

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 confusion with so much ideational confusion, I have been directed by a certain word symbol in explanation of the meanings of certain word symbols as they may be hereinafter used. Orvonton corps of truth revealers have been authorized in the English language of Urantia.

It is exceedingly difficult to present enlarged concepts in our endeavor to expand cosmic consciousness and spiritual elevation, when we are restricted to the use of a circumscribed language. But our mandate admonishes us to make every effort to reduce new terms only when the concept to be portrayed in English which can be employed to convey such a notion with more or less distortion of meaning.

In the hope of facilitating comprehension on the part of every mortal who may peruse these papers, 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.

But in order to formulate this Foreword of definitive terminology, it is necessary to anticipate the usage of subsequent presentations. This Foreword is not, therefore, self-contained within itself; it is only a definitive guide designed to assist in the accompanying papers dealing with Deity and the universe. It has been formulated by an Orvonton commission for the purpose.

Your world, Urantia, is one of many similar inhabited worlds which comprise the local universe of *Nebadon*. This universe, together with other universes, makes up the superuniverse of *Orvonton*, from which our commission hails. Orvonton is one of the seven evolving universes of time and space which circle the never-beginning, never-ending universe of 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.

The seven evolving superuniverses in association with the central and divine universe, we commonly refer to as the *grand universe*; these are the now organ-

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