

FOREWORD

IN THE MINDS of the mortals of Urantia—that being the name of your world—there exists great confusion respecting the meaning of such terms as God, divinity, and deity. Human beings are still more confused and uncertain about the relationships of the divine personalities designated by these numerous appellations. Because of this with so much ideational confusion, I have been deductory statement in explanation of the meaning certain word symbols as they may be hereinafter Orvonton corps of truth revealers have been a English language of Urantia.

It is exceedingly difficult to present enlarged in our endeavor to expand cosmic consciousness, when we are restricted to the use of a circumscribed But our mandate admonishes us to make every effort using the word symbols of the English tongue. We induce new terms only when the concept to be portrayed English which can be employed to convey such a with more or less distortion of meaning.

In the hope of facilitating comprehension a the part of every mortal who may peruse these papers in this initial statement an outline of the meaning English words which are to be employed in designating associated concepts of the things, meanings, and values of universal reality.

But in order to formulate this Foreword of definitions and limitations of terminology, it is necessary to anticipate the usage of these terms in the subsequent presentations. This Foreword is not, therefore, within itself; it is only a definitive guide designed to assist the accompanying papers dealing with Deity and the universe have been formulated by an Orvonton commission sent purpose.

Your world, Urantia, is one of many similar inhabited worlds comprise the local universe of *Nebadon*. This universe, together with other worlds, makes up the superuniverse of *Orvonton*, from whose headquarters commission hails. Orvonton is one of the seven evolutionary universes of time and space which circle the never-beginning, never-ending perfection—the central universe of *Havona*. At the head of the central universe is the stationary Isle of Paradise, the dwelling place of the eternal God.

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

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