



The Urantia Book — Paper 112 Personality Survival

A study of the eternal nature of personality, the phenomenon of death, and the magnificent destiny of Adjuster fusion — drawn directly from the revelatory text of Paper 112.



§ 112:0.1

The Vestibule of Eternity

"THE evolutionary planets are the spheres of human origin, the initial worlds of the ascending mortal career. Urantia is your starting point; here you and your divine Thought Adjuster are joined in temporary union. You have been endowed with a perfect guide; therefore, if you will sincerely run the race of time and gain the final goal of faith, the reward of the ages shall be yours; you will be eternally united with your indwelling Adjuster. Then will begin your real life, the ascending life, to which your present mortal state is but the vestibule."

— § 112:0.1 (1225.1)

This opening passage frames our mortal existence as merely the entryway to an eternal ascending career. The key promise: personality remains absolutely unaltered — permanence in the presence of change.

What is Personality?

Paper 112 defines personality not merely as a psychological concept, but as a cosmic reality. Personality is directly bestowed by the Father and possesses an absolute uniqueness that is incomparable to anything else.

01

Bestowed by the Father

Bestowed upon all living energy systems possessing mind or spirit (§ 112:0.3–0.4)

02

Relatively Creative

Not wholly subservient to antecedent causation (§ 112:0.5)

03

Immutable and Unifying

Capable of unifying the identity of all living energy systems (§ 112:0.7–0.9)

04

Absolutely Unique

No duplicates in time and space, or eternity (§ 112:0.12)

05

Survives Mortal Death

As an identity in the surviving soul (§ 112:0.15)

14 Qualities of Personality

Paper 112 enumerates fourteen characteristics of personality. These are not mere abstractions — they define the very nature of what makes each being unique in the cosmos.

Key Citations

§ 112:0.3: "Personality is that quality in reality which is bestowed by the Universal Father himself or by the Conjoint Actor, acting for the Father."

§ 112:0.9: "Personality is changeless in the presence of change."

§ 112:0.12: "Personality is unique, absolutely unique: It is unique in time and space; it is unique in eternity and on Paradise; it is unique when bestowed—there are no duplicates."

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Unique in every moment, nonaddable, associable but nontotalable (§ 112:0.12)

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§ 112:1.1–1.19

SECTION 1

Personality and Reality

"Personality is bestowed by the Universal Father upon his creatures as a potentially eternal endowment. Such a divine gift is designed to function on numerous levels and in successive universe situations ranging from the lowly finite to the highest absonite, even to the borders of the absolute."

— § 112:1.1 (1226.5)

Position Status

Functions equally in the local universe, superuniverse, and central universe (§ 112:1.2)

Meaning Status

Performs on the finite, absonite, and even impinging upon the absolute (§ 112:1.3)

Value Status

Experientially realized in the material, morontial, and spiritual realms (§ 112:1.4)

The text further reveals that personality has seven dimensions of self-expression — three finite, three absonite, and one absolute — and that "Personality cannot very well perform in isolation. Man is innately a social creature; he is dominated by the craving of belongingness" (§ 112:1.16).

Seven Dimensions of Personality

Paper 112 reveals that personality has seven dimensions of self-expression: three finite, three absonite, and one absolute dimension. These dimensions show how personality functions throughout the universe.

Finite Dimension 1: Length

Continuity in time and depth of experience

Finite Dimension 2: Depth

Expansion in space and breadth of relationships

Finite Dimension 3: Breadth

Scope of meaning and value

Absonite Dimensions

Functioning at absonite levels, transcending the finite)

Absolute Dimension

Personality's ultimate potential to impinge upon the absolute level

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Personality cannot fully function in isolation. We are inherently social beings, and the craving for belonging is central to personality expression. This is not merely a psychological need but a cosmic design.

The Self — From Matter to Spirit

Section 2 explores the hierarchy of selfhood and the cosmic journey from material identity to spiritual reality.

1	4. Spiritual Force: Potentially directive The highest level, spirit energy that can guide the entire self (§ 112:2.5)
2	3. Personality: Superordinate The organizing principle that directs and unifies everything below it (§ 112:2.4)
3	2. Intellectual Systems: Co-ordinate Mind and consciousness operating alongside intellect (§ 112:2.3)
4	1. Physical Systems: Subordinate The material body and its biological functions (§ 112:2.2)

"The material self, the ego-entity of human identity, is dependent during the physical life on the continuing function of the material life vehicle... But selfhood of survival value, selfhood that can transcend the experience of death, is only evolved by establishing a potential transfer of the seat of the identity of the evolving personality from the transient life vehicle—the material body—to the more enduring and immortal nature of the morontia soul."
— § 112:2.20 (1229.7)

The Soul — Its Origin and Nature

"The soul is the self-reflective, truth-discerning, and spirit-perceiving part of man which forever elevates the human being above the level of the animal world."

— § 133:6.5

The soul is not given — it is grown. It emerges from the living partnership between the human mind and the indwelling Thought Adjuster. Every moral decision, every spiritual aspiration, every act of love contributes to its formation.

Origin

The soul is the joint creation of the human mind and the divine Adjuster — a child of both

Nature

It is morontia in character — neither purely material nor purely spiritual, but a bridge between the two

Growth

The soul grows through moral choices and spiritual decisions; it is the accumulation of a life lived toward God

The critical insight of Section 2: survival depends not on the body or even the mind, but on the degree to which the seat of identity has been transferred from the material self to the immortal morontia soul. The soul is the only part of us that can survive death.

The Phenomenon of Death

"Urantians generally recognize only one kind of death, the physical cessation of life energies; but concerning personality survival there are really three kinds."

— § 112:3.1 (1229.8)

1

Spiritual (Soul) Death

"If and when mortal man has finally rejected survival, when he has been pronounced spiritually insolvent, morontially bankrupt... the rulers of Orvonton order the immediate release of the indwelling Monitor." (§ 112:3.2)

2

Intellectual (Mind) Death

"When the vital circuits of higher adjutant ministry are disrupted... the indwelling Adjuster is immediately released to depart for Divinington." (§ 112:3.3)

3

Physical (Body and Mind) Death

"When death overtakes a human being, the Adjuster remains in the citadel of the mind until it ceases to function as an intelligent mechanism." (§ 112:3.4)

After physical death, two nonmaterial factors persist: the Thought Adjuster proceeds to Divinington with the memory transcription, and the immortal morontia soul remains in the custody of the destiny guardian. "It is the reunion of the Adjuster and the soul that reassembles the surviving personality" (§ 112:3.5).

After Death — What Persists?

Physical death is not the end of the self. Paper 112 is precise about what survives and what does not. Two nonmaterial factors persist beyond the death of the body, carrying the essence of the person forward into the next phase of existence.

What Survives

- The Thought Adjuster: Departs for Divinington carrying the full memory transcription of the mortal life (§ 112:3.5)
- The Morontia Soul: Remains in the custody of the destiny guardian seraphim, awaiting resurrection (§ 112:3.5)
- Personality: Persists as a potential, awaiting reassembly on the mansion worlds

What Does Not Survive

- The material body: Returns to the elements of the physical world
- The mortal mind: As a specific mechanism, it ceases — but its meanings and values are preserved in the soul and Adjuster
- The ego-self: The purely material identity dissolves, but the true self endures

"It is the reunion of the Adjuster and the soul that reassembles the surviving personality" and constitutes resurrection and survival of the human self.

— § 112:3.5



§ 112:4.1–4.13

SECTION 4

Adjusters After Death

Upon mortal death, the Adjuster departs for Divinington. If the individual does not qualify for immediate resurrection, the Adjuster may undertake temporary assignments:



Paradise Observation

"Be assigned for a period to the observation of the Paradise regime." (§ 112:4.6)



Training at Divinington

"Be enrolled in one of the many training schools of Divinington." (§ 112:4.7)



Messenger Service

"Be assigned to the messenger service of the Personalized Adjusters." (§ 112:4.9)

"If the human individual survives without delay, the Adjuster, so I am instructed, registers at Divinington, proceeds to the Paradise presence of the Universal Father, returns immediately... and then, at once, passes into the 'realization of identity transition,' being summoned therefrom on the third period and on the mansion world in the actual personality form made ready for the reception of the surviving soul."



§ 112:5.1–5.22

SECTION 5

Survival of the Human Self

"And it is this very power of choice, 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."

— § 112:5.5 (1233.1)

The Soul Survives

"There is something real... which survives death. This newly appearing entity is the soul... the conjoint child of the combined life and efforts of the human you in liaison with the divine you, the Adjuster." (§ 112:5.12)

Divine Mercy

"We had rather assume the risk of a system rebellion than to court the hazard of depriving one struggling mortal from any evolutionary world of the eternal joy of pursuing the ascending career." (§ 112:5.8)

The repersonalization process requires three elements: a morontia energy form, the return of the Adjuster, and the seraphic bestowal of the immortal soul upon the awaiting morontia mind-body (§ 112:5.17–5.19).

Free Will — The Hinge of Eternity

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No teaching in Paper 112 is more sobering — or more exhilarating — than this: your eternal destiny hinges on your own free choices. The universe does not override the will. God himself waits upon the sincere decision of each mortal soul.



The Choice to Survive

Every sincere spiritual decision is a vote for eternal life. The Adjuster depends on mortal free will for eternal personality (§ 112:5.5)



The Risk of Rejection

Survival can be refused. A soul that persistently and finally rejects the ascending career is eventually dissolved — not punished, but simply ceasing to be (§ 112:5.2–5.3)



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The universe bends toward mercy. Every sincere seeker is given every possible opportunity. But the choice — ultimately — belongs to you.

Repersonalization — The Resurrection Morning

Resurrection is not a vague spiritual metaphor in the Urantia Book — it is a precise, three-part process that reconstitutes the surviving personality on the mansion worlds. Paper 112 describes it in remarkable detail.

01	02	03
Step 1 — The Morontia Form	Step 2 — The Adjuster Returns	Step 3 — The Soul Is Bestowed
A new morontia energy form is prepared and made ready to receive the returning soul (§ 112:5.17)	The Thought Adjuster, having registered at Divinington and visited the Paradise presence of the Father, returns to the awaiting form (§ 112:5.18)	The seraphic destiny guardian bestows the immortal soul upon the new morontia mind-body, completing the resurrection (§ 112:5.19)

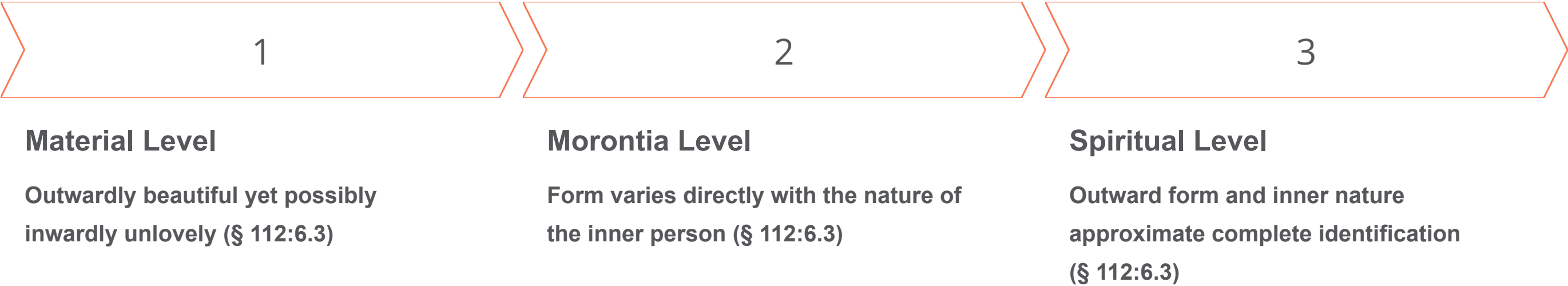
"The mortal career, the soul, and the Adjuster-identity are reassembled on the mansion worlds. The resurrection is complete."

The awakening soul on the mansion world is the same person who lived on the evolutionary planet — with the same memories, the same loves, the same character. Nothing of true value is lost. The ascending career has begun.

The Morontia Self

"Just as a butterfly emerges from the caterpillar stage, so will the true personalities of human beings emerge on the mansion worlds, for the first time revealed apart from their onetime enshroudment in the material flesh."

— § 112:6.1 (1235.5)



A critical insight: "The mortal intellect, as such, has perished" — but meanings and values have not. Certain phases of mind continue in the surviving soul, experiential values are held by the Adjuster, and records persist in the local universe (§ 112:6.4). "The persistence of memory is proof of the retention of the identity of original selfhood" (§ 112:6.8).

Memory, Identity & Continuity

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— § 112:6.8

One of the most reassuring teachings of Paper 112 is this: you will remember. Memory is not merely a brain function — it is the evidence of personal continuity. The self that awakens on the mansion worlds is unmistakably the same self that lived on the evolutionary world.

What the Adjuster Preserves

Experiential values, spiritual insights, and the full memory transcription of the mortal life are carried by the Adjuster to Divinington and returned at resurrection

What the Soul Retains

Certain phases of mind continue in the surviving soul — the meanings, values, and character formed through a lifetime of moral living

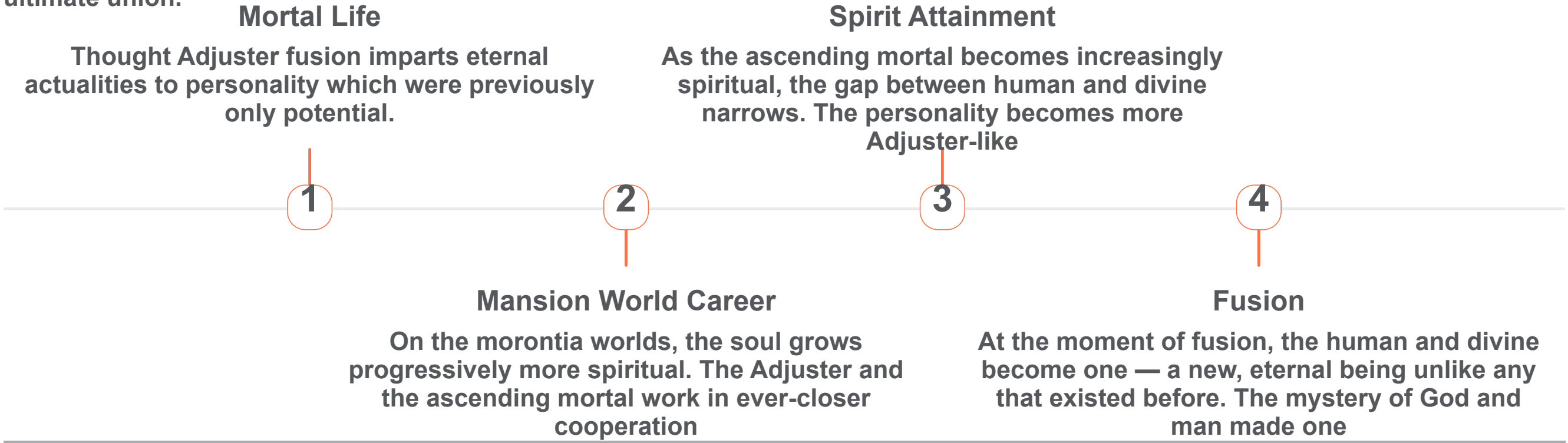
What the Universe Records

The local universe maintains its own records of the mortal career, ensuring that nothing of significance is ever truly lost

The mortal intellect, as a specific mechanism, has perished — but you have not. Your loves, your growth, your relationships, your hard-won wisdom: all of it persists. Identity is not a function of the brain. It is a function of the soul.

The Path to Adjuster Fusion

Adjuster fusion is not an event that happens automatically — it is the culmination of a long ascending career of spiritual growth, moral choice, and progressive identification with the divine will. Paper 112 describes the conditions and stages that lead to this ultimate union.



"Fusion with the Adjuster is the goal of all ascending mortals — the supreme achievement of the finite career."

The Finaliter Destiny — Children of the Supreme

"What an adventure! What a romance! A gigantic creation to be administered by the children of the Supreme, these personalized and humanized Adjusters, these Adjusterized and eternalized mortals..." — § 112:7.18

The fused mortal-Adjuster being does not retire into passive bliss. Paper 112 reveals a breathtaking destiny: these eternal beings — born of the lowest form of intelligent life and the highest essence of the First Source and Center — will serve as administrators of the grand universe itself.

Finaliters

Fused mortals are mustered into the Corps of the Finality — an eternal order of beings destined for service in the outer universes now in formation

Children of the Supreme

As experiential beings who have traversed the full range of finite existence, finaliters uniquely embody the Supreme Being — God as experienced in time and space

Cosmic Administrators

These beings will serve throughout the universes — combining the divine perspective of the Adjuster with the hard-won experiential wisdom of the mortal ascent

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Adjuster Fusion — The Eternal Embrace

"When your earthly course in temporary form has been run, you are to awaken on the shores of a better world, and eventually you will be united with your faithful Adjuster in an eternal embrace. And this fusion constitutes the mystery of making God and man one, the mystery of finite creature evolution, but it is eternally true."

— § 112:7.2

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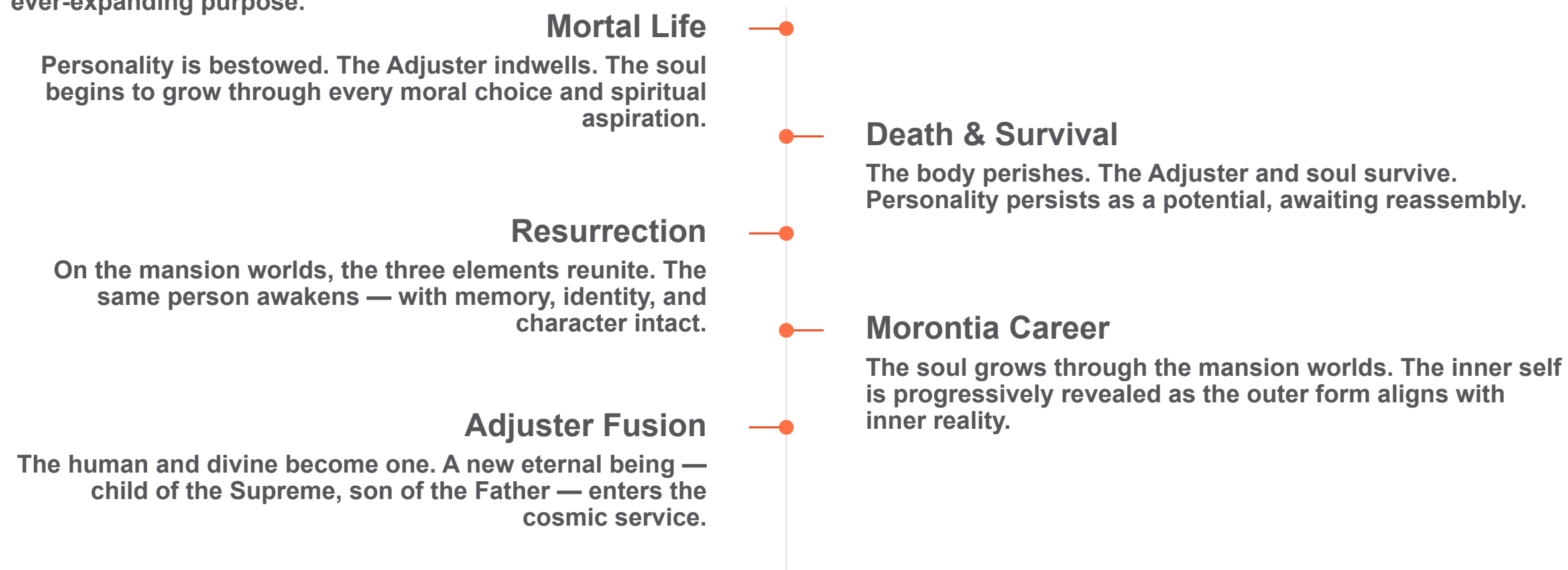
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The Eternal Journey — A Summary

Paper 112 presents one of the most coherent and magnificent accounts of human destiny ever written. From the first breath of mortal life to the eternal embrace of Adjuster fusion, the journey is one of unbroken continuity, divine partnership, and ever-expanding purpose.



"Then will begin your real life, the ascending life, to which your present mortal state is but the vestibule." — § 112:0.1

We are not accidents of evolution. We are not temporary sparks in the dark. We are personalities — unique, eternal, beloved — on a journey from the dust of an evolutionary world to the heights of Paradise itself. Presented by a Solitary Messenger of Orvonton.