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Paper 45: The Local System Administration, presented by a Melchizedek of temporary assignment on Urantia

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Reading Paper 47: The Seven Mansion Worlds, section. 0, paragraph 1 – 3

Chris: Mansonia is the name the Revelators coined by drawing from the expression in the older translations from John 14 (KJV), “*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*”

These worlds are architectural spheres-- created worlds. If it sounds artificial, it's because it is; all fifty-seven worlds were *constructed* by the Master Physical Controllers.

The authors mention that the Morantia Power Supervisors are the beings who collaborate with the Master Physical Controllers in order to construct and maintain morontia-substance which, like these architectural spheres, is an artificial substance. It has to be *sustained* by beings.

This substance is basically used as a transitional substance in between material substance and spiritual substance. Melchizedeks are in charge of the mansion worlds. Also mentioned is that each one of these worlds has a Universe Conciliator-- the roving courts, as it were; the legal courts for individuals. They are in association with the technical advisors-- the experiential experts in applied law, I guess you could say.

The spironga are the spirit offspring of the Bright and Morning Star and the Father Melchizedeks. They are spirit helpers and those who have read about the spironga should be reminded of the primary midwayers in terms of their spiritual nature and their spiritual function in engaging and helping other beings.

The spornagia are an extremely fascinating group of individuals. They are not persons. For those who know my common expressions, I often refer to humans behaving as fancy animals rather than humans, and these actually are the fanciest of animals in the cosmos. They are the highest phenomenon you can have and still be merely animal where “merely” is losing its applicability. the main section about the spornagia is in the previous paper. Paper 46, The Local System Headquarters: section 7. The Rectangles—The Spornagia

One of things to reflect on as you read about some of the amazing things that these “animals” do is to imagine that you're in the presence of one of these creatures. Would you discern the difference between one of them and what you think is a person? The spornagia have very complex sophisticated selves; they do many things that I'm sure most humans would assume

that only a human could do, but they are not persons. So it's a good little test-bed for challenging your understanding of the difference between self and the imposition of that harmonizing influence upon that self which is personality.

The spornagia 's vision is more extended than ours is right now, they not only perceive material things and beings, but also morontial things and beings. So when they say, "those beings that they can recognize" that's what they are referring to.

Reading Paper 45: The Local System Administration, section 1. paragraph 2, The Finaliter

World "... you will be more than thrilled, from time to time, when the energy transformers and the Morontia Power Supervisors enable you momentarily to glimpse these high spirit personalities who have actually completed the Paradise ascension, and who have returned to the very worlds where you are beginning this long journey, as the pledge of assurance that you may and can complete the stupendous undertaking. All mansion world sojourners go to the finaliter sphere at least once a year for these assemblies of finaliter visualization."

Energy transformers are one of the types of Master Physical Controllers so they can basically create a projection that is visible to the ascender's eyes that represents the spirit structure. It's a good example of the fact that spirit is not just a substance that some *beings* are made out of; there are *things* made out of spirit substance like this temple, for example. So it is very much, very literally, a *substance* that is quite beyond our current imagination.

The only thing that we know of that is going to be vaguely similar to what they're talking here is the hologram. How much it's like the holodeck in Star Trek, I don't know. It's obviously substantive enough so that photons interact with it. It's discernible. A similar event to that was on the Mount of Transfiguration when Jesus' visitors were made visible. And again it's not that you can see their bodies directly; they are just creating a projection of them that is visible to lesser eyes. They don't say you can see *it*, they say you can see a *visualization* of it.

One of the most startling things to the new reader of the revelation is coming to terms with the literalness of everything. It starts with, "Wait a minute, they are actually saying that *heaven* is literally *place* in the Milky Way Galaxy. It begins to finally sink-in that you don't have some sort of strange dichotomy where there's heaven and earth. You have the universe of universes.

Everything in the universe of universes is in one place or another. There are higher and lower places but it's all places. Even the Universal Father stands on a material abode. Every being is domiciled on a material abode. The island of Paradise is made of matter, the fanciest of matter, but matter. If the Isle of Paradise is matter, so are all other residences for all other beings between mortals like ourselves and the Father on Paradise.

Notice how they mention...Say you're on the first of mansion world and you're going to go to "movie night" on the finaliter world. You don't just snap your fingers and somehow magically appear on this other world; you have to be enveloped in a transport seraphim and be carted over there and deposited there. There's no magic way to move from point A to point B in space; you have to be transported. It's a very intimate personal thing to be transported. You are cocooned within the transport seraphim. In a sense you're meshing with it in order to benefit from its ability to move from point A to point B; to a measure becoming part of that seraphim. So it's a very intimate personal engagement between that angel and you.

Reading Paper 47: The Seven Mansion Worlds, section 1. The Finaliters World, paragraph

There is an often misunderstood statement in that paragraph. It's important to notice that when they talk about the rearing of three or more children to the pubescent age, they are referring to the requirement needed to be on the parental commission.

That's *not* a requirement for *all* ascenders. As we read forward about this parental requirement you'll see that by no means is it a one size fits all sort of thing where everyone has to do three or more, period. There's many different ways that you can satisfy these assessors of your parental experience. So for the individual ascender you can't make any definitive statements about how much experience you are going to need. They are going to assess you, and it's going to be a very personal thing. It will be a matter of, you need such and so, and that person needs something else. We don't have any true sense of what's being assessed here; we can only speculate.

Reading Paper 45: The Local System Administration, section 6. paragraph 4-6

"On the first mansion world all survivors must pass the requirements of the parental commission from their native planets. The present Urantia commission consists of twelve parental couples, recently arrived, who have had mortal experience in rearing three or more children to the pubescent age."

I might just note to people that in that first paragraph-- the way they worded that sentence, they say, no surviving mortal, midwayer, or seraphim are going to get mustered into the Corps of the Finality without having passed through that sublime experience of achieving parental relationship to *an* evolving child. Just notice the way that's worded. It's worded in the singular. Between the lines it's suggesting that perhaps a singular experience will suffice, depending on the experience.

As you read forward about these parental requirements, you can see that it's by no means a one-size-fits-all thing, where everyone has to do three or more etc. There's many different ways that you can satisfy these assessors of your parental experience. And so for the individual ascender you can't make any definitive statement about how much experience you're going to need. They're going to assess you and it's going to be a very personal thing

And another fun thing there between the lines; notice that part of the completeness- of- experience that will be the completed grand universe includes individuals who are not so much male-female but are positive-negative who are parenting children. So as you go from mortals through midwayers and then to seraphim, you're moving through that spectrum from very male-female on one end, to very positive-negative on the other end.

Of all of the variety of experiences that mortals can have on mortal worlds there are two, that if you haven't had those experiences directly, there's no way to acquire the essence of them in any indirect way, so it's provided that you have these two experiences one way or another directly. Parenting is one, the other being the relationship to the opposite sex.

Obviously they're assessing in some way whether or not your child rearing experience or experiences gave you that initial acquirement, *that direct understanding of the nature of the Universal Father*. It's very fascinating to think about how they're assessing that. It's one thing to just love and nurture children in a brotherly love like way. In just a mere family context type of way, but did you recognize what transcends that; that something that goes beyond brotherly love?

Reading Paper 45: The Seven Mansion Worlds, section 6. paragraph 7

"The ascension of either of its natural parents insures that such a mortal child of the realms will be accorded repersonalization on the system finaliter planet and there be permitted to demonstrate by subsequent freewill choice whether or not it elects to follow the parental path of mortal ascension."

This is one of the significant points in this paragraph, it's the spot in the book where they clarify... where they're talking about re-personalizing these children in the probationary nursery, and that it's contingent upon the resurrection of one of the *natural* parents. Again it has to do with understanding the physics, the literalness of all of these processes that they're talking about here. *Parents have a fundamental physical energetic relationship to their children that goes way beyond what humanity currently recognizes; it's fundamentally the lack of the recognition of the literalness of mind.* There is a mindal energy, and there's an association in terms of that mindal energy between the parent and child; it's not just about molecular chemistry, even to the point of DNA and all the complications and complexities of genetics; it's much more than that.

Cont. Paper 45: section 6. Paragraph 8

It is entirely possible that you can get a temporary transfer over there and stay there through the whole rearing of a child or children. But it's interesting to note in terms of that initial tension you were feeling about only going to visit... notice that this experience only amounts to one half (maximum) of your requirements that the parental commission are assessing. So it's reminding you that it's not exactly the same as the experience on the mortal sphere.

As we read more about the probationary nursery we have to recognize that there's going to be some measure of difference and in many ways, it's going to strike us as being a bit artificial, for instance in that previous paragraph when they mentioned that these children who have bodies reconstructed for them on the probationary nursery are not made sexed. They don't go into great detail about how different this makes them, but apparently they are not full biologic male-female as we understand a mortal human to be.

And don't carry the diaper thing over; these are not morontia bodies; these are material bodies. You need spornagia to change diapers.

As we are about to read in Paper 47, if you're talking about a child who died before they got their Thought Adjuster, *there is no soul in play yet.* It's not like you have a soul (a morontia brain), that can be placed into a morontia body. On the probationary nursery they are literally having material bodies that are in all essential elements identical to their DNA on their mortal sphere... having those material bodies reconstructed for them, and then these children become reanimated once their parents are resurrected.

Reading 45: The Local System Administration, section 6. paragraph 9

"They are immediately assisted by about an equal number of volunteer midsonite parental groups who stop off here to render this service on their way from the midsonite world of Satania to the unrevealed destiny on their special worlds of reservation among the finaliter spheres of Salvington."

The midsoniters are nothing but question marks and this is just a tantalizing little clue for not only us, but for all other beings who puzzle over exactly what the midsoniters are all about in the grand scheme of the universe of universes.

For those who are not familiar with the revelation, midsoniters are a very special type of being. In each local system there is one midsonite world. These are very different beings that are on these worlds. These are the children of a materially modified Melchizedek mated with a material daughter, an Eve. They produce these immortal children who eventually, after they've spent an extended period of time on their world, are dematerialized and eventually end up at their special worlds around Salvington. And this is a little clue that, on their way, they engage these salvaged children of time on the probationary nursery.

These children who have been salvaged by the Father directly are destined to an eternity with the Father on Paradise; and something about that is catalyzed-- or something-- by engagement by these midsoniters. This is a very intriguing little clue given here; something about their purpose is happening here... shrouded in mystery; despite the fact that it's apparently out in the open, as they say, that they are helping as volunteer parents and so forth. But there's something deeply mysterious going on beyond what is knowable by those who are observing this.

There are lots of fun things like this in the revelation for those who are new readers, the universe is filled with lots and lots of mysteries, but everyone knows that, just because it's mysterious, doesn't mean it's magical; they know there's something literal, even if they are incapable of comprehending it.

Ref. Paper 36: The Life Carriers, section 4. The Melchizedek Life Carriers

"It should be explained in this connection that the fifth group of seven primary worlds in the Salvington circuit are the Nebadon worlds of the finaliters. The children of the Melchizedek life carriers and the Material Daughters are domiciled on the seventh world of the finaliters, the Salvington midsonite sphere."

Reading Paper 47: The Seven Mansion Worlds, section 1. paragraph 6

"It is an unfortunate and mistaken notion of modern peoples on Urantia that child culture is largely the task of mothers. Children need fathers as well as mothers, and fathers need this parental experience as much as do mothers."

It's kind of fascinating to the extent that we have had this notion that a child doesn't necessarily need the experience of a father. At the same time, historically, in terms of our notion of ourselves as being children of God, that notion of God has been dominated by God the Father. And so you have an interesting reciprocal state here, where in the mortal life you have this notion that you only need a mother, and then as a child of God, you only need a father. And one of the things that this revelation is doing; we just read it right here, it's saying, well no, in the mortal life you need a father and a mother. You need what you get experientially by being engaged with both a father and a mother and likewise, as a child of God, you need both God the Father and *God the Mother*.

Again because everything is logical and literal, one of the things that you can recognize as a subtext here is that children need fathers as well as mothers. Now turn that around. *If that's the fact below then that fact has to have a source above.* And in that perspective of that source above, you would probably rewrite the sentence as, "children need mothers as well as fathers." If you are a child of God you have to have both a father and a mother. You can't have children without both a father and a mother, period. That's just one of the ways that the universe is constructed both high and low. Children need fathers and fathers need parental experience.

Continue Paper 47: section 2. paragraph 1, The Probationary Nursery

"The infant-receiving schools of Satania are situated on the finaliter world, the first of the Jerusem transition-culture spheres. These infant-receiving schools are enterprises devoted to the nurture and training of the children of time, **including those who have died on the evolutionary worlds of space before the acquirement of individual status on the universe records.** In the event of the survival of either or both of such a child's parents, the guardian of destiny deputizes her associated cherubim as the custodian of the child's *potential identity*, charging the cherubim with the responsibility of delivering this *undeveloped soul* into the hands of the Mansion World Teachers in the probationary nurseries of the morontia worlds."

It's very important as we're reading this first paragraph to notice that they are trying to get you to think about this in as an internalized viewpoint as you can; to see the truth of our nature first, and then to understand the facts. "...the Guardian of destiny deputize her associated cherubim as the custodian of the child's *potential identity*..."

Notice how they have expressions like, "the child's potential identity." When we were talking about personality and the identification of personality with the self, when they say, "potential identity" they are they are pointing to... You may have a child that has died *before* personality has identified with that self, so factually that self (that is resurrected) is not yet literally an identity, it's just a potential, a potential identification point for personality.

They also don't say that the cherubim has the responsibility of delivering this soul-less creature into the hands etc. How do they word that here? "Charging the cherubim with the responsibility of delivering this *undeveloped soul* into the hands of the mansion world teachers..."

They flip it around. Instead of speaking in some literal factual way, they speak the truth of it-- even though the (resurrected) child may have died before there is any soul because an adjuster hasn't arrived yet. In truth that mortal self is an undeveloped soul, even though in fact, there's no soul at all yet.

So when you think about this whole issue of resurrecting on the probationary nursery, you have to, like I said, try to think about how God views us, *he views us independent of time*. What's being resurrected or what's being engaged or nurtured or upheld about you, at any point between here and eternity, is the truth of you, not the fact of you. And so that's an important thing that they are challenging you -- just by that phrasing-- to start to wrestle with. You go, "Potential identity... what does that mean...? Undeveloped soul... what are they talking about?" etc.

Recall that we just read about acquiring spiritual status, which of course, on this world, happens at roughly age six, when you're encircuited in the Holy Spirit and personality begins to engage the system etc. In this instance notice how this is worded, *including those who have died on the evolutionary worlds of space before the acquirement of individual status.*" Each of us is put on the universe records as an individual for the first time at birth.

We've mentioned this before, you're put on record as an *individual* for the first time by the personality record keepers, the archangels.

Paper 37: section 3. paragraph 7

"... this enormous core of recorders busy themselves with keeping straight the records of each mortal of time from the moment of birth, up through the universe career, until such an individual either leaves Salvington for the superuniverse regime or is "blotted out of recorded existence" by the mandate of the Ancients of Days."

So this is when you are put on the universe records as an individual. So upon recognizing that, then you understand the sentence. We're talking about resurrecting these children on the

probationary nursery; that includes those who have died on the evolutionary worlds of space before birth i.e. before they are placed on the universe records and acquire individual status.

The key is not to dissect all that in order to figure out exactly when you're put on the universe record; you can pick any time, any time that you think is your favorite milestone moment that you might be put on the universe records; it doesn't matter what point you pick the key is the word *before*. It doesn't say anytime after some milestone point, it's at any time before any milestone point that you might think of. What they're referring to is birth.

This is again to see yourself as the father sees you, as God sees you. He doesn't see you as a point in time, as a fact in time; he sees you as an eternity viewpoint. You have value not because of where you are along the timeline; you have value in the eyes of God *if you are!* He loves you, absolutely loves you existentially. If you *are* he loves you. So this whole thing about, why do I have value right now; it's not because of my age or my developmental status or what not; I have value right now because I am a potential finaliter. That's why I have value.

Again, children are resurrected on the probationary nursery even if they've died before birth because birth is not a magical thing. You don't have value because of birth. You don't have value because of encircumment in the Holy Spirit. You don't have value because you fuse with your Thought Adjuster. You have value because of your potential relationship to eternity.

Obviously there are going to be endless factual what-ifs that you can ruminate on, but to recognize that those factual what-ifs don't exist only prior to birth; they exist after birth as well. As they tell us, there are many individuals walking around on this planet who are shaped like humans but aren't actually human; they are subhuman. They are not functioning with the mind of will dignity. The sixth and the seventh adjutant have not engaged them.

If you want to use the word human in sort of a very specific factual way, for a phenomenon where a personality has engaged it and is manifesting within time, okay then, you are that "factual human" at roughly age six. But in truth you are human before that. But again, if you want to speak in a direct factual way, you would then call a pre-six-year-old a prehuman, just as you would call an Adjuster, *prepersonal*. It all depends on whether or not you're focusing on just the mere facts of the situation, and clarifying those facts, or stepping above those facts and seeing the truth that flows through those facts.

You can't let yourself be just a factual thinker; you have to understand the truth first and then seek an understanding of the facts. If you don't do that, and you don't do it in that order, you'll distort the facts; you can't do anything but distort the facts, and so that's the challenge.

Along with repersonalization, notice that they were called the personality record keepers and their record starts at birth. Well, wait a minute; we spent the last several broadcast talking about the idea that until the seventh adjutant engages you at roughly age six, you don't have a mind of will-dignity yet... and it's like well.... so why would they be calling them "personality records" at birth?

Again it's not a factual statement; that's a statement of truth. They are recording the truth of you, not the fact of you. And technically, the reason for starting that record at birth is, until you cut the umbilical cord, you don't have an *independent* material foundation which is literally an independent potential identity event.

That whole bit about personality identifying with the self; it has to be an independent material self for that to be in play yet. So they're recording the truth of you in the sense of personality, at the same time that their recording that fact of you. Now at birth, when you cut the umbilical cord, you have an independent material system that the adjutant mind is engaging so that there is an independent material self there for *personality* to engage. "But this is a material and purely temporary manifestation, just as the human embryo is a transient parasitic stage of human life"(112:5.4)

Conception makes you separate, birth makes you independent. *There is a material conception and birth, and then there's a mindal conception and birth, and then there's a spiritual conception and birth. Material conception makes you a separate phenomenon but you're not yet an independent material phenomenon.*

As Kermit mentioned in the review at the beginning of the broadcast, one of the ways to think about personality is as spirit pattern. Like we read back in Paper 45, they talked about children perishing before acquiring spiritual status as individuals. It's one thing to have spiritual status as an individual but before you have spiritual status, you have material and mindal status as an individual. And then your personality engages that threefold status and begins to harmonize it.

Reading Paper 47: The Seven Mansion Worlds, section 2. paragraph 2

"These wards of the finaliters, these infants of ascending mortals, are always personalized as of their exact physical status at the time of death except for reproductive potential."

This issue of personalized or re-personalized, depending on the sentence referring to, in terms of their physical status, it says the exact physical status except the reproductive potential. You can't say anything definitive but you might speculate that they would just construct a birth age body so that they begin this process at the point that the archangels put them on the records as an individual if they happen to have died before birth.

You don't know that for certain, there may be some sort of an incubation – again, like I try to point out, the point is not to try to sort out and make this exactly as if this was happening on a mortal sphere; they don't have reproductive potential. The point is to make it exact relative to the *essential* elements, and since we know very little about what is essential and what isn't, you can't say anything too definitive here. But just reflecting on the number of data points that you do have to work with, one might make the supposition that these children on the probationary nursery's are all started at a fully matured birth age body.

We're going to jump forward now and read another important passage about the probationary nursery.

Reading Paper 49: The Inhabited Worlds, section 6. Terrestrial Escape, paragraphs 11 thru 14, Mortals of the probationary – dependent orders of ascension.

"Similar probation nurseries are maintained on the finaliter spheres of the constellation and the universe headquarters for the Adjusterless children of the primary and secondary modified orders of ascenders."

That last little bit is alluding to the next two passages about the secondary orders which are skipping over at least the mansion worlds, if not more than the morontia worlds; but the point is that no matter how far you might skip forward, there are probationary nursery's because you have these children who are still attached to their parents in varying degrees. You can see here that one of the main things they are talking about here in this passage is the seraphic ministry.

It's important to recognize that this is true in general; this is not just about what's going on in the probationary nursery's; it's what's going on all mortal spheres in terms of how children are

associated with their parents relative to seraphic ministry. If a child doesn't have an Adjuster yet, then that child is literally, like they said, just completely thought of as still being attached to their parents, one with the parents.

Recall seraphic ministry; if the parent is put in a group of 1000 as a seventh circler, or a group of 500 if they're a sixth circler, etc., if you're say in a group of 500 in terms of your seraphic ministry, and you have a child, the child's isn't the 501st. While that child still doesn't have an adjuster it's just considered to be a part of *you* in terms of seraphic ministry. Once it has an adjuster, okay now it's going to count in that count of 1000 or 500 or 100 in terms of that seraphic ministry.

Reading Paper 47: The Seven Mansion Worlds, section 2. paragraph 3

"On the nursery world, probationary creatures are grouped according to whether or not they have Adjusters, for the Adjusters come to indwell these material children just as on the worlds of time. Children of pre-Adjuster ages are cared for in families of five, ranging in ages from one year and under up to approximately five years, or that age when the Adjuster arrives."

Notice that that seems to suggest that the youngest children are somewhere between birth age and one year but it's not definitive; you could imagine some sort of an incubation system and once they're out of the incubator then they're grouped into these families. You can't say anything definitively but it just seems it would be practical, more straightforward unless there is some essential elements that none of us can comprehend, to just start them at birth age

Cont. Paper47: section 2. Paragraph 4 – 5

"Some make a choice before this age and go on to the ascension spheres, but very few children under sixteen years of age, as reckoned by Urantia standards, will be found on the mansion worlds."

Now that's a very key sentence to understanding our development--to ask why when they say that. So why are very few children under the age of sixteen on the first of mansion world? And it's fundamentally because it's not until roughly age sixteen that the action of your absolutely unique personality has differentiated you as a separate mindal phenomena from your parents. Because of your genetic similarity to your parents, you start out overlapping in your use of the mind energy. But roughly by age sixteen you've separated yourself mindally from your parents. So now you are an *independent* ascender.

And so this whole issue of whether or not parents survive and what-not is no longer in play, because you can see from what they're saying here; it is the case that you need a father and a mother to get you started in your mortal life, but they might die, in which case, the local universe Mother Spirit upholds what they started until that child can function independent. However that child may also die before reaching that independent ascender status, and if they do, if they're pre-age sixteen, they need one of their biologic parents to restart the motion of their *self* because that motion of that mindal self is still connected to the motion of the parents mindal selves. And so this is the basic issue... the physics of mind and *mindal conception* as a phenomenon that occurs when an individual conceives of themselves as separate usually around sixteen years of age.

Also, it's kind of neat the way they space the kids two years apart in this family context. It's an interesting little tidbit.

If both parents don't make it? There are no orphans. You *must* have parents in order to *be*. You could lose both parents in this material life, but see they started the motion going and the Mother will uphold that motion, but if that child dies before it has independent ascender status,

that child is still dependent upon the parents to get its motion started again, it's mindal motion started again. At least one of the biologic parents has to be there.

It's another way of understanding the significance of iniquity. If you can imagine both parents, especially the mother, going all the way to iniquity, and if they have a pre-sixteen-year-old child, they're not only putting their own mind into a state of iniquity, they're putting their child's mind into that state. "*The hand that rocks the cradle still fraternizes with destiny.*" This is no mere responsibility that is put into our hands; it's a great responsibility that is put into our hands!

Reading Paper 47: section 2. paragraph 6-8

Even in this life, if both parents die and technically we would call them an orphan, it's good to recognize that there's a whole hierarchy of mothers and fathers that will sustain you forward. You can't exist without a father and a mother one way or another, period; there are no orphans.

And one interesting technical thing regarding this probationary child making a final choice; the age of choice is twenty. They don't tell you point-blank but you could speculate that it may be superfluous to make these material bodies have a lifespan greater than somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty. These children will have reached the full ability to make the choice somewhere in that ballpark so you don't know for sure but..."

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