

Unification of the Universes and the Integration of All

We are told that God is Life; God is Love. That God, our First Source and Center, offers to all living things unconditional love.

It is up to us to accept it or not – the choice of free-will creatures. Other creatures do not have that choice, as they have no self-consciousness to evaluate what happens if they do not accept it. Accept it, they must. And as they do accept it – they cannot refuse – they may thrive. If something happens that prevents them from thriving but causes them to die instead, it is still an acceptance by them. Life is eternal.

But we, as relatively free-will humans and with self-consciousness, struggle to understand much before acceptance can step in. How can we be motivated to accept early on so we can avoid much of the turmoil and troubled thoughts that lead to poor choices?

Let's start with this: *"The universe of universes is one vast integrated mechanism which is absolutely controlled by one infinite mind. The physical, intellectual, and spiritual domains of universal creation are divinely correlated. The perfect and imperfect are truly interrelated...."*¹

We could stop there, but then we would not get into the nuts and bolts of what that means. So we continue.

"God is Unity."² This unity comes from the Love that God, our Paradise Creator Father, bestows on all things he created. The Bible tells us that he did not create anything that was not good.

We have all recalled in John 1:1 that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And in John 4:7.9³ we read, "God is love." This has to be the "Word" John speaks of. When we think of the Trinity as defined in the UB, we think of "**thought**, **word**, and **deed**," wherein the Thought is the First Source and Center, the Word is the Second Source and Center, and the Deed is the Third Source and Center. If the Thought is Love, then so is the word and the deed.

To me, this explains why God distributes his love throughout his creation by delegating all his power, with a few exceptions, to all of his coordinates and subordinates, right down to us humans. This is the natural state of the world. But does it not feel like that?

For starters, we live in an experiential universe of time and space. The Central Universes are not in time and space. There, all is perfect. We are experiencing a growth into perfection. This takes time. As we continue to grow experientially, we become more perfect. Eventually, we will reach the eras of Light and Life. But we are still in a perfecting process, and the worlds of time and space always will be.

To move out of the worlds of time and space, we need to move to the other worlds where our perfection is continually refined. To do this, we graduate from this world to start a new path in life – the Morotia life.

Ultimate perfection for us is when we land on the Isle of Paradise and stand before the First Source and Center. Then we are perfect as God is. Sounds ludicrous? Perhaps.

The universe is unity, as God is. Unity. We think we see disharmony and non-coordination, but in reality, all is unified in fact and in reality.

The point of this lesson is to speak of the unified integration of the universe into its (1) material, (2) intellitectual, (3) spiritual, and (4) personality qualities that are so integrated that the total package is seamless from the largest perspective of the Universal Father, a perspective we can all enjoy right now, at this moment.

First, the Material Creations

Starting with the “physical” or material aspects of the Universe, we read this: *“As the cosmic source, Paradise functions prior to space and before time; hence would its derivations seem to be orphaned in time and space did they not emerge through the Unqualified Absolute, their ultimate repository in space and their revealer and regulator in time.”* ⁴

All matter and energy of whatever sort is derived from Paradise, which is the center of gravity for all gravitational forces in the Universe. And the First, Second, and Third sources of centers are the sources for all the circuits of mind gravity, spirit gravity, and personality gravity. These three sources are the three Gods of the Absolute. The potentiality of all universe materialization comes from the activation of the three Gods of Potentiality. It is they who cause all stuff to become real stuff. ⁵

“Pure energy is the ancestor of all relative, nonspirit functional realities, while pure spirit is the potential of the divine and directive overcontrol of all basic energy systems. And these realities, so diverse as manifested throughout space and as observed in the motions of time, are both centered in the person of the Paradise Father. In him they are one—must be unified—because God is one. The Father’s personality is absolutely unified.” ⁶

But, as soon as we leave the idea of the Paradise Father’s infinite personality, Mind is the only technique of unifying the ever-widening divergence of these dual universe manifestations of the original monothetic Creator personality, the First Source and Center.

Next, the Unity of Intelligence

Now we move into the area of mind itself.

*“The **Thought**-Father realizes spirit expression in the **Word**-Son and attains reality expansion through Paradise in the far-flung material universes.”* The Second Source and Center correlates

with “... *the material levels of creation by the functions [Deed] of the Infinite Spirit...*,” who is the spirit-response ministry of mind, ...” and all intelligence of subordinate beings, including those in the super- and local universes, right down to each one of us. “*This infinite and universal mind is ministered in the universes of time and space as the cosmic mind....*” ⁷ [Emphasis mine.]

While the universal mind gravity circuit is sourced in the presence of the Infinite Spirit, the spirit gravity circuit is centered in the presence of the Eternal Son.

Three, the Unification of Spirit

“The Universal Father is one, but to time-space he is revealed in the dual phenomena of pure energy and pure spirit.” ⁸

While all Paradise spirit realities are one, “... but in “all time-space situations ... *this single spirit is revealed in the ... spirit personalities and ... of the Eternal Son and the spirit personalities and influences of the Infinite Spirit and associated creations....*” plus the Paradise Father’s bestowal of his indwelling spirit, the Thought Adjusters, to most all will-creatures of the Superuniverses’ evolving planets. ⁹

Any kind of spiritual contact and spiritual phenomena with spirit beings are all derived from God through the ministry of the Spirit Son (the Eternal Son) and the Infinite Spirit.

Finally, Personality Unification

This is the final piece of unification. Our Universal Father is a divinely unified personality, and all his ascending children – that is, you and me – who are carried to Paradise by the “... *momentum of the Thought Adjusters,*” are to be fully unified personalities.

A word about personality as defined in *The Urantia Book* before we go on.

Our personality is super-personal. It is not the simple notion of a personality that we all think we reflect to each other, sort of like a mask. Nor does it have anything to do with our egos, biases, character flaws, hatreds, or quirky qualities that we sometimes find endearing or distasteful in others. It is far deeper than that. It is better thought of as “who we truly or really are.” You heard that expression. “Be your true self” or “Be true to yourself.”

Your true self, your real personality, is a gift from God. It is unique to you. It is perfect and loved. It does not change over time. You are always you, whether you act like it or not. Your personality is linked to God, and so is your Thought Adjuster, but they are not the same.

“Personality ... reaches out to unify all constituent realities. ... [A]nd the personality of mortal man, being an exclusive and direct bestowal of the Universal Father, ... possesses the potential of unifying the constituent factors of the mortal creature.” The text refers this to its “...

birthmark of its high ... source...” and is evidence of its unbroken contact with our Paradise Father through the personality circuit, which means we “... *maintains direct and sustaining contact with the Father of all personality.*” ¹⁰

Completing the Circle

We are told that as we move up the ascension ladder, each time we are to receive a new morontia bodily form, it comes closer to the qualities of our Personality, whatever that means.

It suggests that we have come full circle in integrating all our qualitative aspects of who we are — from the material to the intellectual, to the spiritual, to the personal — and now back to the material. Meanwhile, our soul is constantly changing, growing to embrace this integration of each of us with the Universe and the Source of our being.

Integration of Universe Reality

All of the above are unified and integrated. It cannot be otherwise. The above description is a small part of the overall unification process, but it is the part that most shapes who we are, where we are, and where we will be as we move along.

There is so much more to know about Universe Unity in Paper 56. But we can save that for another time and place. There is a section on Deity Unity, as well as the Unification of Evolutionary Deities, such as the God the Supreme (there are three of them). We have not talked about the Trinity, which is a unification of the Paradise Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit coming together, sort of like a corporation, to undertake other tasks that the Absolute Deities would not do individually.

This essay would not be complete without a summation of the concepts of truth, beauty, and goodness. It is the integration of all these highest concepts that unifies the mysteries and the mastery of the universe, and each of our roles in it. “... *[T]ruth, beauty, and goodness—man’s intellectual approach to the universe of mind, matter, and spirit—must be combined into one unified concept of a divine and supreme ideal. ... All insight into the relations of the parts to any given whole requires an understanding grasp of the relation of all parts to that whole; and in the universe this means the relation of created parts to the Creative Whole. Deity ... becomes the transcendental, even the infinite, goal of universal and eternal attainment.*” ¹¹

We are reminded that in beauty, we recognize the Isle of Paradise in the material creations we undertake. “*Physical matter is the time-space shadow of the Paradise energy-shining of the absolute Deities.*”

In Eternal truth, “*Truth meanings are the mortal-intellect repercussions of the eternal word of Deity...*” and the ministry of our Paradise Creator Sons, is our access to truth as they “... pour out their Spirit of Truth upon all peoples.”

And Divine goodness flows to us from the ministries of all the personalities, the angels and others, of the Infinite Spirit. ¹²

“To finite man truth, beauty, and goodness embrace the full revelation of divinity reality. As this love-comprehension of Deity finds spiritual expression in the lives of God-knowing mortals, there are yielded the fruits of divinity: intellectual peace, social progress, moral satisfaction, spiritual joy, and cosmic wisdom.” Ultimately, we come to really know that God is love.

And *“... love is the desire to do good to others.”* ¹³

I want to close with one other important thought. It concerns the “Law” (capital L). While we each think we have free will, it is relative. It is relative to how we go about integrating our God-given attributes of spirit, mind, personality, and – yes – body toward our true selves. If we falter in our efforts, our souls may suffer. We are not free to do or be anyone. There is a Law. God is that Law.

Here is what I read in 48:6.33: *“Law is life itself and not the rules of its conduct. Evil is a transgression of law, not a violation of the rules of conduct pertaining to life, which is the law.”*

This suggests that no matter which path we choose, we will ultimately arrive at the right destination. “One God, many paths.” The unification and integration of all we are and what we do are a part of that law. Ultimately, we are one with God. There is no way around it.

Footnotes:

1. UB 56:0.1 The second paragraph goes on to say: “The diverse levels of creation are all unified.... To the ... minds of time-space mortals the universe may ... portray disharmony and indicate absence of effective co-ordination; but ... the basic unity which underlies creative diversity... overspreads all this functioning of plurality, better perceive the divine and single purpose exhibited”
2. UB 56:0.1
3. King James Version
4. UB 56:1.1 and 1.2 “The seven superuniverses are seemingly dual... but Paradise is of single constitution. And Paradise is the actual source of all material universes—past, present, and future. ... [C]osmic derivation is an eternity event; at no time—past, present, or future—does either space or the material cosmos come forth from the nuclear Isle of Light. As the cosmic source, Paradise functions prior to space and before time; hence would its derivations seem to be orphaned in time and space did they not emerge through the Unqualified Absolute, their ultimate repository in space and their revealer and regulator in time.”
5. Regarding the Gods of Potentiality: “The Unqualified Absolute upholds the physical universe, while the Deity Absolute motivates the exquisite overcontrol of all material reality; and both Absolutes are functionally unified by the Universal Absolute. This cohesive correlation of the material universe is best understood by all personalities—material, morontia, absonite, or spiritual—by the observation of the gravity response of all bona fide material reality to the gravity centering on nether Paradise.”
My question is, what is an “eternity event”?
6. UB 56:1.4
7. UB 56:2.1-3. “Mind is the functional endowment of the Infinite Spirit, ... infinite in potential and universal in bestowal. The ... thought of the Universal Father eternalizes in dual expression: the Isle of Paradise and his Deity equal, the spiritual and Eternal Son, ...[and] renders the mind God, the Infinite Spirit, inevitable. **Mind is the indispensable channel of communication between spiritual and material realities.** The material evolutionary creature can conceive and comprehend the indwelling spirit only by the ministry of mind.” And

“[t]his infinite and universal mind is ministered in the universes of time and space as the cosmic mind; ... extending from ... the adjutant spirits up to the magnificent mind of the chief executive of a universe,....”

8. UB 56:3.1
9. UB 56:3.2
10. UB 56:4.2
11. UB 56:410.15-16
12. UB 56:10.17-18
13. UB 56:10.20-21

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