:

The third group of superior seraphim are based on Salvington but function in the local universe anywhere they can be of fruitful service. While their tasks are essentially spiritual and therefore beyond the real understanding of human minds, you will perhaps grasp something of their ministry to mortals if it is explained that these angels are intrusted with the task of preparing the ascendant sojourners on Salvington for their last transition in the local universe—from the highest morontia level to the status of newborn spirit beings.

Spirit Fusion:

See "Fusion".

Spirit Gravity:

The Eternal Son exercises perfect control over the interassociation of all undifferentiated spirit energy and over all actualized spirit reality through his absolute grasp of spirit gravity. The pure and universal spirit gravity of all creation, this exclusively spiritual circuit, leads directly back to this person of the Second Source and Center on Paradise. Spirit gravity never suffers time delays, nor does it undergo space diminution. It does not decrease in accordance with the square of the distance of its transmission; the circuits of pure spirit power are not retarded by the mass of the material creation. The reactions and fluctuations of spirit gravity are ever true to the content of spiritual values, the qualitative spiritual status of an individual or a world.

Spirit Luminosity:

The universe is illuminated by three kinds of light: material light, intellectual insight, and spirit luminosity. Spirit luminosity is a word symbol, a figure of speech, which connotes the personality manifestation characteristic of spirit beings of diverse orders. This luminous emanation is in no respect related either to intellectual insight or to physical-light manifestations.

Spirit Monitor:

See "Thought Adjuster".

Spirit of Courage:

The third of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The fidelity endowment—in personal beings, the basis of character acquirement and the intellectual root of moral stamina and spiritual bravery. When enlightened by facts and inspired by truth, this becomes the secret of the urge of evolutionary ascension by the channels of intelligent and conscientious self-direction.

Spirit of Counsel:

The fifth of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The social urge, the endowment of species co-operation; the ability of will creatures to harmonize with their fellows; the origin of the gregarious instinct among the more lowly creatures.

Spirit of God:

See "Infinite Spirit".

Spirit of Intuition:

The first of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The quick perception, the primitive physical and inherent reflex instincts, the directional and other self-preserved endowments of all mind creations; the only one of the adjutants to function so largely in the lower orders of animal life and the only one to make extensive functional contact with the nonteachable levels of mechanical mind.

Spirit of Knowledge:

The fourth of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The curiosity-mother of adventure and discovery, the scientific spirit; the guide and faithful associate of the spirits of courage and counsel; the urge to direct the endowments of courage into useful and progressive paths of growth.

Spirit of Truth:

Religious experience must first take origin in the mind of man through his efforts to discover and recognize the truth, beauty, and goodness of God's creation. As man then attempts to interpret his experiences and to discern their moral meanings and values, he provides the fertile soil for the combined spiritual influences of the Father's indwelling Adjuster and of the living waters of Jesus' promised Spirit of Truth. Jesus' Spirit of Truth "is unerringly responsive to truth--the living spirit relationship of all things and all beings as they are co-ordinated in the eternal ascent Godward". [UB 56:10.3]

Like the personal presence of the Paradise Father in the form of his indwelling Adjuster, the Spirit of Truth is a gift to mankind as well. This Spirit of Truth is the spiritual "comforter" promised by Jesus himself. It descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost and it services us today in the here and now. It brings to us Jesus' own personal presence to be with us and to guide us in his truth. This is the spiritual presence of Jesus himself. Recognition of the spiritual quality of truth may be viewed as being intellectually consistent, but its true comprehension is validated by "the unerring response of the ever-present Spirit of Truth." [UB 2:7.6]

Jesus' Spirit of Truth leads man to the fertile realization of truth, and the Father's spiritual presence functions to spiritually elevate such comprehension of truth to the transcendent comprehension of soul-insight. We are told that "these spirit forces conspire to enable material man to grasp the reality of spiritual values and to comprehend the philosophy of universe meanings", that "these spirits of the Divine Presence are able to assist man in the spiritual appropriation of all truth contributory to the enhancement of the ever-progressing reality of personal religious experience--God-consciousness." [UB 0:XII.12]

Spirit of Understanding:

The second of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The impulse of co-ordination, the spontaneous and apparently automatic association of ideas. This is the gift of the co-ordination of acquired knowledge, the phenomenon of quick reasoning, rapid judgment, and prompt decision.

Spirit of Wisdom:

The seventh of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The spirit of wisdom endows the inherent tendency of all moral creatures towards orderly and progressive evolutionary advancement. This is the highest of the adjutants, the spirit co-ordinator and articulator of the work of all the others. This spirit is the secret of that inborn urge of mind creatures which initiates and maintains the practical and effective program of the ascending scale of existence; that gift of living things which accounts for their inexplicable ability to survive and, in survival, to utilize the co-ordination of all their past

experience and present opportunities for the acquisition of all of everything that all of the other six mental ministers can mobilize in the mind of the organism concerned.

Spirit of Worship:

The sixth of the seven adjutants of mind that our local universe Mother Spirit ministers to all beings. The spirit of worship—the religious impulse, the first differential urge separating mind creatures into the two basic classes of mortal existence. The spirit of worship forever distinguishes the animal of its association from the soulless creatures of mind endowment. Worship is the badge of spiritual-ascension candidacy.

Spirit-Fused Mortals:

Ascending Spirit-fused mortals are not Third Source personalities; they are included in the Father's personality circuit, but they have fused with individualizations of the premind spirit of the Third Source and Center. Such Spirit fusion never occurs during the span of natural life; it takes place only at the time of mortal reawakening in the morontia existence on the mansion worlds.

Spirit-Gravity Circuit:

Spirit, through mind, masters energy-matter. As conditioned by personality, spirit transcends mind and matter, the experiential variables of progressive spirit attainment. Spirit dominates matter by the mediation of personal mind. Spirit is the highest personal reality and is the motivating influence of all personality-energy systems.

As the Second Source and Center of all spirit reality, the Eternal Son exercises absolute spiritual control throughout the universe of universes. Spiritual gravity encompasses all bestowals of spirit, and the Son ever draws these spirit realities unto himself. All actualized spirit energy is held in the absolute grasp of his spirit gravity. As the spirit potentials inherent in the infinite spirit reservoirs of the Deity Absolute become actualized, they enter into the spirit-gravity circuit of the Son. The Eternal Son is spiritually omnipresent throughout creation; his spirit envelops all creature personalities of spirit potential. As human beings grow in the development of their spiritual souls, they are drawn relentlessly into the Son's all-powerful gravity circuit. ++As mortal ascenders enhance their spiritual natures, they become increasingly responsive to the incessant Paradiseward pull of this spirit gravity. This spirit pull Godward is intense and inescapable.

Spiritington:

One of the seven sacred life spheres of the Father which orbit the innermost Circuit around Paradise. This is the Paradise home of those high beings exclusively representative of the Infinite Spirit. Spiritington is the "bosom of the Spirit," the Paradise home of the high beings that exclusively represent the Infinite Spirit. Here forgather the Seven Master Spirits and certain of their offspring from all universes. At this celestial abode may also be found numerous unrevealed orders of spirit personalities, beings assigned to the manifold activities of the universe not associated with the plans of upstepping the mortal creatures of time to the Paradise levels of eternity. The secrets of Spiritington involve the impenetrable mysteries of reflectivity. We tell you of the vast and universal phenomenon of reflectivity, more particularly as it is operative on the headquarters worlds of the seven superuniverses, but we never fully

explain this phenomenon, for we do not fully understand it. Much, very much, we do comprehend, but many basic details are still mysterious to us. Reflectivity is a secret of God the Spirit. You have been instructed concerning reflectivity functions in relation to the ascension scheme of mortal survival, and it does so operate, but reflectivity is also an indispensable feature of the normal working of numerous other phases of universe occupation. This endowment of the Infinite Spirit is also utilized in channels other than those of intelligence gathering and information dissemination. And there are other secrets of Spirington.

Spirits of Brotherhood:

It should be apparent that, when an Adam and Eve arrive on an evolutionary world, the task of achieving racial harmony and social co-operation among its diverse races is one of considerable proportions. Seldom do these races of different colors and varied natures take kindly to the plan of human brotherhood. These primitive men only come to realize the wisdom of peaceful interassociation as a result of ripened human experience and through the faithful ministry of the seraphic spirits of brotherhood.

Spirits of Trust:

Suspicion is the inherent reaction of primitive men; the survival struggles of the early ages do not naturally breed trust. Trust is a new human acquisition brought about by the ministry of these planetary seraphim of the Adamic regime. It is their mission to inculcate trust into the minds of evolving men. The Gods are very trustful; the Universal Father is willing freely to trust himself—the Adjuster—to man's association.

Spiritualize:

In all our efforts to enlarge and spiritualize the human concept of God, we are tremendously handicapped by the limited capacity of the mortal mind. We are also seriously handicapped in the execution of our assignment by the limitations of language and by the poverty of material which can be utilized for purposes of illustration or comparison in our efforts to portray divine values and to present spiritual meanings to the finite, mortal mind of man. Mortals need to completely spiritualize (eternalize) their day-by-day living while faithfully discharging the commonplace duties of routine mortal existence. Human morality may recognize values, but only religion can conserve, exalt, and spiritualize such values.

Spironga:

The Spironga are the spirit offspring of the Bright and Morning Star and the Father Melchizedek. They are exempt from personality termination but are not evolutionary or ascending beings. Neither are they functionally concerned with the evolutionary ascension regime. They are the spirit helpers of the local universe, executing the routine spirit tasks of Nebadon. Jerusem enjoys the efficient services of the spironga of design for system function. These beings are devoted to spiritual ministry in behalf of the supermaterial residents and visitors. They are a wonderful group of intelligent and beautiful beings who are the transition servants of the higher morontia creatures and of the morontia helpers who labor for the upkeep and embellishment of all morontia creations. They are on Jerusem what the midway creatures are on Urantia, midway helpers functioning between the material and the spiritual.

Splandon:

The name of the major sector of the superuniverse, of Orvonton to which our local universe, Nebadon, belongs. Its capital sphere is called Umajor the fifth. Umajor the fifth, the headquarters of your major sector, Splandon, is surrounded by the seventy spheres of the advancing intellectual training of the superuniverse. You will early see the Perfections of Days when you advance to the headquarters of Splandon after your sojourn on the worlds of your minor sector, for these exalted rulers are closely associated with the seventy major sector worlds of higher training for the ascendant creatures of time. Although you are entered only upon the registry of the major sector of Splandon, which embraces the local universe of your origin, you will have to pass through every one of the ten major divisions of our superuniverse. You will see all thirty of the Orvonton Perfections of Days before you reach Uversa.

Spornagia:

An animal order of creatures responsible for the care and cultivation of the landscapes of the headquarters worlds in the local universe. They are the only creatures to experience actual reincarnation. The architectural headquarters worlds of the local universe are real worlds—physical creations. There is much work connected with their physical upkeep, and herein we have the assistance of a group of physical creatures called spornagia. They are devoted to the care and culture of the material phases of these headquarters worlds, from Jerusem to Salvington. Spornagia are neither spirits nor persons; they are an animal order of existence, but if you could see them, you would agree that they seem to be perfect animals. The celestial artisans direct the native spornagia in this extensive work of botanic decoration and biologic embellishment. Spornagia are not Adjuster indwelt. They do not possess survival souls, but they do enjoy long lives, sometimes to the extent of forty to fifty thousand standard years. Their number is legion, and they afford physical ministry to all orders of universe personalities requiring material service. Although spornagia neither possess nor evolve survival souls, though they do not have personality, nevertheless, they do evolve an individuality which can experience reincarnation.

Stationary Sons of the Trinity:

The Stationary Sons of the Trinity afford a full and perfect revelation of divine justice. Judgment, the final application of justice in accordance with the evidence submitted by the personalities of the Infinite Spirit, is the work of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, beings partaking of the Trinity nature of the united Father, Son, and Spirit. Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counselors, and Universal Censors, together with the seven orders of Supreme Trinity Personalities, constitute those ten groups which have been sometimes designated Stationary Sons of the Trinity.

Stoicism:

Stoicism is a school of Hellenistic philosophy founded by Zeno of Citium in Athens in the early 3rd century BC. It is a philosophy of personal ethics informed by its system of logic and its views on the natural world. According to its teachings, as social beings, the path to eudaimonia (happiness, or blessedness) is found in accepting the moment as it presents itself, by not allowing oneself to be controlled by the desire for pleasure or by the fear of pain, by using one's mind to understand the world and to do one's part in nature's plan, and by working together and treating others fairly and justly.

Subabsolute:

Subabsolute realities are projected on two levels: Absonites—realities which are relative with respect to both time and eternity. Finites—realities which are projected in space and are actualized in time.

Subconsciousness:

Prayer induces the human ego to look both ways for help: for material aid to the subconscious reservoir of mortal experience, for inspiration and guidance to the superconscious borders of the contact of the material with the spiritual, with the Thought Adjuster. The human mind may perform in response to so-called inspiration when it is sensitive either to the uprisings of the subconscious or to the stimulus of the superconscious. The characteristics of the mystical state are diffusion of consciousness with vivid islands of focal attention operating on a comparatively passive intellect. All of this gravitates consciousness toward the subconscious rather than in the direction of the zone of spiritual contact, the superconscious.

Sudna:

A Havona Servital on record as having been embrace by the Father and translated to the status of Graduate Guide.

Suffering:

Is pleasure—the satisfaction of happiness—desirable? Then must man live in a world where the alternative of pain and the likelihood of suffering are ever-present experiential possibilities. The universe of your origin is being forged out between the anvil of justice and the hammer of suffering; but those who wield the hammer are the children of mercy, the spirit offspring of the Infinite Spirit. Pain and suffering are essential to progressive evolution.

Superabsonite:

God the Absolute is the realization-attainment goal of all superabsonite beings. When man chooses to find God and to be like him, such a choice is superfinite; only eternity can disclose whether this choice is also superabsonite.

Superangels:

See “Brilliant Evening Stars”.

Superaphic:

Of or pertaining to the beings and activities of the highest order of central universe ministering spirits, the supernaphim. Tertiary supernaphim take origin in these Seven Spirits of the Circuits. Each one of them, on the separate Havona circles, is empowered by the Infinite Spirit to create a sufficient number of high superaphic ministers of the tertiary order to meet the needs of the central universe. After you attain Paradise, you will really be enlightened and comforted when you listen to the superaphic philosophers discuss and explain the profound problems of universe adjustment.

Superconsciousness:

The superconscious level of mind is the zone of immediate contact with the indwelling spirit entity, the Thought Adjuster. The Adjuster is constantly communicating with the human subject, especially during those sublime experiences of the worshipful contact of mind with spirit in the superconsciousness. The human mind may perform in response to so-called inspiration when it is sensitive either to the uprisings of the subconscious or to the stimulus of the superconscious. The unconscious nature of religious growth does not signify that it is an activity functioning in the supposed subconscious realms of human intellect; rather does it signify creative activities in the superconscious levels of mortal mind. The experience of the realization of the reality of unconscious religious growth is the one positive proof of the functional existence of the superconsciousness.

Superfinite:

Reality, as comprehended by finite beings, is partial, relative, and shadowy. The maximum Deity reality fully comprehensible by evolutionary finite creatures is embraced within the Supreme Being. Nevertheless there are antecedent and eternal realities, superfinite realities, which are ancestral to this Supreme Deity of evolutionary time-space creatures. Many superfinite activities take place in the Havona of the present universe age, involving untold diversities of absonite and other phases of mind and spirit functions. Havona will unquestionably continue to function with absonite significance even in future universe ages which may witness space pilgrims attempting to find God on superfinite levels. The experiential personality of evolving man, united to the Adjuster essence of the existential God, constitutes the potential completion of supreme existence and is inherently the basis for the superfinite eventuation of transcendental personality.

Superhuman:

The superhuman type of progressing personality functions in a union of mind and spirit. Without help from superhuman sources the strain of society breaks down upon reaching certain limits. All mortal concepts of reality are based on the assumption of the actuality of human personality; all concepts of superhuman realities are based on the experience of the human personality with and in the cosmic realities of certain associated spiritual entities and divine personalities.

Superior Seraphim:

Superior seraphim receive their name, not because they are in any sense qualitatively superior to other orders of angels, but because they are in charge of the higher activities of a local universe. Very many of the first two groups of this seraphic corps are attainment seraphim, angels who have served in all phases of training and have returned to a glorified assignment as directors of their kind in the spheres of their earlier activities.

Supermortal:

See "Superpersonal".

Supernaphim:

The highest order of central universe ministering spirits Created in three orders, primary (offspring of the Conjoint Actor), secondary (of origin in the Seven Master Spirits), and tertiary

(of origin in the Seven Spirits of the Circuits), these beings minister on Paradise and in Havona. Together with their Infinite Mother Spirit, the Supreme Spirit groups are the immediate creators of the vast creature family of the Third Source and Center. All orders of the ministering spirits spring from this association. Primary supernaphim originate in the Infinite Spirit; secondary beings of this order are created by the Master Spirits; tertiary supernaphim by the Seven Spirits of the Circuits. Supernaphim are the ministering spirits of Paradise and the central universe; they are the highest order of the lowest group of the children of the Infinite Spirit—the angelic hosts. Such ministering spirits are to be encountered from the Isle of Paradise to the worlds of time and space. No major part of the organized and inhabited creation is without their services.

Superpersonal:

Deity is personalizable as God, is prepersonal and superpersonal in ways not altogether comprehensible by man. Deity functions on personal, prepersonal, and superpersonal levels. The prepersonal, the personal, and the superpersonal are all linked together by mutual potential of co-ordinate attainment, progressive achievement, and cocreational capacity. Superpersonal expression manifests itself in the eventuated existences of certain absonite and associated beings. In the superuniverses the Son is not personally present or resident; in these creations he maintains only a superpersonal representation. The administration of the Eternal Son in the superuniverses is exclusively spiritual and superpersonal, and is not discernible by creature personalities.

There is a vast host of other-than-personal beings of divine origin and of manifold service in the universe of universes. Certain of these beings are resident on the Paradise worlds of the Son; others, like the superpersonal representatives of the Eternal Son, are encountered elsewhere.

Superpersonalities:

See “Supersonal”.

Supertime:

God the Ultimate is the eventuating God of supertime and transcended space. God the Ultimate will eventually become manifest to the universes of time as the transcendental Almighty (the Omnipotent) exercising the overcontrol of supertime and transcended space. God the Ultimate is designative of personal Deity functioning on the divinity levels of the absonite and on the universe spheres of supertime and transcended space.

Superultimate:

Superultimate destinies are involved in absolute meanings and infinite spirituality, and without both of these unachieved realities we cannot establish absolute values. If we assume a cosmos-infinite—some illimitable cosmos on beyond the master universe—and if we conceive that the final developments of the Absolute Trinity will take place out on such a superultimate stage of action, then it becomes possible to conjecture that the completed function of the Trinity Absolute will achieve final expression in the creations of infinity and will consummate the absolute actualization of all potentials.

Superuniverse:

Seven superuniverses make up the present organized grand universe, consisting of approximately seven trillion habitable worlds plus the architectural spheres and the one billion inhabited spheres of Havona. The superuniverses are ruled and administered indirectly and reflectively from Paradise by the Seven Master Spirits. The billion worlds of Havona are directly administered by the Eternals of Days, one such Supreme Trinity Personality presiding over each of these perfect spheres. Your world, Urantia, is one of many similar inhabited planets which comprise the local universe of Nebadon. This universe, together with similar creations, makes up the superuniverse of Orvonton. It has long since discovered that the seven superuniverses traverse a great ellipse, a gigantic and elongated circle. Your solar system and other worlds of time are not plunging headlong, without chart and compass, into unmapped space. The local universe to which your system belongs is pursuing a definite and well-understood counterclockwise course around the vast swing that encircles the central universe. This cosmic path is well charted and is just as thoroughly known to the superuniverse star observers as the orbits of the planets constituting your solar system are known to Urantia astronomers. The headquarters of the superuniverses are the seats of the high spiritual government of the time-space domains. The executive branch of the supergovernment, taking origin in the Councils of the Trinity, is immediately directed by one of the Seven Master Spirits of supreme supervision, beings who sit upon seats of Paradise authority and administer the superuniverses through the Seven Supreme Executives stationed on the seven special worlds of the Infinite Spirit, the outermost satellites of Paradise. The superuniverse headquarters are the abiding places of the Reflective Spirits and the Reflective Image Aids. From this midway position these marvelous beings conduct their tremendous reflectivity operations, thus ministering to the central universe above and to the local universes below.

Superuniverse Rulers:

See "Ancients of Days".

Superuniverse Time:

One day of Orvonton = nearly one month of Urantia. One year of 100 days or Orvonton = 3,000 days of Urantia minus 22 minutes, or about 8 1/5 years of Urantia.

Supervising Assistants:

The first order of the supervising seraphim are assigned to the collective work of the Constellation Fathers, and they are the ever-efficient helpers of the Most Highs. These seraphim are primarily concerned with the unification and stabilization of a whole constellation.

Supervisor Seraphim:

This versatile order of universe angels is assigned to the exclusive service of the constellations. These able ministers make their headquarters on the constellation capitals but function throughout all Nebadon in the interests of their assigned realms.

Supreme/Supremacy:

The Supreme is self-experiential and creature-Creator-unifying Deity. The Deity of Supremacy is thus expressive of the sum total of the entire finite. As we master the problems of self-realization, so is the God the Supreme achieving almighty supremacy in the universes of time and space. Personalities are progressively augmented by participation in this great Deity adventure; by such union with divinity man exalts, enriches, spiritualizes, and unifies his evolving self to the very threshold of supremacy. The manifold experiences of all creation become a part of the evolution of Supremacy. The providence of the overcontrol of Supremacy becomes increasingly apparent as the successive parts of the universe progress in the attainment of finite destinies. As the systems, constellations, universes, and superuniverses become settled in light and life, the Supreme increasingly emerges as the meaningful correlator of all that is transpiring.

Supreme Being:

God the Supreme is the actualizing or evolving God of time and space. Personal Deity associatively realizing the time-space experiential achievement of creature-Creator identity. The Supreme Being is personally experiencing the achievement of Deity unity. The Supreme Being achieves actualization through the evolutionary unification of experiential Deity. The power potentials of the Almighty are now unifying with the spiritual nature of God the Supreme. Power and personality are synthesizing in the experiential universes of time and space under the divine auspices of the Paradise Deities. Before the finalization of the evolving Supreme Being, the spirit nature of God the Supreme remains divinely perfect and exquisitely symmetrical. The actualizing Supreme Being expresses personal will and purpose of his own in revealing himself to the time-space creation. He is an active participant in the converging inflow of almighty power that emanates from the divinity successes of the Supreme Creators in time and space. This experiential Deity of the Supreme Being is the partial portraiture of the Paradise Trinity as he evolves the synthesis of finite matter, mind, and spirit in the grand universe. The Supreme Being is not the finite personalization of the Universal Father. He is more properly the evolving finite equivalent of the personalization of the Deity of the Paradise Trinity.

In accordance with this unifying urge of personality, the Supreme Being is the resultant Deity synthesis of grand universe evolution whereby the whirling domains of physical creation are eventually dominated by a spirit nucleus. This is a unified synthesis of evolutionary power with dominant spirit personality. Four levels of personality drive this attainment of divine destiny. [UB 55:12.5 (636:6)]

1. Paradise personality in the highest sense.
2. Creator personality in the universe sense.
3. Mortal personality in the human sense.
4. Supreme personality in the experiential totality sense.

It is conjectured that the final settling of the grand universe (the seven superuniverses as dependent on the pattern inspiration of Havona) in light and life will inaugurate the emergence of the fully actualized Supreme Being from his central universe origin to his projected residence on the headquarters world of the seventh superuniverse. [UB 55:12.5] This emergence of the Supreme Being is expected to be followed by the removal of all barriers currently existing between these superuniverses. From there, the Supreme Being would reign as the almighty and experiential sovereign of the perfected creations of time and space. The emergence of the Supreme Being will signal the final victory of spirit over matter through the

mediation of mind, by virtue of the will of volitional personality. This will represent the final synthesis of personality and power in a perfectly unified universe.

Supreme Council of the Local Universe:

The supreme council of the local universe is made up of three members from each system and seven representatives from each constellation.

Supreme Creator Personalities:

In the Deity realm of the Supreme, the Seven Master Spirits are the primary creative personalities of the Conjoint Actor. They represent the Infinite Spirit in manifesting the relationships of energy, mind, and spirit to the evolutionary universes of time and space. They distribute cosmic mind to the grand universe and the Nebadon variant of the Orvonton type of cosmic mind to our local universe. Along with the Seven Master Spirits, there were also created the 21 Ancients of Days, a triad for each of the seven created superuniverses. The Ancients of Days are the triune rulers of the seven superuniverses whose origins coincide with the beginning of time itself (hence the name Ancients of Days). They serve as the sevenfold superuniverse focal point for the mobilizing power of the Almighty Supreme. The commissioning of the complementary Creator Son/Creative Spirit liaisons as rulers of the 700,000 projected local universes followed the creation of the Ancients of Days. The local universes are the time-space laboratories involving mind experiments, galactic adventure, divinity unfoldings, and personality progressions. They constitute the foundation upon which the experiential Deity of the Supreme evolves.

Supreme Executive of Orvonton:

An Associate Inspector is resident on Salvington. He is the personal representative of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton; the Master Spirits act in the persons of the Seven Supreme Executives. An Associate Inspector is resident on Salvington. He is the personal representative of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton. His associates, the Assigned Sentinels in the local systems, are also representatives of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton.

Supreme Mind:

Supreme Mind is bestowed upon the totality of the finite whereby the Supreme Being strives for mastery over energy-matter. Supreme Mind is the individual contribution of the Third Source and Center and his coordinates to the evolving reality of the Supreme Being. The Infinite Spirit bestows Supreme Mind as the conjoining factor of the spirit person of God the Supreme and the power prerogatives of the Almighty Supreme - the Supreme Mind functions to unify the power and personality attributes of Supremacy. Supreme Mind unifies the spirit person of God the Supreme with the experiential power of the evolutionary Almighty. The power prerogatives of the Almighty Supreme are power-personalized with the spirit of God the Supreme by the Supreme Mind. The creative activities of the Supreme Creators are coordinated with the spirit person of God the Supreme on the pilot world of the outer Havona circuit by means of the Supreme Mind.

Supreme Power Centers:

See "Power Centers".

Supreme Power Directors:

See "Power Directors".

Supreme Rulers:

See "Ancients of Days".

Supreme Seraphim:

The Supreme seraphim are the highest of the seven revealed orders of local universe angels. They function in seven groups, each of which is closely associated with the angelic ministers of the Seraphic Corps of Completion. For Michael of Nebadon's fourth bestowal as a Supreme Seraphim, he was absent from Salvington for a period of over forty standard universe years. During this time he was attached as a seraphic teaching counselor, what you might denominate a private secretary, to twenty-six different master teachers, functioning on twenty-two different worlds. His last or terminal assignment was as counselor and helper attached to a bestowal mission of a Trinity Teacher Son. Many of the teaching counselors of the supreme order of seraphim began their careers as advisers of the newly liberated souls of the mortals of time.

Supreme (Sevenfold) Controllers:

Along with the personal creators who make up God the Sevenfold, the Sevenfold also comprises the controllers of the material grand universe as well. God the Sevenfold encompasses the power of earned sovereignty that the Supreme Creator Personalities enact in the creations of time and space along with the full support of the three Persons of Deity (Father, Son, Spirit) and with the evolving Supreme Being himself. The Sevenfold Controllers mirror this personality functioning of God the Sevenfold with a counter-balancing physical (non-personal) control level of this Deity association.

The Seven Master Spirits collectively personalized the Seven Supreme Power Directors at the beginning of time, and these Power Directors cooperatively effect their physical activities of power supervision throughout the evolutionary ages of the Supreme. In association with the Seven Master Spirits, the Supreme Power Directors created the Supreme Power Centers who consist of seven major groups extending from Havona on down to the local universe systems.

Supreme Spirits:

The Supreme Spirits are group of composite origin that embraces, among others, the following orders:

- The Seven Master Spirits of Paradise.
- The Reflective Spirits of the Superuniverses.
- The Creative Spirits of the Local Universes.

There are in total seven groups of Supreme Spirits who constitute the nucleus of the functional family of the Third Source and Center both as the Infinite Spirit and as the Conjoint Actor. The domain of the Supreme Spirits extends from the presence of the Trinity on Paradise to the functioning of mind of the evolutionary-mortal order on the planets of space.

Supreme Trinity Personalities:

Supreme Trinity Personalities are all created for specific service. They are designed by the divine Trinity for the fulfillment of certain specific duties, and they are qualified to serve with perfection of technique and finality of devotion. There are seven orders of the Supreme Trinity Personalities: Throughout the grand universe these Supreme Trinity Personalities represent the administrative policies of the Paradise Trinity; they represent the justice and are the executive judgment of the Paradise Trinity. They form an interrelated line of administrative perfection extending from the Paradise spheres of the Father to the headquarters worlds of the local universes and to the capitals of their component constellations.

Supreme Universe Rulers:

Down through the ages there has been great confusion on Urantia regarding the various universe rulers. Many later teachers confused their vague and indefinite tribal deities with the Most High Fathers. Still later, the Hebrews merged all of these celestial rulers into a composite Deity. Aside from the Deities and their Paradise associates, the Ancients of Days are the most perfect, most versatile, and the most divinely endowed rulers in all time-space existence. Apparently they are the supreme rulers of the superuniverses. The Supreme Rulers are merciful and patient, but the law of deliberately nourished evil is universally and unerringly executed. "The wages of sin is death"—eternal obliteration.

Supreme-Ultimate:

The eternal Paradise Trinity is an ever-present reminder that Deity trinitization may accomplish what is otherwise nonattainable; hence do we postulate the sometime appearance of the Supreme-Ultimate and the possible trinitization-factualization of God. To all practical intents and purposes, the Seven Master Spirits do, then and there, encompass the functional domain of the Supreme-Ultimate to and in the master universe. The Seven Master Spirits are collectively endowed with the supreme-ultimate attributes of the Third Source and Center. The Father-Son partnership has become Son-Spirit and then Spirit-Supreme and on to Supreme-Ultimate and Ultimate-Absolute, even to Absolute and Father-Infinite—the completion of the cycle of reality.

Susatia:

Dual-origin and stationary offspring of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit, these beings are the permanent citizens of Salvington, assist in its administration, and are associated with the ascendant citizens of the local universe. The Susatia are marvelous beings who reside and function as permanent citizens on Salvington, the headquarters of this local universe. They are closely associated with the ascendant citizens of the local universe, the Spirit-fused mortals of the Nebadon Corps of Perfection.

Synagogues:

A synagogue is a place of Jewish worship and serves as the centerpoint of Jewish life. It contains seating for men and women, an ark to hold the holy Torah, and a platform for reading the Torah. Synagogues are also called "shuls" or "temples". They are used for religious services, ceremonies, study, and community activities.

System Heads:

See "System Sovereigns".

System Sovereigns:

Both Vorondadek Sons and Lanonandek Sons are brought into being by a Creator Son and his Creative Spirit associate. Vorondadeks are best known as the Most Highs, the Constellation Fathers; Lanonandeks as System Sovereigns and as Planetary Princes. Primary Lanonandeks are the Sons designated as System Sovereigns and assistants to the supreme councils of the constellations and as counselors in the higher administrative work of the universe. The systems are chiefly concerned with the executive and administrative work of the local creations. The System Sovereigns and their associates enforce the legislative mandates of the constellation rulers and execute the judicial decrees of the high courts of the universe.

Systemic Time:

One day of Satania = 3 days of Urantia less 1 hour 4 minutes 16 seconds. Five years of 100 days of Satania = four years of Urantia.

Systems:

Urantia belongs to a system which is well out towards the borderland of your local universe; and your local universe is at present traversing the periphery of Orvonton. The basic unit of the System supergovernment consists of about one thousand inhabited or inhabitable worlds. Blazing suns, cold worlds, planets too near the hot suns, and other spheres not suitable for creature habitation are not included in this group. These one thousand worlds adapted to support life are called a system, but in the younger systems only a comparatively small number of these worlds may be inhabited. Each inhabited planet is presided over by a Planetary Prince, and each local system has an architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by a System Sovereign.

Tabamantia:

An agondonter finaliter who survived the experience of the first rebellion ever in the universes of time and space. Currently serves as chief of universe directors responsible for the periodic inspection of all life-modification worlds in the local universe of Nebadon. In the universe of Nebadon, all the life-modification worlds are serially linked together and constitute a special domain of universe affairs which is given attention by designated administrators; and all of these experimental worlds are periodically inspected by a corps of universe directors whose chief is the veteran finaliter known in Satania as Tabamantia. Tabamantia, sovereign supervisor of the series of decimal or experimental worlds, came to inspect the planet and, after his survey of racial progress, duly recommended that Urantia be granted Material Sons.

Teaching Counselors:

These angels are the invaluable assistants of the spiritual teaching corps of the local universe. Teaching counselors are secretaries to all orders of teachers, from the Melchizedeks and the Trinity Teacher Sons down to the morontia mortals who are assigned as helpers to those of

their kind who are just behind them in the scale of ascendant life. You will first see these associate teaching seraphim on some one of the seven mansion worlds surrounding Jerusem.

Technical Advisers:

These legal and technical minds of the spirit world were not created as such. From the early supernaphim and omniaphim, one million of the most orderly minds were chosen by the Infinite Spirit as the nucleus of this vast and versatile group. And ever since that far-distant time, actual experience in the application of the laws of perfection to the plans of evolutionary creation has been required of all who aspire to become Technical Advisers.

Tenskwatawa:

Ever and anon, true prophets and teachers arose to denounce and expose shamanism. Even the vanishing red man had such a prophet within the past hundred years, the Shawnee Tenskwatawa, who predicted the eclipse of the sun in 1806 and denounced the vices of the white man. Many true teachers have appeared among the various tribes and races all through the long ages of evolutionary history. And they will ever continue to appear to challenge the shamans or priests of any age who oppose general education and attempt to thwart scientific progress.

Terah:

The children of Terah, the father of Abraham, in every way met the expectations of the 12 receiving Melchizedeks for a certain generation who would be characterized by intelligence, initiative, sagacity, and sincerity. It was this possibility of contact with these versatile children of Terah that had considerable to do with the appearance of Machiventa at Salem, rather than in Egypt, China, India, or among the northern tribes. Terah and his whole family were halfhearted converts to the Salem religion, which had been preached in Chaldea; they learned of Melchizedek through the preaching of Ovid, a Phoenician teacher who proclaimed the Salem doctrines in Ur.

Tertiary Supernaphim:

Primary supernaphim originate in the Infinite Spirit; secondary beings of this order are created by the Master Spirits; tertiary supernaphim by the Seven Spirits of the Circuits. These Spirits of the Circuits make contact with those who sojourn in Havona through their personal offspring, the tertiary supernaphim. From among the tertiary supernaphim in Havona, certain of the senior chief recorders are chosen as Custodians of Records, as keepers of the formal archives of the Isle of Light, those archives which stand in contrast to the living records of registry in the minds of the custodians of knowledge, sometimes designated the "living library of Paradise."

Tertiaphim:

The second order of angelic ministering spirits of the superuniverses who are children of the Infinite Spirit. These high angels function as the staff of the Creator Son until the Bright and Morning Star is personalized, and act as liaison ministers between the Creator Son and the Ancients of Days. These high angels are of record on the superuniverse headquarters, and despite service in the local creations, technically they are residents of these superuniverse capitals inasmuch as they are not native to the local universes. Tertiaphim are children of the

Infinite Spirit and are personalized on Paradise in groups of one thousand. These supernal beings of divine originality and near-supreme versatility are the gift of the Infinite Spirit to the Creator Sons of God. And these majestic tertiaphim accompany a Creator Son when he embarks upon the adventure of universe organization. Throughout the early times of universe building, these one thousand tertiaphim are the only personal staff of a Creator Son. They acquire a mighty experience as Son assistants during these stirring ages of universe assembling and other astronomical manipulations. They serve by the side of the Creator Son until the day of the personalization of the Bright and Morning Star, the first-born of a local universe. Thereupon the formal resignations of the tertiaphim are tendered and accepted. And with the appearance of the initial orders of native angelic life, they retire from active service in the local universe and become the liaison ministers between the Creator Son of former attachment and the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse concerned.

Theology:

That religionists have believed so much that was false does not invalidate religion because religion is founded on the recognition of values and is validated by the faith of personal religious experience. Religion, then, is based on experience and religious thought; theology, the philosophy of religion, is an honest attempt to interpret that experience. Such interpretative beliefs may be right or wrong, or a mixture of truth and error. Theology is the study of the actions and reactions of the human spirit; it can never become a science since it must always be combined more or less with psychology in its personal expression and with philosophy in its systematic portrayal. Theology is always the study of your religion; the study of another's religion is psychology.

Third Source and Center:



As the multifaceted third person of the Trinity and the Third Source and Center, the Infinite Spirit is also unitive Being. It is a function of the Spirit to maintain, strengthen, and where needed restore the unity of Being with creation, a unity that is in constant tension. The unity that the Spirit imparts is a higher unity than would have been possible had Deity never moved out of primordial Being and into expressive Being. For this new unity that the Spirit builds is a unity of freedom, a unity comprehending a diversity of free responsible beings such as ourselves. The Spirit, as unitive Being proceeding from both the Father and the Son, maintains the unity of creation.

Those High in Authority:

Those High in Authority, the second group of the Trinitized Sons of Attainment, are all Adjuster-fused beings of mortal origin. These are the perfected mortals who have exhibited superior administrative ability and have shown extraordinary executive genius throughout their long ascending careers. They are the cream of governing ability derived from the surviving mortals of space. Seventy thousand of Those High in Authority are trinitized at each Trinity liaison. Though the local universe of Nebadon is a comparatively young creation, it has representatives among a recently trinitized class of this order. There are now commissioned in Orvonton more than ten billion of these skillful administrators. Like all separate orders of celestial beings, they maintain their own headquarters on Uversa, and like the other Trinity-embraced sons, their reserves on Uversa act as the central directing body of their order in Orvonton. Those High in Authority are administrators without limitation. They are the everywhere-present and always-efficient executives of the Ancients of Days. They serve on any sphere, on any inhabited world, and in any phase of activity in any of the seven superuniverses. Having superb administrative wisdom and unusual executive skill, these brilliant beings assume to present the cause of justice in behalf of the superuniverse tribunals; they foster the execution of justice and the rectification of misadaptations in the evolutionary universes. Therefore, if you should ever be cited for errors of judgment while you are ascending the worlds and spheres of your ordained cosmic progression, it is hardly likely that you would suffer injustice since your prosecutors would be onetime ascendant creatures who are personally familiar with every step of the career you have traversed and are traversing.

Those Without Name and Number:

Those without Name and Number constitute the third and last group of the Trinitized Sons of Attainment; they are the ascendant souls who have developed the ability to worship beyond the skill of all the sons and daughters of the evolutionary races from the worlds of time and space. They have acquired a spiritual concept of the eternal purpose of the Universal Father which comparatively transcends the comprehension of the evolutionary creatures of name or number; therefore are they denominated Those without Name and Number. More strictly translated, their name would be "Those above Name and Number."

Thought Adjusters:

The Thought Adjuster (also called the divine Mystery Monitor) refers to the spirit of God that lives within us. Ezekiel teaches that "God has promised 'I will put my Spirit in you and you will live.'" The First Epistle of John informs us that "This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit." The degree to which a human mind chooses to accept the Adjuster's guidance becomes the degree to which that person's soul grows and becomes a

reality that can survive death. The soul is in essence an embryonic spiritual development - a joint creation of the divine Adjuster and the human mind. It is through this direct gift of a fragment of his eternal spirit that the Father is able to guide his children toward an increased understanding of him. This Thought Adjuster has been known as his "indwelling presence," as the inner "divine spark" and as the "divine light which illuminates the mind."

Thought Recorders:

These are the artisans dedicated to the preservation of the higher thought of the realms. Thought recorders preserve such noble ideas in the tongue of Uversa.

Tiglath:

After spending some time in the vicinity of Caesarea-Philippi, Jesus made ready his supplies, and securing a beast of burden and a lad named Tiglath, he proceeded along the Damascus road to a village sometime known as Beit Jenn in the foothills of Mount Hermon. Here, near the middle of August, AD 25, he established his headquarters, and leaving his supplies in the custody of Tiglath, he ascended the lonely slopes of the mountain. Tiglath accompanied Jesus this first day up the mountain to a designated point about 6,000 feet above sea level, where they built a stone container in which Tiglath was to deposit food twice a week.

Time:

Only by ubiquity could Deity unify time-space manifestations to the finite conception, for time is a succession of instants while space is a system of associated points. You do, after all, perceive time by analysis and space by synthesis. Time is the stream of flowing temporal events perceived by creature consciousness. Time is a name given to the succession arrangement whereby events are recognized and segregated. The universe of space is a time-related phenomenon as it is viewed from any interior position outside of the fixed abode of Paradise. The motion of time is only revealed in relation to something which does not move in space as a time phenomenon. In the universe of universes Paradise and its Deities transcend both time and space. In the inhabited worlds, human personality (indwelt and oriented by the Paradise Father's spirit) is the only physically related reality which can transcend the material sequence of temporal events.

Time-Space:

All time-space finite reality, under the directive urge of the evolving Supreme Being, is engaged in an ever-ascending mobilization and perfecting unification (power-personality synthesis) of all phases and values of finite reality, in association with varied phases of Paradise reality, to the end and for the purpose of subsequently embarking upon the attempt to reach absonite levels of supercreature attainment. Time and space are inseparable only in the time-space creations, the seven superuniverses. The Universal Father is even now—as always—self-realizing of an ever-expanding arena of time-space, and of time-space-transcended, meanings, an arena of changing relationships wherein energy-matter is being progressively subjected to the overcontrol of living and divine spirit through the experiential striving of living and personal mind.

Total Deity:

Deity functions on personal, prepersonal, and superpersonal levels. Total Deity is functional on the following seven levels of Deity expression: static, potential, associative, creative, evolutional, supreme, and ultimate. In the universes of time and space, made, in the making, and yet to be made, the Father is not discernibly absolute as total Deity except in the Paradise Trinity. As total Deity, he functions only in the Paradise Trinity. The absolute attitude of the Paradise Trinity is in relation to absolute existences and culminates in the action of total Deity. The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit are, in a certain sense, the constituent personalities of total Deity. Their union in the Paradise Trinity and the absolute function of the Trinity equate to the function of total Deity. And such completion of Deity transcends both the finite and the absonite.

Tranosta:

The transcendental energy system operating from the upper level of Paradise in connection with absonite peoples. On Uversa it is denominated tranosta.

Transcendental:

As the systems, constellations, universes, and superuniverses become settled in light and life, the Supreme increasingly emerges as the meaningful correlator of all that is transpiring, while the Ultimate gradually emerges as the transcendental unifier of all things. Transcendentals are subinfinite and subabsolute but superfinite and supercreational. Transcendentals eventuate as an integrating level correlating the supervalue of absolutes with the maximum values of finites.

Transcendental Recorders:

Solitary Messengers, Inspired Trinity Spirits, Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit, Gravity Messengers, Transcendental Recorders, and certain others are without discoverable form. The universe is well supplied with spirits who utilize gravity for purposes of transit; they can go anywhere any time—instanter—but they are not persons. Certain other gravity traversers are personal beings, such as Gravity Messengers and Transcendental Recorders,

Transcentalers:

Transcentalers are neither creators nor creatures; they are the eventuated children of divinity, ultimacy, and eternity. These "eventuators" are neither finite nor infinite—they are absonite; and absonity is neither infinity nor absoluteness.

Transfiguration:

They beheld Jesus in intimate converse with two brilliant beings clothed in the habiliments of the light of the celestial world. And Jesus' face and form shone with the luminosity of a heavenly light.

Transition Sleep/Slumber:

The transition sleep is the unconscious slumber when enseraphimed, when in passage from one sphere to another. Entirely different from all of these is the deep sleep of metamorphosis, the transition rest from one stage of being to another, from one life to another, from one state

of existence to another, the sleep which ever attends transition from actual universe status in contrast to evolution through various stages of any one status. But the last metamorphic sleep is something more than those previous transition slumbers which have marked the successive status attainments of the ascendant career; thereby do the creatures of time and space traverse the innermost margins of the temporal and the spatial to attain residential status in the timeless and spaceless abodes of Paradise.

Transition Ministers:

As their name might suggest, seraphim of transitional ministry serve wherever they can contribute to creature transition from the material to the spiritual estate. These angels serve from the inhabited worlds to the system capitals, but those in Satania at present direct their greatest efforts toward the education of the surviving mortals on the seven mansion worlds. On Urantia the majority of the planetary helpers were removed upon the collapse of the Adamic regime, and the seraphic supervision of your world devolved to a greater extent upon the administrators, the transition ministers, and the guardians of destiny

Translated Midwayers:

Soon after an evolutionary planet has attained the intermediate epochs of light and life (if not before), both groups of midway creatures are released from planetary duty. Sometimes the majority of them are translated, along with their human cousins, on the day of the descent of the temple of light and the elevation of the Planetary Prince to the dignity of Planetary Sovereign. Upon being relieved of planetary service, both orders are registered in the local universe as ascending Sons of God and immediately begin the long Paradise ascent by the very routes ordained for the progression of the mortal races of the material worlds. The primary group are destined to various finaliter corps, but the secondary or Adamic midwayers are all routed for enrollment in the Mortal Corps of Finality.

Transmutation:

Transmutation is the process of changing completely the character or appearance of something in order to improve it. What is the difference between transformation and transmutation? Transformation and transmutation are two terms often used in the context of change or conversion. While both involve a process of altering something, they differ in their specific meanings. Transformation refers to a complete or significant change in form, nature, or character. It implies a fundamental shift or evolution from one state to another. On the other hand, transmutation refers to the conversion of one substance into another. In summary, transformation focuses on a broader change in overall characteristics, while transmutation specifically relates to the conversion of substances.

UB 1:3.7 *In the inner experience of man, mind is joined to matter. Such material-linked minds cannot survive mortal death. The technique of survival is embraced in those adjustments of the human will and those **TRANSFORMATIONS** in the mortal mind whereby such a God-conscious intellect gradually becomes spirit taught and eventually spirit led. This evolution of the human mind from matter association to spirit union results in the **TRANSMUTATION** of the potentially spirit phases of the mortal mind into the morontia realities of the immortal soul.*

UB 29:5.5 Primary Master Force Organizers are the manipulators of the primordial or basic space-forces of the Unqualified Absolute; they are nebulae creators. They are the living instigators of the energy cyclones of space and the early organizers and directionizers of these gigantic manifestations. These force organizers **TRANSMUTE** primordial force (pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity) into primary or puissant energy, energy **TRANSMUTING** from the exclusive grasp of the Unqualified Absolute to the gravity grasp of the Isle of Paradise. They are thereupon succeeded by the associate force organizers, who continue the process of energy **TRANSMUTATION** from the primary through the secondary or gravity-energy stage.

UB 42:1.7 Force derived from self-existent Deity is in itself ever existent. Force-energy is imperishable, indestructible; these manifestations of the Infinite may be subject to unlimited **TRANSMUTATION**, endless **TRANSFORMATION**, and eternal metamorphosis; but in no sense or degree, not even to the slightest imaginable extent, could they or ever shall they suffer extinction.

UB 115:2.3 The entire scheme of universal creation and evolution on all experiencing levels is apparently a matter of the conversion of potentialities into actualities; and this **TRANSMUTATION** has to do equally with the realms of space potency, mind potency, and spirit potency.

Transport Birds:

See "Fandors".

Transport Seraphim:

See "Transporters".

Transport Supernaphim:

See "transporters".

Transporters:

All groups of ministering spirits have their transport corps, angelic orders dedicated to the ministry of transporting those personalities who are unable, of themselves, to journey from one sphere to another. The fifth group of the superior seraphim are headquartered on Salvington and serve as space traversers to and from the headquarters of the local universe. Like other subdivisions of the superior seraphim, some were created as such while others have risen from the lower or less endowed groups.

Tree of Life:

These antidotal complements of the Satania life currents were derived from the fruit of the tree of life, a shrub of Edentia which was sent to Urantia by the Most Highs of Norlatiadek at the time of Caligastia's arrival. In the days of Dalamatia this tree grew in the central courtyard of the temple of the unseen Father, and it was the fruit of the tree of life that enabled the material and otherwise mortal beings of the Prince's staff to live on indefinitely as long as they had access to it. It will be recalled that the one hundred Andonite germ plasm contributors were in

turn made possessors of the organic complement of the tree of life so that the Satania life currents likewise invested their bodies. During the days of the Prince's rule the tree was growing from the earth in the central and circular courtyard of the Father's temple. Upon the outbreak of the rebellion, it was regrown from the central core by Van and his associates in their temporary camp. This Edentia shrub was subsequently taken to their highland retreat, where it served both Van and Amadon for more than one hundred and fifty thousand years. When Van and his associates made ready the Garden for Adam and Eve, they transplanted the Edentia tree to the Garden of Eden, where, once again, it grew in a central, circular courtyard of another temple to the Father. And Adam and Eve periodically partook of its fruit for the maintenance of their dual form of physical life. When the plans of the Material Son went astray, Adam and his family were not permitted to carry the core of the tree away from the Garden. When the Nodites invaded Eden, they were told that they would become as "gods if they partook of the fruit of the tree." Much to their surprise they found it unguarded. They ate freely of the fruit for years, but it did nothing for them; they were all material mortals of the realm; they lacked that endowment which acted as a complement to the fruit of the tree. They became enraged at their inability to benefit from the tree of life, and in connection with one of their internal wars, the temple and the tree were both destroyed by fire; only the stone wall stood until the Garden was subsequently submerged. This was the second temple of the Father to perish.

Triata:

The energy-matter systems of Havona, which are threefold in organization and are responsive to linear gravity. In the Postgravity Stages (Universe Power), energy-matter discloses response to the control of linear gravity. In the central universe these physical systems are threefold organizations known as triata. They are the superpower mother systems of the creations of time and space. The physical systems of the superuniverses are mobilized by the Universe Power Directors and their associates. These material organizations are dual in constitution and are known as gravita. The dark gravity bodies encircling Havona are neither triata nor gravita, and their drawing power discloses both forms of physical gravity, linear and absolute.

Tribunals:

A tribunal, generally, is any person or institution with authority to judge, adjudicate on, or determine claims or disputes—whether or not it is called a tribunal in its title. One Perfector of Wisdom, seven Divine Counselors, and one Universal Censor constitute a tribunal of Trinity divinity, the highest mobile advisory body in the universes of time and space. Such a group of nine is known either as a fact-finding or as a truth-revealing tribunal, and when it sits in judgment upon a problem and renders a decision, it is just as if an Ancient of Days had adjudicated the matter, for in all the annals of the superuniverses such a verdict has never been reversed by the Ancients of Days.

Trinitarianism:

It is always difficult for an emerging monotheism to tolerate trinitarianism when confronted by polytheism. The trinity idea takes best hold of those religions which have a firm monotheistic tradition coupled with doctrinal elasticity. The great monotheists, the Hebrews and Mohammedans, found it difficult to distinguish between worshiping three gods, polytheism, and trinitarianism, the worship of one Deity existing in a triune manifestation of divinity and personality. Trinitarianism grows out of the experiential protest against the impossibility of

conceiving the oneness of a deanthropomorphized solitary Deity of unrelated universe significance.

Trinitization:

The Universal Father achieves freewill liberation from the bonds of infinity and the fetters of eternity by the technique of trinitization. The eternal Paradise Trinity is an ever-present reminder that Deity trinitization may accomplish what is otherwise nonattainable. Trinitization constitutes the secret of authority to represent the Trinity, to act as vicegerents of the Gods. Authority to represent the Trinity attaches only to those beings, revealed and unrevealed, who are trinitized, created, eventuated, or eternalized by any two or all three of the Paradise Trinity.

Trinitized Ambassadors:

The Trinitized Ambassadors (Trinity-embraced ascendant mortals of Son- or Spirit-fused nature) may be encountered anywhere in a superuniverse, but the majority are in the service of the minor sectors. Trinitized Ambassadors are the second order of the Trinitized Sons of Selection and like their associates, the Custodians, are recruited from two types of ascendant creatures. Not all ascending mortals are Adjuster or Father fused; some are Spirit fused, some are Son fused. Certain of these Spirit- and Son-fused mortals reach Havona and attain Paradise. From among these Paradise ascenders, candidates are selected for the Trinity embrace, and from time to time they are trinitized in classes of seven thousand. They are then commissioned in the superuniverses as Trinitized Ambassadors of the Ancients of Days. Almost one-half billion are registered on Uversa. Trinitized Ambassadors are selected for the Trinity embrace upon the advices of their Havona teachers.

Trinitized Custodians:

Trinitized Custodians (Trinity-embraced seraphim and midwayers) are the officers of the courts of all three divisions, functioning in the tribunals of the Ancients of Days, the Perfections of Days, and the Recents of Days. The Trinitized Sons of Selection embrace the Trinitized. They are recruited from certain of the evolutionary seraphim and translated midway creatures who have traversed Havona and have attained Paradise, as well as from certain of the Spirit-fused and the Son-fused mortals who have likewise ascended to the central Isle of Light and Life. Subsequent to their embrace by the Paradise Trinity and after a brief training in Havona, these Trinitized Sons of Selection are assigned to the courts of the Ancients of Days. The Trinitized Custodians are embraced by the Paradise Trinity in groups of seventy thousand, and one seventh of each group is assigned to a superuniverse.

Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy:

The Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy are the personal agents of these specialized and impersonal presences of Divinity. The Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy are fully known only by their special world groups; they are little comprehended by other orders. The Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy, as their name might suggest, are related to the Supreme; they are likewise related to the Ultimate and to the future Supreme-Ultimate.

Trinitized Sons:

Trinitized Sons are a group of composite origin which includes all beings embraced by the Paradise Trinity even though not of direct Trinity origin. The trinitized order of sonship is subdivided into three primary divisions in accordance with the origins of its many types of personalities, revealed and unrevealed. These primary divisions are:

1. Deity-trinitized Sons
2. Trinity-embraced Sons.
3. Creature-trinitized Sons.

Irrespective of origin all Trinitized Sons of God have in common the experience of trinitization, either as a part of their origin or as an experience of Trinity embrace subsequently attained.

Trinitized Sons of Attainment:

The Trinitized Sons of Attainment—the Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number—are all Adjuster-fused ascendant mortals who have attained Paradise and the Corps of the Finality. But they are not finaliters; when they have been Trinity embraced, their names are removed from the finaliter roll call. The new sons of this order pass through specific courses of training, for comparatively short periods, on the circuit headquarters planets of the Havona circuits under the direction of the Eternals of Days. Thereafter they are assigned to the services of the Ancients of Days in the seven superuniverses.

Trinitized Sons of Perfection:

The Trinitized Sons of Perfection are a unique group of twice-trinitized personalities that are comprised of the Celestial Guardians and their co-ordinates, the High Son Assistants. These are Paradise-Havona personalities or perfected ascendant mortals who have long distinguished themselves in the Corps of the Finality. Some of these creature-trinitized sons, after service with the Supreme Executives of the Seven Master Spirits and after serving under the Trinity Teacher Sons, are retrinitized (embraced) by the Paradise Trinity and then commissioned to the courts of the Ancients of Days as Celestial Guardians and as High Son Assistants. Trinitized Sons of Perfection are assigned directly to the superuniverse service without further training. The Trinitized Sons of Perfection have sometimes erred in judgment and thereby caused transient confusion.

Trinitized Sons of Selection:

The Trinitized Sons of Selection embrace the Trinitized Custodians and the Trinitized Ambassadors. They are recruited from certain of the evolutionary seraphim and translated midway creatures who have traversed Havona and have attained Paradise, as well as from certain of the Spirit-fused and the Son-fused mortals who have likewise ascended to the central Isle of Light and Life. Subsequent to their embrace by the Paradise Trinity and after a brief training in Havona, the Trinitized Sons of Selection are assigned to the courts of the Ancients of Days.

Trinity:

In and of itself, the Trinity is not personal - it is Deity reality, but never personality reality per se. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit may work together in a collectively personal and triune

sense, but the unity of Deity function of the Trinity is an altogether different thing. The qualities of personality are inherent in the individual members of the Trinity, but always is the Trinity the unity of their all-encompassed Deity. The three eternal personalizations of Deity are actually one Deity, undivided and indivisible in the Trinity; this oneness is existential and absolute.

Trinity Absolute:

The Ultimate is the apex of transcendental reality even as the Supreme is the capstone of evolutionary-experiential reality. And the actual emergence of these two experiential Deities lays the foundation for the second experiential Trinity. This is the Trinity Absolute, the union of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and the unrevealed Consummator of Universe Destiny. And this Trinity has theoretical capacity to activate the Absolutes of potentiality—Deity, Universal, and Unqualified. But the completed formation of this Trinity Absolute could take place only after the completed evolution of the entire master universe, from Havona to the fourth and outermost space level.

If we assume a cosmos-infinite—some illimitable cosmos on beyond the master universe—and if we conceive that the final developments of the Absolute Trinity will take place out on such a superultimate stage of action, then it becomes possible to conjecture that the completed function of the Trinity Absolute will achieve final expression in the creations of infinity and will consummate the absolute actualization of all potentials.

Trinity Embrace:

Irrespective of origin all Trinitized Sons of God have in common the experience of trinitization, either as a part of their origin or as an experience of Trinity embrace subsequently attained. All Trinity-embraced sons are originally of dual or single origin, but subsequent to the Trinity embrace they are forever devoted to Trinity service and assignment. Mortals may ascend to Paradise, attain the Trinity embrace, and in remote future ages be attached to the service of the Ancients of Days in one of the seven superuniverses, and sometime be assigned to enlarge the revelation of truth to some evolving inhabited planet.

Trinity of Supremacy:

The grand universe is the threefold Deity domain of the Trinity of Supremacy. The Supreme is the nearest approach to a power-personality focalization of the Trinity which can be comprehended by finite creatures. Hence the Trinity in relation to the finite is sometimes spoken of as the Trinity of Supremacy. The Paradise Trinity, the association of the three Paradise Deities—Father, Son, and Spirit. implies a threefold function—an absolute function, a transcendental function (Trinity of Ultimacy), and a finite function (Trinity of Supremacy). The Paradise Trinity is any and all of these at any and all times.

Trinity of Trinities:

The philosophers of the universes postulate a Trinity of Trinities, an existential-experiential Trinity Infinite, but they are not able to envisage its personalization; possibly it would equate to the person of the Universal Father on the conceptual level of the I AM.

Trinity of Ultimacy:

See "Trinity Ultimate".

Trinity Teacher Sons:

These highly personal and highly spiritual Paradise Sons are brought into being by the Paradise Trinity. They are known in Havona as the order of Daynals. In Orvonton they are of record as Trinity Teacher Sons, so named because of their parentage. On Salvington they are sometimes denominated the Paradise Spiritual Sons. These beings range the grand universe as the supernal teachers of all personalities, human and divine. Of all the high orders of celestial personalities revealed to you, the Trinity Teacher Sons alone act in a dual capacity. By origin of Trinity nature, in function they are almost wholly devoted to the services of divine sonship. They are the liaison beings who bridge the universe gulf between Trinity- and dual-origin personalities.

Trinity Ultimate:

There is a very close association between the Master Architects and the Paradise Creator Sons in the relationship of the first experiential Trinity. These two groups, together with the evolving and experiential Supreme Being, constitute the Trinity Ultimate of transcendental values and master universe meanings. The experiential Trinity Ultimate co-ordinates the transcendental as a transcendental; the Trinity Ultimate is destined to co-ordinate the master creation. Michael, a sevenfold Master Son, is a member of one of the divine corps constituting the Trinity Ultimate.

Trinity-Origin Personalities:

Trinity-origin personalities are the Paradise advisers to the rulers of the Superuniverses. Trinity-origin personalities, are projected in divine perfection. The administrators of the superuniverses are part Trinity-origin personalities and part Trinity-embraced ascendant evolutionary creatures.

Triodity:

Any of several triune relationships on the level of the existential Absolutes, not including the Father, which are directly involved in the cosmic appearance of the experiential Deities (Supreme, Ultimate, and Absolute). Whereas the triunities always have the Father in their make-up, the triodities are triune relationships of the Absolutes of Infinity that are non-Father in constitution. Infinity is inherent in the I AM, is eternally present in the seven Absolutes, is functionally associated in the triunities, and is transitively associated in the triodities. The Father-inclusive triunities always deal with the functional unification of infinity, while the non-Father constituted triodities are always involved in the cosmic appearance of the three experiential Deities - God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and God the Absolute. The triodities of potentiality and actuality "encompass the totality of the interrelationships of growth in the universes." [UB 115:4.1]

The Triodity of Actuality consists in the interrelationship of the three absolute actuals - the Second, Third, and Paradise Sources and Centers. This triodity of the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and the Paradise Isle reveals the actual originality of the First Source and Center. The existent spirit, mind, and energy realities in the finite realm of time and space find their center in the triodity of actuality - the association of the Son, the Spirit, and Paradise. The Triodity of

Potentiality consists in the association of the three Absolutes of potentiality - the Deity, Unqualified, and Universal Absolutes. This triodity of existential potentiality reveals the potential originality of the First Source and Center. Potentiality is absolute and actuality is emergent in the triodity of potentiality. In contrast, actuality is absolute and potentiality is emergent in the triodity of actuality.

The possibilities of the different levels of the cosmos are brought into actual existence by experiential evolution on the finite level of the Supreme and by experiential eventuation on the absonite level of the Ultimate. The power-personality synthesis of the actualizing Supreme Being manifests from the progressive association of all the absoluteness contained within the triodities of potentiality and actuality. The evolutionary growth of the Supreme is driven by the infinite dynamics contained within these triodities; triodity relations on the finite level of existence repercuess directly in the Supreme. This growth is centered on the Absolutes of actuality and predicated on the Absolutes of potentiality. The continual transfer of reality from potentiality to actuality directly drives the dynamic evolution of the cosmos.

The transmutation (transformation) of potential realities into actual realities on the finite level of existence culminates in the Deity of the Supreme. The Supreme is the Deity focalization and cosmic summation of the finite aspects of the Absolute Actual and the Absolute Potential. With the final emergence of the Supreme Being and the settling of the seven superuniverses in light and life, all the personal creature children of the Supreme will have access to a new experiential meaning-value of the absoluteness and infinity contained within these triodities.

Triunity:

In the elucidation of the seven revealed triunities, it is important to point out that the Universal Father is the primal member of each. He is, was, and ever will be:

- The First Universal Father- Source
- Absolute Center
- Primal Cause
- Universal Controller
- Limitless Energizer
- Original Unity
- Unqualified Upholder
- First Person of Deity
- Primal Cosmic Pattern
- Essence of Infinity

As the First Source and Center, the Universal Father is the personal cause of the other six Absolutes of Infinity. He is the absolute of Absolutes. The completion of infinity inherent in the I AM is eternally present in the seven Absolutes. Infinity is functionally associated in the triunities and transmittively associated in the triodities. Total reality is functionalized in the triunities, and it is through them that the Universal Father exercises his immediate and personal control over the master functions of infinity. The conversion of potentialities into actualities provides for the entire scheme of universal creation and evolution on all experiencing levels. These transmutations of reality potentials deal equally with the realms of space potency, mind potency, and spirit potency.

Although finite possibility is inherent in the Infinite, it is the attribute of the self-existent free will of the First Source and Center that activates all triunity associations in functionalizing the transmutation of possibility to probability and even inevitability. It is the infinity of the Father's will that so qualifies the absolute level of existence as to eventuate an ultimate or to create a finite. God passes from simplicity to complexity, from identity to variation, from quiescence to motion, from infinity to finitude, from the divine to the human, and from unity to duality and triunity. It is because God possesses will, is will, that he can accordingly modify the manifestations of his absoluteness.

Truth:

Physical facts are fairly uniform, but truth is a living and flexible factor in the philosophy of the universe. Truth is beautiful because it is both replete and symmetrical. When man searches for truth, he pursues the divinely real. Divine truth is best known by its spiritual flavor. Truth is the basis of science and philosophy, presenting the intellectual foundation of religion. However wise it may be to glean wisdom from the past, it is folly to regard the past as the exclusive source of truth. Truth is relative and expanding; it lives always in the present, achieving new expression in each generation of men - even in each human life.

Truth Spirit:

See "Spirit of Truth".

Tut:

The leader of the Dalmatian governors of advanced tribal relations. Tut and his associates labored to promote group associations of a peaceful nature, to regulate and humanize warfare, to co-ordinate intertribal relations, and to improve tribal governments. In the vicinity of Dalmatia there developed a more advanced culture, and these improved social relations were very helpful in influencing more remote tribes. But the pattern of civilization prevailing at the Prince's headquarters was quite different from the barbaric society evolving elsewhere. Upon the outbreak of Lucifer's rebellion, Tut and the commission on tribal government all went astray.

Ultimata:

Energy systems disclosing response to Paradise (absolute) gravity, but not to linear gravity. This modification of the force-charge of space is produced by the action of the Paradise force organizers. It signalizes the appearance of energy systems responsive to the null of paradise gravity. This emergent energy is originally neutral but consequent upon further metamorphosis will exhibit the so-called negative and positive qualities. We designate these stages Ultimata. Puissant and gravity energies, when regarded collectively are spoken of on Uversa as ultimata.

Ultimate/Ultimacy:

As compared with the ministry of the Deities to the grand universe, this absonite function in the master universe is tantamount to universal overcontrol and supersustenance, sometimes called the Ultimacy of Deity. The Deity level of Ultimacy connotes a function in relation to

absonite realities. No matter in what part of the master universe, whenever time and space are transcended, such an absonite phenomenon is an act of the Ultimacy of Deity. The central universe is the creation of eternity; the seven superuniverses are the creations of time; the four outer space levels are undoubtedly destined to eventuate-evolve the ultimacy of creation.

Ultimate Trinity:

The Ultimate Trinity, now evolving, will eventually consist of the Supreme Being, the Supreme Creator Personalities, and the absonite Architects of the Master Universe, those unique universe planners who are neither creators nor creatures.

Ultimaton:

An energy particle which is the primary unit of material existence, 100 of which combine to form a single electron. Ultimatons are not responsive to linear gravity, but are subject to Paradise gravity. Ultimatons are the first measurable form of energy, and, as ultimatomic matter, they comprise the primal monadic physical units of material existence. The Urantia Book reveals that the ultimaton possesses Paradise as its literal nucleus. [UB 42:1.2] Paradise controls materialized realities through its potential infinity of gravity power, and it may effect this control from within the ultimatons of cosmic space. The ultimaton, as the smallest building block of all physical matter, is centered within itself by the most magnificent and powerful presence of Paradise. Particle descriptions similar to the scientifically conjectured family of neutrinos are used by The Urantia Book to describe inter-associations of the ultimaton as they position themselves intra-electronically within the electron. The Urantia Book tells us that what we would designate as "empty space" actually contains approximately the equivalent mass of about 100 ultimatons, the mass of one electron, in every cubic inch. [UB 42:4.6] On a cosmological scale, this ultimatomic mass adds up to be of considerable magnitude; the gravitational effect on the physical universe would be expansively immense and would go a long way towards solving the scientific mystery of the missing universal dark matter.

The ultimaton is the looking glass that most clearly signifies this unity of material expression. One can unify the material nature of the ultimaton with primal Paradise as its reality core. Material reality can never really separate itself from its source - Paradise will always remain an integral component of the physical creations of time and space. Paradise establishes a firm reality base for the physical reality domain. The process for the emerging steps of energy materialization initiates with Paradise and terminates in universe power expression.

Now the Universe Power Directors begin the work of transmuting the ultimaton into the circuits and revolutions of the electron. This stage of materialization (electronic stage) falls under the complete grasp of the drawing power of linear gravity. This is the stage of post-gravity response, universe power, known as gravita. Gravita is dual in constitution (positive and negative charge). As the power directors transmute this gravita energy into matter, the material worlds are born.



Functioning by inherent mutual attraction, ultimatons cluster according to their axial revolutionary velocities and these revolutions determine the negative and positive natures of several types of electronic units. Aggregating clusters of ultimatons, the primal physical units of material existence, collect in groups of one hundred to make up the constitution of an electron. There are never more nor less than one hundred ultimatons in the typical electron. Any variation of this number less than one hundred results in the loss of typical electron identity, bringing into existence one of "ten modified forms" of the electron assembly.

Umajor:

Umajor the fifth, the headquarters of your major sector, Splandon, is surrounded by the seventy spheres of the advancing intellectual training of the superuniverse. The seventy satellites of Umajor the fifth are devoted to your superuniverse intellectual training and development. From all Orvonton, here are gathered together the wise beings who labor untiringly to prepare the mortals of time for their further progress towards the career of eternity. Most of this training of ascending mortals is conducted on the seventy study worlds.

Uminor:

Uminor the third, the headquarters of your minor sector, Ensa, is surrounded by the seven spheres of the higher physical studies of the ascendant life.

Unattached Ministers:

Large numbers of unattached seraphim of the supreme order are self-directed servers on the architectural spheres and on the inhabited planets. Such ministers voluntarily meet the differential of demand for the service of the supreme seraphim, thus constituting the general reserve of this order.

Undeified Reality:

Undeified reality ranges from the energy domains of the nonpersonal to the reality realms of the nonpersonalizable values of universal existence, even to the presence of the Unqualified Absolute.

Unions of Days:

Each local universe is represented by the presence of a Union of Days, a representative of the Paradise Trinity. There are exactly seven hundred thousand Unions of Days and no more are being created. The ordained plans of the present universe age indicate that one Union of Days is to be stationed in each local universe as the counseling ambassador of the Trinity.

Universal Absolute:

One of the seven Absolutes of Deity. The unrevealed infinity-unity of the Paradise Father, the Universal Absolute, signifies the adjustment of differential between deity reality and undeified reality inherent in the separation of the dynamics of freewill divinity from the statics of unqualified infinity. The eternal potentials resulting from the resolution of all the divinity-tensions possible from the separation of the deified from the undeified are found in the

Universal Absolute. They find absolute expression in the Infinite Spirit, the source and center of all mind reality.

The Universal Absolute

- **"I AM self-associative."**
- **The two Absolutes - Qualified and Unqualified - are co-ordinated and unified in and by the Universal Absolute.**
- **The primordial association of the statics and potentials of reality.**
- **Static, potential, and associative.**
- **Unifier of the deified and undeified.**
- **Correlator of the absolute and the relative.**
- **Compensator of the tension between the ever-existent and the uncompleted.**

Universal Censors:

There are exactly eight billion Universal Censors in existence. These unique beings are the judgment of Deity. They are not merely reflective of the decisions of perfection; they are the judgment of the Paradise Trinity. Even the Ancients of Days do not sit in judgment except in association with the Universal Censors. The Censors formulate new meanings and originate new values from the association of the facts, truths, and findings presented to them in the course of an investigation of universe affairs. It seems probable that the Universal Censors are able to bring forth original interpretations of the combination of perfect Creator insight and the perfected creature experience. In some way not fully understood, the Universal Censors are able to gain possession of an epitome of the human life as it is embodied in the Adjuster's duplicate transcription of the spiritual values and morontia meanings of the indwelt mind.

Universal Conciliators:

The Universal Conciliators are the traveling courts of the universes of time and space, functioning from the evolutionary worlds up through every section of the local universe and on beyond. These referees are registered on Uversa. In each superuniverse the Universal Conciliators find themselves strangely and innately segregated into groups of four, associations in which they continue to serve. In each group, three are spirit personalities, and one, like the fourth creatures of the servitals, is a semimaterial being. This quartet constitutes a conciliating commission.

Universal Controller:

See "Universal Father".

Universal Creator:

See "Universal Father".

Universal Father (First Person of Deity, First Source and Center):

Our Father in heaven is a personal being, he is the original personality and all expressions and levels of personality are encircuated to his primal domain. The First Source and Center is the primal cause of all physical reality. Before the Isle of Paradise, the Father was. The First

Source and Center is also the first and final Father of all spirit. Before the Eternal Son, the Father was. The Universal Father reveals himself to time and space in the dual manifestations of pure spirit and pure energy, and "the absolutes of both spirit and matter-energy converge in the person of the Universal Father." [UB 12:8.13]

Universal Manipulator:

See "Infinite Spirit".

Universal Mind:

The Infinite Spirit as Conjoint Actor is the spirit-mind personality, the source of intelligence, reason, and the universal mind. The Infinite Spirit is a universe presence, an eternal action, a cosmic power, a holy influence, and a universal mind. The Conjoint Actor exercise a drawing power on all minds; he unqualifiedly dominates and controls the universal mind circuit. This infinite and universal mind is ministered in the universes of time and space as the cosmic mind.

Universal Mother:

See "Eternal Son".

Universe:

See "Local Universe".

Universe Aids:

On all headquarters worlds of both local and superuniverses, provision is made for Universe Aids who are engaged in specific missions for the Creator Sons, the local universe rulers. Such emissaries prosecute their work and carry on their observations under authority of the Creator Sons. Many of the unique orders generally grouped in this category are unrevealed, but as presented in these papers, the Universe Aids include the following seven orders:

- Bright and Morning Stars.
- Brilliant Evening Stars.
- Archangels.
- Most High Assistants.
- High Commissioners.
- Celestial Overseers.
- Mansion World Teachers.

Universe Creator:

See "Creator Son – Mother Spirit".

Universe Daughter:

See "Creator-Son-Mother Spirit".

Universe Mind:

The higher the universe mind associated with any universe phenomenon, the more difficult it is for the lower types of mind to discover it. The higher the universe mind associated with any universe phenomenon, the more difficult it is for the lower types of mind to discover it.

Universe Mother:

See "Creator Son- Mother Spirit".

Universe Mother Spirit:

See "Creator Son- Mother Spirit".

Universe of Universes:

The universe of universes presents phenomena of deity activities on diverse levels of cosmic realities, mind meanings, and spirit values, but all of these ministrations—personal or otherwise—are divinely co-ordinated. The Deity Absolute seems to be the all-powerful activator, while the Unqualified Absolute appears to be the all-efficient mechanizer of the supremely unified and ultimately co-ordinated universe of universes, even universes upon universes, made, making, and yet to be made.

Universe Orientators:

These are the true friends and postgraduate counselors of all those ascending creatures who are pausing for the last time on Salvinton, in their universe of origin, as they stand on the brink of the spirit adventure stretching out before them in the vast superuniverse of Orvonton. And at such a time many an ascender has a feeling which mortals could understand only by comparison with the human emotion of nostalgia. Behind lie the realms of achievement, realms grown familiar by long service and morontia attainment; ahead lies the challenging mystery of a greater and vaster universe.

Universe Power Directors:

The Universe Power Directors direct the force-energies of nether Paradise as they find them modified in the space functions of the central and superuniverses, converting and directing these energies into channels of useful and constructive application. The physical systems of the superuniverses are mobilized by the Universe Power Directors and their associates. These material organizations are dual in constitution and are known as gravita. The Universe Power Directors have the ability to condense and detain, or to expand and liberate, varying quantities of energy. The Seven Master Spirits are the creators of the Universe Power Directors and their associates, entities who are indispensable to the organization, control, and regulation of the physical energies of the grand universe.

Universe Power (Universe Force):

Universe power responds directly to Paradise gravity and to linear or local gravity; it corresponds to the electronic level of matter-energy. It is manipulated in the universes by the Universe Power Directors and the Power Centers, etc.

Universe Rulers:

Down through the ages there has been great confusion on Urantia regarding the various universe rulers. Urantia is not without proper and effective supervision from the system, constellation, and universe rulers. Events in the Grand Universe of time and space unfold in obedience to the established laws of the Supreme Universe Rulers. The universe rulers are occupied with the spiritual status of the realms. Gabriel is the combined chief executive of both the super- and the local universe rulers.

Universe Son:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Universe Sons:

See "Local Universe Sons".

Universe Spirit:

See "Creator Son-Mother Spirit".

Univititia:

A residential order of nonreproducing beings, created by the Creator Son and Creative Spirit, who constitute the permanent population of and minister to the constellation headquarters worlds. Each of the one hundred constellation headquarters clusters of architectural spheres enjoys the continuous ministry of a residential order of beings known as the univititia. These children of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit constitute the permanent population of the constellation headquarters worlds. They are nonreproducing beings existing on a plane of life about halfway between the semimaterial status of the Material Sons domiciled on the system headquarters and the more definitely spiritual plane of the Spirit-fused mortals and the susatia of Salvington; but the univititia are not morontia beings. They accomplish for ascending mortals during the traversal of the constellation spheres what the Havona natives contribute to the pilgrim spirits passing through the central creation.

Spiritually, the univititia are alike; intellectually, they vary as do mortals; in form, they much resemble the morontia state of existence, and they are created to function in seventy diverse orders of personality. Each of these orders of univititia exhibits ten major variations of intellectual activity, and each of these varying intellectual types presides over the special training and cultural schools of progressive occupational or practical socialization on some one of the ten satellites which swing around each of the major Edentia worlds.

Unpervaded Space:

The vast space reservoirs above and below Paradise. Pervaded Space: The space of the grand universe and that of all outer regions is believed to be actually pervaded by the ancestral space potency of the Unqualified Absolute. The successive space levels of the master universe constitute the major divisions of pervaded space—total creation, organized and partially inhabited or yet to be organized and inhabited.

Unqualified Absolute:

One of the seven Absolutes of Deity. There is unlimited capacity for infinity response within the presence of the static infinity of the undified Unqualified Absolute. The eternity potentials of the static and undified Unqualified Absolute find absolute presence in the eternal Isle of Paradise, the source and center of all physical energy-matter reality.

The Unqualified Absolute

- **"I AM static-reactive."**
- **The unlimited capacity for infinity response exists in the Unqualified Absolute.**
- **The possibility for all future cosmic expansion.**
- **Static, reactive, and abeyant.**
- **The unrevealed cosmic infinity of the I AM.**
- **Totality of nondeified reality, finality of all nonpersonal potential.**
- **The supergravity presence.**

Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme:

If and when a superuniverse should be settled in light and life, we believe that the now advisory Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme would become the high administrative body on the headquarters world of the superuniverse. These are the personalities who are able to contact directly with the absonite administrators, who will forthwith become active in the settled superuniverse. Although these Unqualified Supervisors have long functioned as advisers and counselors in advanced evolutionary units of creation, they do not assume administrative responsibilities until the authority of the Supreme Being becomes sovereign. The Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme, who function more extensively during this epoch, are not finite, absonite, ultimate, or infinite; they are supremacy and only represent God the Supreme. They are the personalization of time-space supremacy and therefore do not function in Havona. They function only as supreme unifiers. They may possibly be involved in the technique of universe reflectivity.

Upper Paradise:

Space seemingly originates just below nether Paradise; time just above upper Paradise. On upper Paradise there are three grand spheres of activity, the Deity presence, the Most Holy Sphere, and the Holy Area.

Urantia:

Our world is called Urantia, and it is number 606 in the planetary group, or system, of Satania. This system has at present 619 inhabited worlds, and more than two hundred additional planets are evolving favorably toward becoming inhabited worlds at some future time. 600,000,000 years ago, the commission of Life Carriers sent out from Jerusem arrived on Urantia and began the study of physical conditions preparatory to launching life on world number 606 of the Satania system. This was to be our six hundred and sixth experience with the initiation of the Nebadon life patterns in Satania and our sixtieth opportunity to make changes and institute modifications in the basic and standard life designs of the local universe. It is just 993,408 years ago (from the year AD 1934) that Urantia was formally recognized as a planet of human habitation in the universe of Nebadon. Biologic evolution had once again achieved the human levels of will dignity; man had arrived on planet 606 of Satania. The life

now evolving on Urantia was planned and partially worked out on this very world, for Urantia is a decimal planet, a life-experiment world. Since our world is an experimental planet, it differs markedly from its sister spheres in Satania; many forms of life have appeared on Urantia that are not found elsewhere; likewise are many common species absent from your planet. On Urantia were worked out and have satisfactorily demonstrated not less than twenty-eight features of life modification which will be of service to all Nebadon throughout all future time.

Usatia:

In the seventh superuniverse there are one hundred thousand Census Directors. And this number consists entirely of those assignable to local universes; it does not include the personal staff of Usatia, the superuniverse chief of all Orvonton directors. Usatia, like the other superuniverse chiefs, is not directly attuned to the registration of intelligent will. He is solely attuned to his subordinates stationed in the Orvonton universes; thus, he acts as a magnificent totaling personality for their reports coming in from the capitals of the local creations.

Uversa:

The architectural and headquarters world of the seventh superuniverse, Orvonton, of which our local universe, Nebadon, is a part. Uversa is the spiritual and administrative headquarters for approximately one trillion inhabited or inhabitable worlds. The glory, grandeur, and perfection of the Orvonton capital surpass any of the wonders of the time-space creations. The personal abodes of each trio of the Ancients of Days are located at the point of spiritual polarity on their headquarters sphere. Such a sphere is divided into seventy administrative sectors and has seventy divisional capitals in which the Ancients of Days reside from time to time. Uversa is immediately surrounded by the seven higher universities of advanced spiritual training for ascending will creatures. Each of these seven clusters of wonder spheres consists of seventy specialized worlds containing thousands upon thousands of replete institutions and organizations devoted to universe training and spirit culture wherein the pilgrims of time are re-educated and re-examined preparatory to their long flight to Havona. The arriving pilgrims of time are always received on these associated worlds, but the departing graduates are always dispatched for Havona direct from the shores of Uversa. Uversa is the spiritual and administrative headquarters for approximately one trillion inhabited or inhabitable worlds. The glory, grandeur, and perfection of the Orvonton capital surpass any of the wonders of the time-space creations.

Values:

All time-space finite reality, under the directive urge of the evolving Supreme Being, is engaged in an ever-ascending mobilization and perfecting unification (power-personality synthesis) of all phases and values of finite reality, in association with varied phases of Paradise reality, to the end and for the purpose of subsequently embarking upon the attempt to reach absonite levels of supercreature attainment. In the Universal Absolute, we logically deduce that it was inevitable in the Universal Father's absolute freewill act of differentiating universe realities into deified and undeified, personalizable and nonpersonalizable, resulted in values. Successive planetary revelations of divine truth invariably embrace the highest existing concepts of spiritual values as a part of the new and enhanced co-ordination of planetary knowledge. This is the true meaning of that divine command, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect," which ever

urges mortal man onward and beckons him inward in that long and fascinating struggle for the attainment of higher and higher levels of spiritual values and true universe meanings.

Truth is coherent, beauty attractive, goodness stabilizing. And when these values of that which is real are co-ordinated in personality experience, the result is a high order of love conditioned by wisdom and qualified by loyalty. God is destined to be comprehended as the reality of values, the substance of meanings, and the life of truth. Sooner or later, God is destined to be comprehended as the reality of values, the substance of meanings, and the life of truth. Mind transmutes the values of spirit into the meanings of intellect.

Van:

One of the 100 corporeal members of the staff of Caligastia; headed the supreme court of tribal coordination and racial cooperation. He was one of the 40 members of the 100 who did not join the rebellion, remaining loyal to Michael's government. The traitorous Prince marshaled the disloyal midway creatures and other groups of rebel personalities and organized them to execute his bidding, while Van assembled the loyal midwayers and other faithful groups and began the great battle for the salvation of the planetary staff and other marooned celestial personalities. Van remained on the planet, in cooperation with Amadon, until the arrival of Adam and Eve, a period of almost 150,000 years during which time these two leaders were sustained by Melchizedek life ministry and the tree of life. Notwithstanding the terrible setback of rebellion there were many good strains of biologic promise on earth. Under the supervision of the Melchizedek receivers, Van and Amadon continued the work of fostering the natural evolution of the human race, carrying forward the physical evolution of man until it reached that culminating attainment which warranted the dispatch of a Material Son and Daughter to Urantia. Van and Amadon remained on earth until shortly after the arrival of Adam and Eve. Some years thereafter they were translated to Jerusem, where Van was reunited with his waiting Adjuster. Van now serves in behalf of Urantia while awaiting the order to go forward on the long, long trail to Paradise perfection and the unrevealed destiny of the assembling Corps of Mortal Finality.

Vanites:

The descendants of Van who were in turn the ancestors of the Assyrians in the regions of northern Mesopotamia near Lake Van and Mount Ararat. The northern Nodites and Amadonites, the Vanite, arose prior to the Bablot conflict. These northernmost Nodites were descendants of those who had forsaken the leadership of Nod and his successors for that of Van and Amadon. Some of the early associates of Van subsequently settled about the shores of the lake which still bears his name, and their traditions grew up about this locality. Ararat became their sacred mountain, having much the same meaning to later-day Vanites that Sinai had to the Hebrews. Ten thousand years ago the Vanite ancestors of the Assyrians taught that their moral law of seven commandments had been given to Van by the Gods upon Mount Ararat. They firmly believed that Van and his associate Amadon were taken alive from the planet while they were up on the mountain engaged in worship.

Veluntia:

The massive sun of Veluntia, one of the largest in Orvonton, has a density only one one-thousandth that of Urantia's atmosphere. Were it in composition similar to your atmosphere

and not superheated, it would be such a vacuum that human beings would speedily suffocate if they were in or on it.

Vevona:

Vevona, chief of the souls of peace in Adam's day, was left on Urantia and is now attached to the staff of the resident governor general. And it was this same Vevona who, when Michael was born, heralded to the worlds, as the leader of the angelic host, "Glory to God in Havona and on earth peace and good will among men."

Vicegerent:

A Creator Son is given the range of a universe by the consent of the Paradise Trinity and with the confirmation of the supervising Master Spirit of the superuniverse concerned. Such action constitutes title of physical possession, a cosmic leasehold. But the elevation of a Michael Son from this initial and self-limited stage of rulership to the experiential supremacy of self-earned sovereignty comes as a result of his own personal experiences in the work of universe creation and incarnated bestowal. Until the achievement of bestowal-earned sovereignty, he rules as vicegerent of the Universal Father. In accepting the initial vicegerent sovereignty of a projected local universe, a Creator Michael takes an oath to the Trinity not to assume supreme sovereignty until his required seven creature bestowals have been completed and certified by the superuniverse rulers.

At the time of the Lucifer rebellion and the two which preceded it there was no absolute and personal sovereign authority in the universe of Nebadon. Michael ruled by divine right, as vicegerent of the Universal Father, but not yet in his own personal right. He had not completed his bestowal career; he had not yet been vested with "all power in heaven and on earth."

Vicegerington:

One of the seven sacred life spheres of the Father which orbit the innermost circuit around Paradise. This is the home sphere of those beings who take origin in the actions of the Father and the Son. Vicegerington is the "bosom of the Father and the Son" and is the secret sphere of certain unrevealed beings who take origin by the acts of the Father and the Son. This is also the Paradise home of many glorified beings of complex ancestry, those whose origin is complicated because of the many diverse techniques operative in the seven superuniverses. Many groups of beings forgather on this world whose identity has not been revealed to Urantia mortals. The secrets of Vicegerington include the secrets of trinitization, and trinitization constitutes the secret of authority to represent the Trinity, to act as vicegerents of the Gods. Authority to represent the Trinity attaches only to those beings, revealed and unrevealed, who are trinitized, created, eventuated, or eternalized by any two or all three of the Paradise Trinity. Personalities brought into being by the trinitizing acts of certain types of glorified creatures represent no more than the conceptual potential mobilized in that trinitization, albeit such creatures may ascend the path of Deity embrace open to all of their kind.

Virtue:

Virtue is righteousness—conformity with the cosmos. To name virtues is not to define them, but to live them is to know them. Virtue is not mere knowledge nor yet wisdom but rather the reality of progressive experience in the attainment of ascending levels of cosmic achievement. In the

day-by-day life of mortal man, virtue is realized by the consistent choosing of good rather than evil, and such choosing ability is evidence of the possession of a moral nature. Virtue is volitional with personality. Plato and Aristotle, taught that virtue is knowledge. The incompleteness of the Supreme may be regarded as a virtue since it makes possible the evolutionary growth of the creature-creation of the present universes.

Vilton:

A tertiary Lanonandek Son now serving under Lanaforge as secretary of the Lanonandek ministry of Satania.

Voices of Mercy:

Many seraphim who at one time served as justice guides in the lower realms later appear as Voices of Mercy in the higher spheres and on Salvington.

Voices of (in) the Garden:

When the planetary course of human evolution is attaining its highest biologic level, there always appear the Material Sons and Daughters, the Adams and Eves, to augment the further evolution of the races by an actual contribution of their superior life plasm. The planetary headquarters of such an Adam and Eve is usually denominated the Garden of Eden, and their personal seraphim are often known as the "voices of the Garden." These seraphim are of invaluable service to the Planetary Adams in all their projects for the physical and intellectual upstepping of the evolutionary races.

Vorondadek Sons:

The second order of local universe Sons of God created by the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit. These beings, one million in number in Nebadon, are also known as "Constellation Fathers", since they serve in threes as heads of the 100 constellation governments in the local universes (in addition to other local universe functions). One hundred systems (about 100,000 inhabitable planets) make up a constellation. Each constellation has an architectural headquarters sphere and is presided over by three Vorondadek Sons, the Most Highs. Each constellation also has a Faithful of Days in observation, an ambassador of the Paradise Trinity. After the creation of the personal aids and the first group of the versatile Melchizedeks, the Creator Son and the local universe Creative Spirit planned for, and brought into existence, the second great and diverse order of universe sonship, the Vorondadeks. They are more generally known as Constellation Fathers because a Son of this order is uniformly found at the head of each constellation government in every local universe.

Yahweh:

Yahweh was the national god of ancient Israel and Judah. The origins of his worship reach at least to the early Iron Age, and likely to the Late Bronze Age if not somewhat earlier, and in the oldest biblical literature he possesses attributes typically ascribed to weather and war deities, fructifying the land and leading the heavenly army against Israel's enemies. The early Israelites were polytheistic and worshipped Yahweh alongside a variety of Canaanite gods and goddesses, including El, Asherah and Baal. In later centuries, El and Yahweh became

conflated and El-linked epithets such as El Shaddai came to be applied to Yahweh alone, and other gods and goddesses such as Baal and Asherah were absorbed into Yahwist religion.

In many respects these Sons are a self-governing body; as individuals and as groups, even as a whole, they are largely self-determinative, much as are the Melchizedeks, but Vorondadeks do not function through such a wide range of activities. They do not equal their Melchizedek brethren in brilliant versatility, but they are even more reliable and efficient as rulers and farseeing administrators. Neither are they quite the administrative peers of their subordinates, the Lanonandek System Sovereigns, but they excel all orders of universe sonship in stability of purpose and in divinity of judgment.

Will:

Human will—the ability to know God and the power of choosing to worship him. The will of God is the way of God, partnership with the choice of God in the face of any potential alternative. The will of man is the way of man, the sum and substance of that which the mortal chooses to be and do. Will is the deliberate choice of a self-conscious being which leads to decision-conduct based on intelligent reflection. Will is that manifestation of the human mind which enables the subjective consciousness to express itself objectively. and to experience the phenomenon of aspiring to be Godlike.

Wisdom:

Wisdom is twofold in origin, being derived from the perfection of divine insight inherent in perfect beings and from the personal experience acquired by evolutionary creatures. The inherent tendency of all moral creatures towards orderly and progressive evolutionary advancement. Even wisdom is divine and safe only when it is cosmic in scope and spiritual in motivation. Knowledge can be had by education, but wisdom, which is indispensable to true culture, can be secured only through experience and by men and women who are innately intelligent. Such a people are able to learn from experience; they may become truly wise. Knowledge leads to placing men, to originating social strata and castes; Religion leads to serving men, thus creating ethics and altruism. Wisdom leads, to the higher and better fellowship of both ideas and one's fellows. Revelation liberates men and starts them out on the eternal adventure.

Wolvering:

A neighboring local universe to Nebadon.

Worship:

Worship - the spiritual domain of the reality of religious experience, the personal realization of divine fellowship, the recognition of spirit values, the assurance of eternal survival, the ascent from the status of servants of God to the joy and liberty of the sons of God. This is the highest insight of the cosmic mind, the reverential and worshipful form of the cosmic discrimination. Worship is the highest privilege and the first duty of all created intelligences. Worship is the conscious and joyous act of recognizing and acknowledging the truth and fact of the intimate and personal relationships of the Creators with their creatures. The quality of worship is determined by the depth of creature perception; and as the knowledge of the infinite character of the Gods progresses, the act of worship becomes increasingly all-encompassing until it

eventually attains the glory of the highest experiential delight and the most exquisite pleasure known to created beings.

Yahweh:

Yahweh was the national god of ancient Israel and Judah. The origins of his worship reach at least to the early Iron Age, and likely to the Late Bronze Age if not somewhat earlier, and in the oldest biblical literature he possesses attributes typically ascribed to weather and war deities, fructifying the land and leading the heavenly army against Israel's enemies. The early Israelites were polytheistic and worshipped Yahweh alongside a variety of Canaanite gods and goddesses, including El, Asherah and Baal. In later centuries, El and Yahweh became conflated and El-linked epithets such as El Shaddai came to be applied to Yahweh alone, and other gods and goddesses such as Baal and Asherah were absorbed into Yahwist religion.

In many respects these Sons are a self-governing body; as individuals and as groups, even as a whole, they are largely self-determinative, much as are the Melchizedeks, but Vorondadeks do not function through such a wide range of activities. They do not equal their Melchizedek brethren in brilliant versatility, but they are even more reliable and efficient as rulers and farseeing administrators. Neither are they quite the administrative peers of their subordinates, the Lanonandek System Sovereigns, but they excel all orders of universe sonship in stability of purpose and in divinity of judgment.

Zacharias:

Zacharias, John the Baptist's father, belonged to the Jewish priesthood. Zacharias and his wife Elizabeth, though they had been married many years, were up to that time childless. It was not until about six weeks before John's birth that Zacharias, as the result of an impressive dream, became fully convinced that Elizabeth was to become the mother of a son of destiny, one who was to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

Zealots:

The Zealots were members of a Jewish political movement during the Second Temple period who sought to incite the people of Judaea to rebel against the Roman Empire and expel it from the Land of Israel by force of arms, most notably during the First Jewish–Roman War. "Zealotry" was the term used by the Jewish historian Josephus for a "fourth sect" or "fourth Jewish philosophy" during this period.

Zebedee:

Zebedee was a boatbuilder at the Sea of Galilee. Zebedee's sons were fishermen. For a long time Zebedee had contemplated making improved boats; he now laid his plans before Jesus and invited the visiting carpenter to join him in the enterprise, and Jesus readily consented. Jesus worked with Zebedee only a little more than one year, but during that time he created a new style of boat and established entirely new methods of boatmaking. Zebedee's wife, Salome, was a relative of Annas, onetime high priest at Jerusalem. Salome became a great admirer of Jesus. She loved him as she loved her own sons, James, John, and David, while her four daughters looked upon Jesus as their elder brother.

Zone of Infinity:

The unknown and unrevealed Zone of Infinity Directly underneath the location of the Trinity, in the central portion of nether Paradise.