

Study & Discussion Questions



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(Tests you can give yourself that have been used by Urantians at Schools and Study Groups).

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Course in the Doctrine of Part III	Theology 1
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Tests from the Brotherhood School in Chicago

Anna Rawson	Marian Rowley
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West Coast Society: Exam on the Life of Jesus

By Georgia Gecht: 100 Questions and Answers

By David Kantor (on Papers 1-5)

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers

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Paper 1: The Universal Father

1. In seeking to understand God, to what extent do we “create him in our own image?”
2. How does the Urantia concept of God compare with the God concept in Christianity?
3. How do we determine God’s will?
4. What determines whether doing the Father’s will is primarily a negation of our will or an enhancement and fulfillment of our will?
5. Why is God’s indwelling of our minds an “unfathomable mystery?”
6. If the existence of God is primarily an intuitive mindal experience, what is the value of philosophical evidence for the existence of God?
7. Why is the concept of personality so important in understanding the nature of God?
8. What kind of perfection are human beings capable of achieving?
9. What aspects of spiritual perception do human beings have?
10. How should we relate to God’s partnership with us in our struggles and problem solving?
11. Why is dedicating ourselves to the Father’s will the only gift of “true value” which we can make to God?
12. How do we relate to the idea that God struggles and suffers with us?
13. Why is experience so important in understanding God?

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Paper 2: The Nature of God

1. Can we imagine a being who perceives the past, present , and future at once? What is the fallacy of abstraction?
2. Why do people plead for mercy when they know that God is merciful and loving beyond human comprehension?
3. Why did Biblical writers talk of God “repenting and changing his mind?”

4. Why do people try to bargain with God and ask him to change universe laws for their benefit?
5. How does the atonement doctrine view God's basic nature?
6. Is the self-destruction of iniquity a more reasonable result of dedicated sinfulness than an eternal hell?
7. Does contemporary religion overstress morality at the expense of other aspects of truth, beauty, and goodness?
8. Is the relativity of all human knowledge a threat to inner peace?
9. In what sense is disappointment and sorrow not a reality?
10. How do we unify energy systems, idea systems, and spirit systems?
11. What do you suppose are some of the limited aspects of the human mind which make it so difficult to enlarge our concept of God?
12. How does God attenuate himself to be able to communicate with the finite mind?
13. If we cannot change God's mind by our prayers, why should we pray?
14. Why is the revelation of God made by Jesus of Nazareth the best picture of God's nature available to humankind?

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Paper 3: The Attributes of God

1. Is the prologue of the Gospel of John designating Christ as the creator of our universe compatible with the idea of God the Father as creator?
2. How do we harmonize the concept of an all-good, all-wise, all-powerful God with the evil and suffering in the world?
3. What comfort do some people get from believing in the doctrine of foreordination—God determines everything?
4. If our “nearest and dearest approach to God is by and through love,” how do we help people who are angry & bitter about life?
5. Are the “inevitable” of evil necessary in our world?
6. What do you think of the distinction between evil (mistaken judgment) and sin (knowingly disobeying the will of God)?
7. What are the advantages of beings who grow toward perfection by conscious choice over those who are created perfect?

8. How knowledgeable are Christians of the unique ministries of each member of the Paradise Trinity?
 9. Evaluate the degree of God's presence in our world by the condition of our civilization and culture.
 10. What do you perceive as the principle agenda of God's contemporary purpose on our world?
 11. Why do some Christians emphasize the judgment of God more than God's love?
 12. Knowing that the eternal purpose of wisdom and love will triumph on our world, how do we face the negative and devastating experiences of life. _
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Paper 4: God's Relation to the Universe

1. From our limited human point of view, what are some of the possible purposes God is actualizing? How do we search for God's purposes?
2. If the watchword of the universe is progress, what should be our attitude toward conservative minds who resist change? How do we distinguish progress from change?
3. Is the universe more like "a clock that is wound-up and running independently" described by Deism or like Gaia— "a living organism"— pictured by contemporary thinkers like Lawrence Joseph and Rupert Sheldrake?
4. Why does the Old Testament speak of an angry God and a God who regrets his actions?
5. How do we harmonize the changelessness of God with the many different manifestations of God?
6. In the face of obvious inconsistencies in scripture, why do some denominations believe in the literal inerrancy of the Bible?
7. Why has the atonement doctrine been so popular in Christianity?
8. What do you think of the idea that Christ is the creator as well as the savior of our local universe?
9. If the watchword of the universe is progress, how well is the contemporary church and world doing?

10. Why is it so difficult to transcend religious tradition?

11. What contemporary or historical “accidents of time” appear to you to be a part of larger purposes in the universe?

12. What aspects of planetary religion give evidence of spiritual progress? _

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Paper 5: God’s Relation to the Individual

1. Is the long period of spiritual growth and training required before we can stand in God’s presence a more appealing picture than the traditional belief that we are transported into God’s presence immediately after our death?

2. How is morality related to spirituality?

3. How does mind-consciousness differ from soul-consciousness?

4. How does prayer reveal the spiritual status of the one praying?

5. How do we “work out the details” of our lives with our Seraphic Guardians?

6. How is faith related to intellectual comprehension?

7. What are some of the ways in which theology is changing today?

8. How does Urantia Book Christology differ from traditional Christian theology?

9. How did Philo and Paul influence early Christianity?

10. Many people seriously strive to do the Father’s will; why are they unable to fuse with their Adjusters before graduation to the Mansion Worlds?

11. Will the Fifth Epochal Revelation inspire a new philosophy and a new art on our world?

12. How do we develop a unified spiritual philosophy?

13. How does personality differ from individuality?

14. How do we achieve salvation from self? _

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Paper 6: The Eternal Son

1. Why do human minds need “beginnings and ends?” Do you think we are handicapped by this time distortion of reality?
 2. What is the meaning of the statement: “He who has seen the Son has seen the Father?”
 3. Why have Christians never associated the second person of the Trinity with creation functions, even though the Bible has such references (John 3-10, Col. 1:15-16, Heb. 1:2)?
 4. Is there evidence of spiritual gravity in human experience?
 5. How traumatic for Christians is the knowledge that Christ Michael is not the Eternal Son?
 6. How does the fact that the “resurrected Jesus” is the creator and savior of 10 million worlds change Christian thinking?
 7. Since our comprehension of the Eternal Son is largely through our relationship with the Creator Son, do any additional values evolve as the result of our revelatory knowledge of the Eternal Son?
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Paper 7: Relation of the Eternal Son to the Universe

1. What are some of the experiential effects of the Son’s absolute spiritual gravity control?
2. What values in human nature are most closely related to spiritual reality?
3. What is the meaning of Jesus’ statement in the New Testament: “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself?”
4. Knowing that the true spiritual values of our prayers are immediately carried to all divine personalities concerned, is this likely to change our prayers, our spiritual consciousness, and our lives?
5. How reliable is kindred spirit attraction in our social experience?
6. A Divine Counselor tells us that spirit is real, the soul of creation; matter is the shadowy physical body. How does this register with human experience?
7. How is the divine plan for progress related to human plans for progress?
8. Does the bestowal technique of the Eternal Son and his Paradise Sons suggest that spiritual reality must, eventually, be transmitted through personality relationships?
9. Are religious institutions germane to changing our planetary view of the

expanded view of the multiple sons of God?

10. What kind of petitions have "true spiritual value?"

11. How does the divine personality of Jesus relate to his physical incarnation in our world?

12. How serious is the conflict of the Christian concept of the "only begotten son" to The Urantia Book interpretation of this concept? _

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Paper 8: The Infinite Spirit

1. Do you think the sequential description of the origin of the persons of the Trinity has value even though there was no such origin?

2. Why have we traditionally been more aware of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son than the Infinite Spirit even though the guardian angels are the personalities who work more closely with us?

3. Why is the traditional starting point of history the appearance of the billion worlds of Havona rather than the creation of Paradise?

4. What is your concept of the kind of ministry performed by the angels who "stand by your side and guide you through the lowly paths of earthly existence?"

5. Why did Christianity develop a doctrine of the Trinity without confirmation from the Bible?

6. How do we distinguish the leading of the Spirit from purely human ideas?

7. Why do some human minds balance material and spiritual reality while others become materialists or spiritualists?

8. How do we experience the omnipresence of the Infinite Spirit?

9. What is the source of the confusion of Christians between the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Truth?

10. Is it helpful to perceive spirit as a form or energy? _

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Paper 9: Relation of the Infinite Spirit to the Universe

1. How would you define mind as it functions on our planet in human and subhuman life? How can we prevent useless anxiety and animal fear?
 2. How should we understand divine providence?
 3. How is mind related to progress?
 4. How do the angels administer the “hammers of suffering?”
 5. How do we distinguish jumps in evolutionary progress from revolutionary change?
 6. If mind can be superimposed on energy, could this be the source of the placebo effect?
 7. How does mind quality effect health?
 8. How do we achieve the mastery of our minds?
 9. Is there evidence of an intellectual gravity drawing us toward truth?
 10. How does “the living ladder whereby mortal man climbs from chaos to glory” function to help us who are on the lowest rung looking up?
 11. Is our desire for the integration and unification of our physical, mental, and spiritual capacities a reflection of the influence of the Conjoint Actor?
 12. What are the dangers of intelligence in human personality?
 13. Do violent storms and destructive tornadoes suggest that the Infinite Spirit is lacking in the control of energy?
 14. Do we have any evidence of the Infinite Spirit’s use of antigravity? _
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Paper 10: The Paradise Trinity

1. Why does the Universal Censor consider the Trinity an “inescapable inevitability in universe affairs?”
2. Explain: “The Father, Son and Spirit can collaborate in a non-Trinity manner, but not as three Deities.” Can the Father, Son, and Spirit function as persons and not as Deities?
3. Does the concept of justice and judgment as a nonpersonal function of the Trinity change our attitude toward these universe actions?
4. Contrast the Christian view of the Trinity with The Urantia Book description. 5, Since divine judgment conforms to the justice of the Trinity

and at the same time fulfills the love of God, how do we understand its nature? Is this the meaning of “tough love?”

6. We experience many forms of suffering, yet all things work out for the welfare and progress of the universes. Is this because of suffering or in spite of suffering?

7. Knowing that justice cannot be achieved by any personal, individual attitude or decision, but must always be a group function, where should we alter industrial, educational, and parental policies?

8. What implications does the Father’s policy of self-distribution and delegation of power have for us as supervisors, teachers, and parents?

9. Is the existence of the Trinity a modification of the concept of monotheism as the followers of Islam maintain?

10. Since the potential of groups transcends the potential of individuals, should a religion seek to establish as many groups as possible?

11. Does the totality of universe justice modify our concept of the problem of suffering with its seeming injustice? _

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Paper 11: The Eternal Isle of Paradise

1. What advantage does the concentric cosmology of the universe have over the three-story (hell-earth-heaven) cosmology of the prescientific society?

2. Are there analogies that might help us conceptualize material that is neither dead or alive?

3. How might a "no time" sequence of events differ from a time sequence of events?

4. From the residential and historic exhibit area reservations on Paradise it appears that we are living close to the beginning of the historical events of the master universe; what advantages and handicaps do you see associated with our historical position?

5. Are the absolute patterns of Paradise similar to Plato’s concept of the eternal and immutable forms?

6. Our reality comprehension and distance from the Isle of Paradise is so great that our understanding of it is largely impressionistic; what do you find

- most impressive or meaningful about this gigantic body of cosmic reality?
7. Since all of us who have dedicated ourselves to doing the Father's will have already started on this long journey toward Paradise, do you think this revelation of the geographic goal of our quest acts as an additional motivating force or is it the ground cause of frustration and impatience?
 8. Compare The Urantia Book description of gravity and the scientific view of gravity?
 9. Do we have any scientific evidence of the antigravity effect of space?
 10. What insight might we assign to the expanding and contracting phenomena of Paradise?
 11. How do we understand a material creation that is located outside of time and has no location in space? _

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Paper 12: The Universe of Universes

1. How has contemporary astronomy prepared us to accept an expanded spiritual cosmology?
2. How free are we from the bondage of dogma and tradition?
3. Is knowledge of our expanded physical and spiritual cosmology going to change the interrelationships of the religions of the world?
4. What is the best way to prepare for the unexpected and unpredictable events of experience?
5. Why has Western Civilization been dominated by mechanistic materialism and the fallacies of analytical reductionism? How does abstraction and the “slavery of mathematics” handicap science?
6. How do we use spiritual resources to dominate our minds and shape our physiological bodies?
7. How can our spirit nucleus deliver us from disappointment and the effects of defeat?
8. Evaluate our society’s involvement in the “creation of new spiritual goals.”
9. How much are we shaped by the culture and conditions in which we live as opposed to our personal decisions and actions?
10. What is the difference between balanced and unified stability and a static

condition in our lives?

11. What is the nature of “dynamic and progressive ethics and morality” in our day?

12. There are time-conscious visitors on Paradise and Paradise citizens who are not time-conscious. How do we think about this difference?

13. Why do you conjecture that the revelators introduced us finite beings to Transcendentals that are absonite beings who eventuate when these concepts are beyond our understanding? _

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Paper 13: The Sacred Spheres of Paradise

1. How should one regard secrets in the universe?

2. To what extent are human beings experientially aware that the extent of spiritual presence in their lives is the result of their own mind decisions and will determination?

3. Why do you think the worlds of the Infinite Spirit are the most open and interesting of the Sacred Spheres of Paradise?

4. How should humor and recreation be associated with religion?

5. What is the value of a sense of “home territory” in our spiritual pilgrimage?

6. Even though we will have fused with a Thought Adjuster, why do you suppose we have nothing in common with Divinington?

7. Although the Eternal Son is the absolute personality, why do you suppose personality is not allowed on the luminous spheres of the Eternal Son?

8. Why do you suppose certain beings were not revealed in the Urantia Papers?

9. Are there analogies that would help us to understand Trinitization?

10. Why is it important to recognize the limits of reason in our lives now and in the future? _

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Paper 14: The Central and Divine Universe

1. How does it happen that the description of Havona has similarities with the Christian concepts of heaven and Plato's pattern universe?
2. Why do you suppose the natives of Havona have fewer (49) forms of sensation than the morontia senses (70)?
3. Do you think the statement, "A day is a thousand years to God," is a random-chance guess or a "guided" utterance?
4. Where in our planetary structure do you think the incidents of evil are augmented because we give people responsibility prematurely?
5. Going from five senses as mortals to seventy senses in morontia life sounds like a revolution in perception. What are some of the ways this may effect our understanding, appreciation, and learning?
6. Is freedom from regulation conducive to spiritual growth on our world or a hindrance to such growth?
7. If death is the "beginning of an endless career of adventure," should our attitudes toward death and our observances of funerals be changed?
8. The Fifth Epochal Revelation is a limited example of the surprises and diversity of reality. How can we develop an openness to the adventures of eternity?
9. What is the advantage of knowing there are absonite types of living beings even though we have virtually no knowledge of their nature?
10. If only one percent of all planetary capacity in Havona is currently utilized, are we near the beginning of universe history?
11. Since mind phenomena and personality volition are not predictable, how do we plan for the unpredictable future?
12. How will knowledge of the importance of creative imagination and the "university of surprises" on Havona effect religion on our world? _

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Paper 15: The Seven Superuniverses

1. What insights might the elaborate organization of the universe have on our lives and spiritual growth?

2. Why did Christ Michael in the Fifth Epochal Revelation give us a universe picture much larger than that received by most planets at our stage of evolution?
3. Are there benefits in living in a universe not yet having physical stability, just beginning its development toward light and life?
4. To what extent is love and mercy, the characteristics of Orvonton, demonstrated on our world?
5. Is Ezekiel's universe vision of "wheels within wheels" suggestive of the cosmology we find in The Urantia Book ? How did ancient people achieve views which tend to parallel discovered fact and truth?
6. What considerations might the Ancient of Days explore when deciding on the eternal life or death of an individual?
7. What are the potential advantages of never losing our capacity to appreciate and enjoy lower levels of existence as we advance in the universe?
8. How compatible is our scientific cosmology with The Urantia Book cosmology?
9. Will knowledge of our universe and superuniverse government effect our government forms and practices in the future?
10. Does the tendency to replace names with numbers in complex societies have a de-humanizing effect?
11. How will the geographic location of our world in the universe condition our spiritual view of human destiny?
12. From our scientific knowledge, what planets, besides Urantia, might be suited to harbor life?
13. Since the executive branch and the legislative council of the superuniverse are always in agreement, what is the purpose of the legislative council? _

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Paper 16: The Seven Master Spirits

1. How can we promote and cultivate more courageous and independent thinking?
2. What disciplines cultivate the unity of things, meanings, and values (the

empirical, the rational, and the spiritual)?

3. Even though we can discern the quality of actions before experience, why is experience so important?

4. If morality cannot be established by law, what value are laws in establishing conduct in society?

5. Do we intuit something unique about personality that we can recognize regardless of changes in physical form, mind, and spirit?

6. Because of our good fortune to originate and experience the influence of the Seventh Master Spirit, what advantages of reality comprehension and Supreme recognition may this give us?

7. In what aspects of life should we attempt to organize kindred minds to promote projects, and where should we strive to avoid assembling kindred minds to prevent one-sided development or influence?

8. How independent are the reality functions of the cosmic mind (causation, duty, & worship) from the influence of formal education?

9. When the Father, the Son, and the Spirit act through Master Spirit Number Seven, how does this differ from Trinity action?

10. What can we learn from the persons of the Trinity in their delegation of power and responsibility?

11. How do we discern between kindred minds and kindred spirits?

12. How does the “reality response” of personality contribute to human creativity?

13. Where do we most need to improve our focus on the means and the ends of human behavior?

14. How do we lessen the influence of immaturity and delusion in our decision making? _

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Paper 17: The Seven Supreme Spirit Groups

1. Does the description of the Supreme Spirit Groups suggest that communication is an important part of wise administration? Where do we need better communication in religious activities?

2. The creation of Majeston by the Supreme Being was associated with

stupendous, unexpected universe reactions. Are the unusual creative geniuses which occasionally appear from common parents a parallel type of phenomena?

3. Do you think one of the factors in the timing of the Fifth Epochal Revelation was our invention of radio and television that helps us conceptualize the universe reflective service?

4. Why do you suppose the Universe Mother Spirits undergo a gestation-development period before being made co-sovereign and equal to the Creator Son? Do we have any human parallels?

5. Since our Thought Adjusters have access to the reflectivity broadcasts, do you think this might be one of the ways in which our planetary attitudes and activities are coordinated with universe conditions and policies?

6. The eternal union between the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit in a sense parallels the temporary union between husband and wife. Does this suggest ways in which marital relationships might be improved?

7. The personalities and agencies of the Infinite Spirit minister to us in so many different ways; why have we been largely unaware of their activity in our lives?

8. The ministry of the personalities of the Infinite Spirit unifies physical, mindal, and spiritual aspects of reality. What insights do these activities contribute to the ministry we are called to give to our fellow human beings?

9. Is the traditional negative connotations of recording angels changed by The Urantia Book description of the type of records kept by the Seconaphim angels?

10. We see a great deal of delegation in universe functions; what can we learn from these activities?

11. Why do you suppose there are both formal universe records and duplicate live records kept by seconaphic personalities? _

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Paper 18: The Supreme Trinity Personalities

1. Human beings often have negative attitudes toward secrecy and mystery; how do we develop a positive attitude toward these universe realities?

2. Why do you think the worlds of Havona have only one Eternal of Days while the superuniverses have three Ancients of Days?
3. Why do you suppose that we are educated in all ten of the major divisions of our superuniverse but only in one of the divisions of the minor sector?
4. Human beings have a tendency to link symbols and reality. How can we guard against the dangers of distorting reality when given somewhat arbitrary symbols in the Urantia Papers that are beyond our experiential comprehension?
5. Why are there no Supreme Trinity advisors stationed on the System headquarters? Where could we organize a better advisory system in our contemporary society?
6. The Recents of Days are seldom together on the capitol sphere of the minor sector. Does this suggest there are numerous physical problems in the superuniverse?
7. Why do you think the Faithfuls of Days are self-limited in communication to the local universe?
8. How can the Ancients of Days be “basically identical” and yet “in personality diverse?”
9. Do you suppose that the Faithful of Days on our Constellation is more involved with Urantia because of the Lucifer-Caligastia rebellion? _

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Paper 19: The Co-ordinate Trinity-Origin Beings

1. What circumscribed views of reality and divinity will the Urantia Papers help to change on our world?
2. Why does going from the simple and finite to the complex and infinite not lead to spiritual wisdom?
3. Usually our society regards a knowledge of history as the best way to anticipate the future; why is this historical approach inadequate?
4. What is the best way to present the deductive approach of the Urantia Papers to the average person of our world?
5. Why do you suppose there may be “a vast body of essential spiritual knowledge” which cannot be consciously received? How should we regard

the unconscious aspects of our lives?

6. How does one integrate the divine insight of revelation with the wisdom of human experience?

7. What is the significance of the Divine Counselor's prediction that we may become "the most effective universe administrators to be known in all creation?"

8. Why do you think the Universal Censor disclosures are sometimes different than the Creator attitude and creature experience would predict?

9. What might be the difference between the created perfection of the Havona Natives and the evolutionary perfection of mortals? _

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Paper 20: The Paradise Sons of God

1. What kind of new dispensation will the Fifth Epochal Revelation initiate on our world?

2. What do you think are the planetary conditions necessary before we would receive a magisterial mission?

3. If an Avonal Son was incarnated on a first magisterial mission on our world, would we recognize him as a supermortal person?

4. At what stage in our planetary development do you think Christ Michael will return to our world?

5. How do the Brilliant Evening Stars contact mortals for the Trinity Teacher Sons?

6. Why are the Trinity Teacher Sons more like the Infinite Spirit in the local universes?

7. What positive factors may result from our world being known as "the world of the cross?"

8. Is there social and historical evidence of the operation of spiritual gravity?

9. How will our planet become "more advanced in intelligence?"

10. How do we interpret Jesus' statement, "Whosoever has seen the Son has seen the Father?" _

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Paper 21: The Paradise Creator Sons

1. Contrast the concept of creation in Christianity with that of the Creator Son.
2. Will the term Christ Michael and his description as the “only begotten Son” help Christians take a positive attitude toward the Urantia Papers?
3. How is Christ Michael more like the Eternal Son than the Universal Father?
4. How is the extensive training and bestowal requirements of Creator Sons likely to effect our attitude toward the long career to Paradise?
5. Why has Christ Michael given us a more complete vision of universe reality in the Urantia Papers than that given most planets at our stage of evolution?
6. Now that we are at the beginning of “settled administration” in our universe, what might we expect in the future of our world?
7. What are some of the activities on our planet that will be disorganized or destroyed?
8. What are the advantages of our “lowly origin and enforced evolutionary career” in the universe? _

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Paper 22: The Trinitized Sons of God

1. Do you think that like-spirited persons who have worked together in their mortal lives will be re-associated in work on the Mansion Worlds?
2. What type of experience on our world might qualify people to become Mighty Messengers?
3. What kind of experience on our world might qualify people to become Those High in Authority?
4. What criteria points to a superior spiritual mind and the ability to worship more effectively than most people?
5. Do you think creature trinitization is more analogous to human marital relationships, companion relationships, or research relationships?

6. What is it about evolutionary experience that makes mortals in some ways superior to twice-trinitized beings like Celestial Guardians and High Son Assistants?
7. Why are new concepts associated with trinitization?
8. Why do you suppose the Trinitized Sons of Perfection have sometimes erred in judgment? _

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Paper 23: The Solitary Messengers

1. What might be the spiritual or practical reason that Solitary Messengers must work alone?
2. Is human problem solving and suffering made more understandable and bearable knowing this human condition is part of a larger plan of God?
3. What revelatory descriptive information in the Urantia Papers seems to cause the revelators to inject gems of encouragement to us mortals?
4. What Deity functions are enhanced by the relative isolation of each superuniverse?
5. Why is our superuniverse, Orvonton, in greater need of service than other superuniverses?
6. If the Paradise Deities know about the undiscovered energy systems of outer space, why do they not report this information instead of having exploring Solitary Messengers make these discoveries?
7. How can we conceptualize personality without form?
8. What effect does knowing the local universe ambassadors traveling at 558,840 miles per second will take hundreds of years to arrive at their destination have on our concept of the universe?
9. Why do you suppose creature-trinitized sons are assigned a Solitary Messenger?
10. In a future age if the Grand Universe is administered by Trinity-origin and trinitized beings and the single and dual-origin beings serve on outer space worlds, what responsibilities and services might we be called upon to undertake? _

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Paper 24: Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit

1. Is it surprising that spirit energy has circuits and Circuit Supervisors very similar to the circuits of physical energy?
2. Why do the Supreme Executives have a direct and centralized information service in the Associate Inspectors and Assigned Sentinels independent of the administration of the Ancient of Days?
3. What effect do you think the extensive information about the personalities and order of the universe given us in the Urantia Papers will have on our ascension career? How much will we remember when we arrive on the Mansion Worlds?
4. What might be the personal benefit of the age-long companionship with a Graduate Guide on the billion worlds of Havona?
5. How should we face mysteries like that associated with the Havona Servitals and the Graduate Guides?
6. To what extent do you think that our isolation from the spirit circuits of the universe will result in our needing longer training on the Mansion Worlds? Will the Urantia Papers compensate for this deficiency?
7. To what degree do human beings have freedom of will independent of physiological drives and psychological conditioning?
8. Might there be a difference between the number of thinking human beings and the number of human beings who have free-will capacity?
9. Why do you suppose the Infinite Spirit has both Solitary Messengers and Personal Aids to explore the Master Universe?

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Paper 25: The Messenger Hosts of Space

1. What type of education gives one respect for the knowledge, experience, and opinion of others?

2. During these early years of the Fifth Epochal Revelation, how do we impart this knowledge and truth to others?
3. Since we lack the use of Technical Advisors, how do we learn the “best and right way” of doing things?
4. Since we do not have Conciliators, what techniques are available to us to deal with honest differences of opinion?
5. Should our educational system be reorganized to require students to teach pupils below them or to work for a period of time in society applying what they have learned?
6. Where could we set up committees of experienced advisors to facilitate planetary growth?
7. Since the early leaders of the Foundation and Brotherhood on the Mansion Worlds can follow the history and traditions of our world, what do you think they are saying about the current history of the Urantia movement?
8. Will all the information about the “Messenger Hosts of Space” be lost to us when we are resurrected on the Mansion Worlds?
9. We are given progressively difficult tasks on the Mansion Worlds. Will assuming progressively difficult activities in this life be of help when facing the Mansion Worlds challenges? _

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers
by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 26: The Ministering Spirits of the Central Universe

1. How do we cultivate our growth toward perfection of purpose and learn to be disappointment proof?
2. Do we have planetary parallels to the Havona attitude towards failure—that defeat is not disgrace, only postponement?
3. The size and complexity of The Urantia Book may be beyond the comprehension level required to understand its teachings for many people of our world. How will we be able to teach these people the essence of its message?
4. Successful ascenders look back to the worlds of time and wish they could begin the adventure all over again. How might we who just starting our long educational training find ways to more fully enjoy and appreciate our present

status and problems?

5. Why is the mutual understanding of ascendant mortals and Havona natives “the most intriguing of the entire Havona experience?”

6. Why do you think a deeper understanding of the Trinity is necessary for the personality recognition of the Infinite Spirit?

7. What type of service might the Corps of the Finality have on the worlds of outer space?

8. What type of people are stimulated positively by uncertainty and disappointment?

9. Why do the Paradise pilgrims who were created perfect apparently need to go through the billion study worlds of Havona?

10. How can human beings conceptualize the time it will take to traverse the one billion worlds of Havona?

11. What does “In liaison with God nothing is impossible” mean at our level of spiritual maturity? _

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers

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Paper 27: Ministry of the Primary Supernaphim

1. What is the closest analogy of “divine rest” that human beings can experience? What type of rest often leads to spiritual growth?

2. Is the experience of learning how to relate fraternally with people of other races, cultures, and religions preparation for the ethics we will learn on the ascent to Paradise?

3. Why is the long process of gaining knowledge through evolutionary experience superior for us than the instantaneous knowledge God could give us?

4. How does knowledge arrive at truth and experience achieve wisdom? Why is thinking about perplexing problems enriching and satisfying?

5. We usually think of worship as losing ourselves in the admiration and love of God; why does worship on Paradise result in “supreme pleasure” and “sublime self-expression?”

6. How do we expand the spontaneity of worship in our daily lives?

7. If our becoming finaliters signalizes the celebration of the first jubilee of

eternity, do you suppose we will have the same long struggle understanding God the Ultimate that we are now experiencing in the quest of God the Supreme?

8. What is the difference between ethics and folkways?

9. What philosophic questions does the Fifth Epochal Revelation raise?

10. Are the rules of decorum and the training in etiquette which we receive in our education preparing us for the Directors of Conduct we will meet on Paradise?

11. What marks the first jubilee of “mortal agreement with the Thought Adjuster?” _

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers
by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 28: Ministering Spirits of the Superuniverses

1. There appears to be intensive administrative communication in the universe. Do you think there is enough internal communication in our religious organizations?

2. Not having the use of the Union of Souls seconaphim, what substitute service can we use to lessen friction and promote teamwork in the Urantia movement?

3. What are some of the “deferred rewards inherent in unselfish service” in our society? 4, How can we promote the joy and satisfaction of service in our lives and in society?

5. How do we prevent constructive rivalry from becoming destructive?

6. Do you agree with the progression of mercy as being just, fair, patient. and kind before we can be merciful?

7. How should we treat people who are apparently sincere of purpose and honest of heart yet promote activities which we believe are detrimental to society?

8. What is the most reliable method of determining the moral and spiritual character of people?

9. What is the best measure of trustworthiness available to human beings?

10. How do we seek to maximize goodness in our lives? _

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers

Paper 29: The Universe Power Directors

1. When we discover the basic forms of energy as yet unknown to our scientists, how do you think this will alter our living?
2. Since the Supreme Power Centers are highly intelligent and have volitional capacity, why do we have so many destructive storms?
3. The Supreme Power Centers are living personalities; does this imply that the laws of astrophysics have a dynamic, non-mechanical behavior?
4. Energy in the Master Universe is controlled and directed by living beings; does this mean the universe is a living organism?
5. Why do you think the Supreme Power Directors and their associates are associated with the overcontrol of the Supreme but independent of the superuniverse and local universe rulers?
6. Do you think planets settled in Light and Life can use Energy Transmitters to facilitate the communication of information?
7. Is the Secondary Dissociators' ability to supply limitless amounts of energy an assurance that the second law of thermodynamics (the progressive loss of energy) will never overtake planets?
8. Why do you think we are told of the techniques of seraphic departure?
9. According to the Universal Censor, our knowledge of energy is relatively limited; will this information inspire aggressive research in the field of energy?
10. We have usually associated physical energy with mechanical determinism; do you suppose this is why we have not had adequate hints of the existence of the Supreme Power Directors and their associates? _

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers

by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 30: Personalities of the Grand Universe

1. Why do we suppose we were told of transcendental beings, since ordinarily planets are not told of them until they are settled in light and life?
2. How do we think of God as a superperson or as a preperson?

3. What is the purpose of mentioning absonite beings to us when such beings are impossible of human explanation?
4. Since many of us are unable to remember all of the many beings listed in the Uversa register, what is its value in our daily lives?
5. Should we establish the practice of requiring students to teach what they have learned to those just below them in the educational system?
6. Contrast Christian concepts of resurrection and heaven with Urantian concepts.
7. If our morontia bodies are different than our physical bodies, how will we recognize each other?
8. What is the most significant administrative experience that is common to most people?
9. How valuable is the Mormon practice of requiring young people to spend a year or two in evangelistic work? _

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers
by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 31: The Corps of the Finality

1. Contrast human destiny in the Corps of the Finality with the Christian vision of heaven. How will the more complex and distant goal of the Corps of the Finality effect human motivation?
2. What is it about the training of the glorified mortals that makes them received in equality with Havona natives, Seraphim, or Material Sons?
3. Why is service in the Corps of Mortal Finaliters one of the supreme adventures of the Havona natives?
4. What is the purpose of telling mortals about Transcendentals who are superpersonalities eventuated with absonite attributes?
5. Do you think the inability of the exalted beings of Uversa to understand the Gravity Messengers ability to transcend time and space is due to a lack of available knowledge or a planned universe mystery?
6. Why are human beings being so thoroughly trained in the techniques of universe management?
7. The entire ascendant career shows that the attainment of goals is only the beginning of larger opportunities. What larger potentials do you see

confronting us as the result of receiving the larger perspectives of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?

8. In what types of service might the mortal finaliters now serving on Urantia be engaged?

9. What is the significance of finaliters being a self-governing body with allegiance only to the Paradise Trinity?

10. Viewed in the light of eternity, is Adam and Eve's default and Urantia's handicaps an unfortunate happening or a blessing?

11. Do you think the final members of the Corps of the Finality will be a being in the new outer space universe, a Paradise personality, or some other type of being?

12. As beings who are replete in finite experience and trained in universe administration, what might be our responsibilities in the Grand Universe?

Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers: Part 2

by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 32: Evolution of Local Universes

1. How does the description of the creation of the local universe differ from the traditional views of creation?
 2. How does one understand how the Creator Son and the Universe Mother Spirit cooperate in the creation of Gabriel?
 3. How will people who have had a rather simple idea of heaven react to the complex organization of the local universe?
 4. Will the picture of millions of inhabited planets spread over thousands of light years change the view of our importance in the universe?
 5. What are the limitations of the traditional view of fiat creation compared with the potentials of evolutionary creation?
 6. Why do many people believe that God is responsible for almost everything that happens in their lives?
 7. How can a vision of the eternal purposes of eternity help us live creatively in the present?
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Paper 33: Administration of the Local Universe

1. Will Christ Michael's designation as the "only begotten Son" help Christians adjust to the new spiritual cosmology?

2. Is Christ Michael's spiritual power and influence greater than the Christian concept of Christ, the second person of the Trinity?
 3. What does Christ Michael's relationship to the Universe Mother Spirit imply about dominance in human marriage?
 4. Why do you think Trinity Ambassadors are present in the local universe only as advisors when asked?
 5. Why do you suppose Trinity Ambassadors are not sent to the System headquarters?
 6. What would it be like to have universe broadcasts on our world?
 7. Why are there many court cases in the local universe as the result of supermortal disagreements?
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Paper 34: The Local Universe Mother Spirit

1. How do we understand or explain the Creative Spirit who is independent of space but not of time?
2. How does knowledge of the seven adjutant mind-spirits help us understand animal and human behavior?
3. How do we distinguish between the influence of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Truth in human spiritual growth?
4. Although our experience with Spirit is one, how does it help us to know its many sources?

5. To what extent have theologians confused intellectual doctrines with real spiritual power?
 6. Are spiritually endowed persons largely independent of material environment for joy and happiness?
 7. How do we promote intelligent and cheerful cooperation with Spiritual guidance?
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Paper 35: The Local Universe Sons of God

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Paper 36: The Life Carriers

1. Why was one of the Superuniverse Ancients of Days involved in the creation of Life Carriers?
2. Since there are 46 chromosomes in human cells, why does the author of this Paper say there are 48 trait determiners?
3. Are the elaborate scientific life formulations of the Life Carriers a disillusionment of the common human view of divine fiat creation?
4. What is the significance of the Universe Mother Spirit providing the spark of life

rather than the Creator Son?

5. What do you suppose the two senior Life Carriers and the twelve custodians are doing on our world now?

6. How might the Melchizedek Life Carriers be modified and what type of Material Daughter is selected to produce midsoniters?

7. How are the adjutant mind-spirits related to the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Truth in human experience?

Paper 37: Personalities of the Local Universe

1. Why do you think we are given information about the vast number of beings serving in our local universe?

2. What might be the use of the Brilliant Evening Stars' use of a spirit force independent of their personal presence?

3. What is the significance of having a divisional headquarters of archangel activities on Urantia?

4. What do you think is the purpose of keeping records of each person from birth to leaving Salvington?

5. In terms of personal satisfaction, how would you compare spirit-fused and Adjuster-fused mortals?

6. Is the intensive and extensive education of the universe threatening or comforting?

7. What do you think will happen to the permanent citizens of the local

Paper 38: Ministering Spirits of the Local Universe

1. What might constitute the extensive training of the seraphic angels?
 2. What do you think is the nature of the positive and negative aspects of angel make up?
 3. What might the seraphic angels be doing to stimulate our spiritual growth?
 4. How does the knowledge of the existence of Midwayers, Cherubim, and Sanobim help human beings live progressively?
 5. Does it appear that the lower order of universe beings have more opportunities for advancement than the higher spiritual personalities?
 6. Why do Midwayers always appear on decimal planets?
 7. How might the career of Midwayers differ from that of mortals in their ascension to Paradise?
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Paper 39: The Seraphic Hosts

1. Since seraphic angels seek the lowest level of service, what does that suggest about us lowly mortals?
2. On the Mansion Worlds and beyond, are our differences of opinion

encouraged or discouraged by the adjudication process?

3. What effect with the knowledge of the complex organization and differential capacities of service in the local universe have on Urantia planning and activities?

4. How might the seraphic Social Architects be bringing people together on our world?

5. Is there evidence of the one thousand seraphic Administrative Assistants and the “marvelous corps” of Assistant Teachers serving on our world?

6. What is the best way to balance the desire for growth and achievement and evolutionary patience in our lives?

7. How can uncertainty be the secret of contented continuity in life?

Paper 40: The Ascending Sons of God

1. Why would seraphic angel attainment of finaliter status far transcend the difficulties of mortal achievement of finaliter status?

2. How do we explain the justification of lesser ascension potentials of primitive mortals?

3. Are members of non-Christian religions or no religious affiliation handicapped in making survival decisions?

4. How do you think son-fused mortals adjust to their Adjuster-fusion failure?

5. What do you think about the way Spirit-fused mortals regain the memory of their life on earth?
 6. Why are the permanent citizens of the local and superuniverse provided by Spirit and Son fused mortals instead of by direct creation?
 7. Will the Urantia Papers set the stage for all people on our world to be regarded as “faith sons and daughters?”
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Paper 41: Physical aspects of the Local Universe

1. What are the implications of the fact that the physical space of our local universe is determined by the space presence of our universe Mother Spirit?
2. Is there evidence that the source of our planet energy is a Power Center directed by Master Physical Controllers?
3. Does our weather suggest that physical controllers “are in complete and perfect control of a majority of the basic energies of space?”
4. Why do you think we were given all of this factual-scientific information about the physical aspects of our universe?
5. How does this astronomical information agree with our present scientific knowledge?
6. Do you think the adventures of the calcium atom is by intelligent design or random material reactions?

7. Do you think the future development of science will continue to revolutionize the way we live on our world?

Paper 42: Energy—Mind and Matter

1. How does one explain that the ultimatons of time-space have Paradise as their nucleus?
 2. What might lead to the discovery of the forms of energy not known to our scientists?
 3. Why were we given this paper describing the complex nature of energy when the supermortal revelators do not fully understand it?
 4. Does the transmutional potentials of energy and the reliability of the laws of nature suggest that they were created by intelligence?
 5. What does it mean that our minds lose the response to gravity in proportion to spirit identification?
 6. What does it mean that personality is the pattern aspect of a living being?
 7. What are the implications of the statement: “The spirit is the architect, the mind is the builder, the body is the material building?”
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Paper 43: The Constellations

1. What is most appealing about the physical-morontial description of Edentia?
 2. How much do you suppose the laws of different constellations differ?
 3. What could we learn from the stratified legislation of Edentia with its final combined council in shaping laws?
 4. How important is the cosmology of the universe to our spiritual development?
 5. Why do you think the Faithful of Days on Edentia never give advice unless it is asked for?
 6. Do you think that the Urantia Papers are a part of the elaborate changes initiated in our system and constellation as a result of the Lucifer rebellion?
 7. How can we promote socialization among different races, cultures, and religions on our world?
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Paper 44: The Celestial Artisans

1. Why were the original Celestial Artisans recruited from Havona rather than created in our local universe?
2. Why do we usually regard art and music as secondary educational subjects?

3. Why are mortals eventually given the opportunity to perceive a wider range of reality than high spirit beings?
 4. Is artistic and musical talent primarily an acquirement of heredity or education?
 5. What is the purpose of these revelations of unspeakable grandeur and efficiency of life beyond our material existence?
 6. Who are some of the gifted individuals who may have been helped by the Celestial Artisans?
 7. How should we prepare for the opportunity to satisfy “every intellectual, artistic, and social longing or true ambition” in our future existence?
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Paper 45: The Local System Administration

1. Why do you think the seven Mansion Worlds are satellites of the Finaliter World?
2. What might one observe on the prison worlds of our system?
3. Why would the interned beings of the Lucifer rebellion still refuse to repent?
4. What is the advantage of allowing the System Sovereigns in our universe unusual personal prerogatives?
5. What are the advantages of living in a system and on a planet that has experienced rebellion?

6. What do you think of the members of the Urantia Advisory Council and who might future members be?
 7. What constitutes experiential deprivations which must be made up by living with the Material Sons and Daughters?
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Paper 46: The Local System Headquarters

1. What is the most unusual physical characteristic of Jerusem?
 2. Why type of physical mechanism for travel might be used on Jerusem and how might transport birds be used?
 3. Why do you think broadcasts are viewed at the broadcast-receiving station rather than at individual receivers?
 4. Why do you think we were given such a detailed description of Jerusem?
 5. Why do you think morals are not allowed in the temple of power of the Master Physical Controllers and the dematerialization sector of the Material Sons?
 6. What type of work might we be doing on Jerusem.
 7. How will be know when Satania is restored to the Norlatiadek constellation and what will it be like to have Urantia restored to the Satania circuits?
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Paper 47: The Seven Mansion Worlds

1. Why are the infant-receiving schools of Satania located on the Finaliter World?
 2. Is it surprising that children who have not acquired individual status on the evolutionary worlds become the permanent citizens of Paradise rather than joining the Corps of the Finality?
 3. After awakening on the Mansion Worlds, do you think we will remember the description of the Mansion Worlds given us in the Urantia Papers?
 4. Where do you think we will meet most of our relatives and friends who have preceded us to the Mansion Worlds?
 5. Since we are living in the postbestowal Son age, do you think many from Urantia will be advanced to the third Mansion World?
 6. How do you think Christ Michael's bestowal on Urantia and the exceptional nature of the Urantia Papers will help Urantia mortals in advancing on the Mansion Worlds?
 7. How do you think the celestial beings responsible for our resurrection determine the nature and appearance of our new morontia bodies?
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Paper 48: The Morontia Life

1. What is the advantage of the slow growth process of evolution?
2. How has the knowledge of the morontia life found expression in present-day religions?
3. Why do you think our sense of humor is better than our music or art?

4. How do we prepare for the immensity of our future education?
 5. How do we guard against holding “fossilized truth?”
 6. How do we face disappointment creatively?
 7. How do we avoid impatience in our lives and not become stagnant in our growth?
 8. Why will those who have a background in science have an easier transition to the understanding of morontia energy transformations?
 9. Do you think our present creative motivation will largely determine the choices in our local universe career?
 10. How close did David come in the 23rd Psalm to the original version?
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Paper 49: The Inhabited Worlds

1. Why do you think we have not guarded superior strains of protoplasm as well as other planets?
2. How do you imagine complex civilizations of air or water types of mortals would develop?
3. Do you think we will recognize the type of world mortals came from when we meet on the Mansion Worlds?
4. How will the complexity and great differences of life on evolutionary planets

effect our Mansion World relationships and adjustments?

5. How do you think coming from an experimental planet will effect our Mansion World career?

6. Do you think we will receive a magisterial mission as our next supermortal ministry?

7. Why do you think our universe has more adjuster-fusion types of mortals than a near-by universe?

Paper 50: The Planetary Princes

1. How did we know about our Planetary Prince before the coming of the Urantia Papers?

2. Why would mortal ascenders wish to accompany a Planetary Prince to a new world?

3. How do you think Caligastia perverted the teachings in headquarter schools?

4. What would it be like to have the Planetary Headquarters active on our world now?

5. What stage of planetary development is dominant on our world?

6. How will the Urantia Papers effect our planetary growth and how can we facilitate the spread of their teachings?

7. How do you think the functional grouping of agondonters will effect our Paradise ascent experience?

Paper 51: The Planetary Adams

1. What might 100,000 planetary helper angels who accompanied Adam and Eve do on our world?
 2. What might the secondary midwayers now be doing on our world?
 3. How will the unusual nature of the Urantia Papers compensate for the Lucifer rebellion and the failure of Adam and Eve?
 4. Will the description of superior and inferior races add to the racial problems on our world?
 5. How do you think we will be able to improve our racial quality?
 6. Will we eventually establish a world center of culture and education?
 7. How might a Magisterial Son change our planetary life?
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Paper 52: Planetary Mortal Epochs

1. Why do you think the large passenger birds became extinct on our world?
2. What might determine whether men or women are dominant on a primitive planet?

3. Are we moving toward a world wide educational system and a common language?
 4. Why do you think we have been given a revelation of the universe of universes when normal worlds are given revelation gradually?
 5. Why was our world given a bestowal Son before being prepared like other worlds?
 6. How do we apply “spiritual pressure from above?”
 7. What is the next major step in Urantia’s non-typical development?
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Paper 53: The Lucifer Rebellion

1. How do you think brilliance was related to Lucifer’s error and sin?
2. What do you think was the reason so many supermortals followed Lucifer when they had access to the advice of the Most Highs, Gabriel, and Michael?
3. Why didn’t all supermortals recognize that Lucifer had lost contact with reality?
4. Why do you think that Michael and the Ancients of Days did nothing to stop Lucifer’s rebel activities?
5. Why did ascending mortals withstand the sophistries of rebellion better than the lower spirits?

6. While it should be obvious to the rebels that their cause is doomed, why have they refused Michael's offer of mercy?

7. How do you think we will be informed of the execution of the Satania rebels?

Paper 54: Problems of the Lucifer Rebellion

1. Should we allow more time for evil to work its own destruction?

2. Why would more damage be done if the rebellion were not given time for full expression?

3. Why is the human concept to time an inadequate measure of divine mercy and justice?

4. Why is the good resulting from the Lucifer rebellion much greater than its evil?

5. How can the philosophy of this Mighty Messenger be applied to our treatment of criminals?

6. Are the reasons given for the wisdom of delay in adjudicating the Lucifer rebellion satisfying?

7. Why was Lucifer's action an attempt to take away the privilege of participating in our own destiny?

Paper 55: The Spheres of Light and Life

1. Why does the evolutionary process create a perfection different than those created perfect?
 2. How can material beings use a morontia temple?
 3. Why do midway creatures sense adjuster-fusion in individuals before destiny guardians are aware of this state?
 4. When will funerals become times of joyful graduation?
 5. Would it be good to have a planetary goal to some day have our natural resources as community property?
 6. How can we more effectively solve the problems of disease, degeneracy, war, multicolored races, and multilingualism?
 7. How will the knowledge of the advanced stages of light and life effect our world?
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Paper 56: Universal Unity

1. What complexities in human experience help us understand the underlying unity of all things?
2. What concepts help us intuit Paradise before the advent of space and time?
3. What does it mean that pure energy and pure spirit are preresponsive to gravity?

4. What are the philosophic parallels between the Unqualified Absolute, the Deity Absolute, and the Universal Absolute and the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit?

 5. How does the unifying capacity of personality transcend the mystery that lies beyond our understanding?

 6. How will being a part of the evolving Supreme Being help us understand God the Supreme in future ages?

 7. How do we verify that our perception of truth, beauty, and goodness are harmonious with spiritual reality?
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Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers: Part 3

by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 57: The Origin of Urantia

1. How have many Christians lived with both the Genesis story of creation and the scientific view?
 2. How will scientists react to the information that personalities were involved in the materialization of space creations rather than impersonal physical laws?
 3. Why do you think the revelators went into some detail in explaining the origin of our world?
 4. What can we learn from the immense amount of time it takes for the origin of suns and planets?
 5. What is the value of this scientific description of the origin of our world?
 6. How closely is this description in harmony with present day science?
 7. Would separating the papers dealing with the physical sciences from the typically religious papers be helpful for certain types of education?
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Paper 58: Life Establishment on Urantia

1. With all of the irregularities of our world, are we fortunate or unfortunate to be a life-modification planet?

2. Why is the knowledge of the scientific properties of matter important in understanding mental and spiritual values?
 3. Should our scientists be compiling a list of facts that strongly suggest that intelligent purpose is behind planetary phenomena?
 4. How might the discovery of the powerful short space-energy change the way we live?
 5. Why aren't Life Carriers allowed to help the evolutionary process?
 6. Do you think the celestial creator of the evolutionary process designed such things as genetic mutations or is this just an inherent aspect of biological development?
 7. Will the eventual widespread knowledge of the Urantia Papers inspire geologists to more completely read the "stone book" of the world?
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Paper 59: The Marine-life Era on Urantia

1. How does history help us evaluate destiny?
2. Why is it important that plant life established the base for animal life?
3. Why do you think life first developed in a marine environment?
4. What evidence do we have that sandstone was changed to quartz and limestone changed to marble?
5. Is there evidence that Greenland was once a tropical paradise?

6. What is the scientific significance of the repeated rise and fall of continental land masses?

7. How do you think the Life Carriers keep such detailed records of geologic and other changes of planets?

Paper 60: Urantia During the Early Land-Life Era

1. Was there a purpose for the dinosaur age or was it simply random life development?

2. What might be the reason that some animals regressed, some were stationary, and others progressed in evolutionary development?

3. If we were thoroughly familiar with the scientific knowledge of our early land-life era, do you think we would have more positive insights related to the Life Carrier descriptions or more disagreements?

4. What might have been the cause of the failure of the flying dinosaurs and the sudden appearance of true birds?

5. How will the knowledge of the continual rhythmical crustal movements of the earth help future generations make adjustments?

6. Will this description of the early land-life era result in a more in-depth study of geology in the future?

7. How will knowledge of the early geological and biological development of our world help our spiritual development?

Paper 61: The Mammalian Era on Urantia

1. What might be the cause of sudden mutations in the evolutionary process?
 2. Why did the placental mutation occur in the carnivorous, springing tyupe of dinosaur?
 3. How could there be egg-laying types of mammals—do eggs have placental qualities?
 4. Why did many mammals proliferate and then become extinct?
 5. Why might the animal who could live on land or in the water and who was highly intelligent become extinct?
 6. Is there evidence that the elephant is superior in intelligence and adaption to to all other animals except man?
 7. How does the scientific picture of the origin of man compare with the description in the Urantia Papers?
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Paper 62: The Dawn Races of Early Man

1. Why have some scientists in recent times suggested that man evolved from the simian tribes?

2. To what extent are the fear tendencies of the dawn mammals helping or hindering human beings today?
 3. Do you think the twins founding the mid-mammals and the primates were random natural occurrences or directed by some form of intelligence?
 4. Is it likely that some of the early ancestors of human beings discovered by scientists were actually primates?
 5. Why do you think all of the immediate ancestors of human beings became extinct while the simian tribes survived?
 6. Why would the recognition of human intelligence on a life-experiment planet be different than on a normal planet?7.
 7. Why do you think the Life Carriers are permitted to manipulate the environment and shield the life plasm of prehuman development?
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Paper 63: The First Human Family

1. Why do you think Andon and Fonta were superior to many of their descendants?
2. How do you imagine Andon and Fonta found food and got animal skins to keep warm?
3. Do you think fighting is a necessary quality in the origin and development of mankind?
4. How far have human beings advanced beyond food and security in their priorities?

5. Why do cultures decline spiritually over long periods of time?
 6. How does one explain or understand the arrival of great leaders like Onagar?
 7. Why were Andon and Fonta denied the opportunity to send greetings in the Urantia Papers?
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Paper 64: The Evolutionary Races of Color

1. How can we improve the quality of the human race today using our current ethical standards?
 2. To what extent is fear still handicapping humankind?
 3. Why have most people historically engaged in human sacrifice?
 4. How does one understand the appearance of the colored races who were unusually intelligent in one family?
 5. How does one understand the appearance of outstanding leaders among the various races?
 6. Will the description of the black race in the Urantia Papers cause more racial problems?
 7. What do you think of the reasons given for the advantages of having different races?
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Paper 65: The Overcontrol of Evolution

1. Why do you think evolution was used as the method of creating human beings?
 2. What types of control might Life Carriers use in manipulating living units and maneuvering evolving organisms?
 3. How might it be possible to achieve “vastly higher levels of human development?”
 4. Do you think the return of the children of Adam and Eve will be used to upstep human beings?
 5. If evolution is still in progress, what changes do you think might take place in human nature?
 6. What mind conditions might cause sudden spiritual transformations?
 7. How do you think scientific intelligence might be used to improve the human race?
 8. What does the fact that our wound healing capabilities are the result of more than a half million experiments suggest about our supermortal help?
 9. Do you think the early appearance of human will was a help or hindrance in our development?
 10. Do you think the fact that no species now exists between the frog and the Eskimo is the result of natural or supernatural events?
 11. Why do you think will develops later on normal planets?
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Paper 66: The Planetary Prince of Urantia

1. What significance does Caligastia's excellent preparation and high prospects have for his failure as a Planetary Prince?
 2. How and by whom was the city of Dalamatia built?
 3. What are the implications of the fact that the primary midwayers were discovered "accidentally" and "supposedly nonsexual and nonmaterial" activities?
 4. How does one explain that apparently the one hundred Andonites were originally unaware of their contributed germ plasm and infusion of the complement of the system circuits?
 5. Do you think tradition and fashion are too dominant in our world?
 6. Is the Fifth Epochal Revelation a threat of overenlightenment in our society?
 7. How does one prevent pride and individualism which help people to be creative from becoming an evil, undermining tendency?
 8. How do you suppose the ten groups of the corporeal staff learned all of the techniques they taught the early Urantia people?
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Paper 67: The Planetary Rebellion

1. How does sin distort personality?

2. How is coercion in education and legal rules related to our free will?
 3. Why do you think so many of the corporeal staff, seraphim, and primary midwayers joined the rebellion?
 4. What do you think will happen to the sixty staff rebels?
 5. What might have been the “doctrines of liberty” that were taught to the Urantia peoples?
 6. Why do you think the thirty-nine loyal corporeal staff were translated back to Jerusem?
 7. Which of the resources of Van do you think was most important in his defense of universe loyalty?
 8. Why is Amadon regarded as more heroic than the action of Van?
 9. In what way has the action of Van and Amadon and their followers done more good in the universe than the evil of the Lucifer rebellion?
 10. How much do Christians know about the Lucifer rebellion?
 11. Why are there such long periods of adjustment in the history of our planet?
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Paper 68: The Dawn of Civilization

1. How will the improvement in world transportation and communication effect

world civilization?

2. How important is organization in religion?
 3. Is our society top-heavy with human needs?
 4. What are the basic antagonisms between men and women?
 5. What is ghost fear?
 6. What are the basic customs or folkways of contemporary society?
 7. How do you think our world will solve the problem of population control?
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Paper 69: Primitive Human Institutions

1. How do we control religious institutions?
 2. Is woman's work today characterized by routine and drudgery?
 3. Is trade still the major means of international relationships?
 4. How are capital and power related to values today?
 5. How do we prevent the improvident from living off of social welfare?
 6. Is modern communism an example of evolutionary regression?
 7. Is indebtedness a subtle form of slavery?
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Paper 70: The Evolution of Human Government

1. What do you think of Andon's way of having his children settle disputes?
 2. How do contemporary people exercise their bellicose nature?
 3. What are the advantages and liabilities of recent wars?
 4. What are the civilized substitutes for war?
 5. Why do we still keep the Old Testament as a sacred writing when it contains many immoral practices?
 6. What are the different classes of society today?
 7. Why is the divine and ideal form of government not given by revelation?
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Paper 71: Development of the State

1. Are we engaged in too rapid changes in our society today?
2. Are we suffering from the weakness of democracy, such as the glorification of mediocrity and the slavery of public opinion?
3. Does our democracy have representatives who are "technically trained, intellectually competent, socially loyal, and morally fit?"

4. Is our society using leisure time productively and wisely?
 5. How will our society be able to eliminate defective and degenerate stocks?
 6. To what extent is the service motive replacing the profit motive in our society?
 7. How can we improve the value-wisdom aspect of education?
 8. How are we engaging in the education of public opinion?
 9. What forms of intolerance do we have in our society?
 10. What is the meaning of the statement, “religious leaders, being ambassadors of a spiritual kingdom, receive their rewards in another world?”
 11. Do we have adequate protection against those who take unfair and unholy advantage of good people in society?
 12. How can we plan for an advisory world court?
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Paper 72: Government On A Neighboring Planet

1. Besides having similar backgrounds, why are we told of this nation’s government?
2. Would it be wise to limit the size of our cities?
3. Would a house of elder statesmen serving in an advisory capacity be helpful in our nation?
4. Would a program of periodic instruction on civic responsibilities along with

graduation ceremonies be helpful for your youth?

5. Should we require the bride and groom to take a parental instruction class before marriage?

6. Should income from natural resources be used for social purposes?

7. Should we strive to adopt a weighted vote privilege in our society?

Paper 73: The Garden of Eden

1. Do you think there will someday be another Garden

of Eden? 2. In what section of the world might such a

garden be located?

3. Do you think we will ever find the original garden?

4. When do you think the children of Adam and Eve might be brought back to our

world?

5. If Machiventa Melchizedek returns as vicegerent Planetary Prince, where might

the new world headquarters be located?

6. What is the value of this knowledge of the Garden of Eden?

7. What do you think will be the next supermortal mission to our world?

Paper 74: Adam and Eve

1. Why were Adam and Eve re-created over eight feet in height?

2. How did Amadon communicate with his reception committee which contained a midwayer and two Life Carriers?

3. How does one explain that fadors could carry eight foot human beings?

4. How did Adam know the origin, nature, and behavior of thousands of animals?

5. Is the Sabbath-day tradition helpful in our observance of the Sabbath?

6. Why were Caligastia and Daligastia left on our planet to cause trouble?

7. Why do theologians call the Genesis story of the origin of man a myth?

Paper 75: The Default of Adam and Eve

1. How does one approach the seemingly unsolvable problems Adam and Eve faced?

2. How do we guard against being tricked into evil?
 3. How does one face tragedy?
 4. What can we learn from the default of Adam and Eve?
 5. Why do Christians believe in the fall of man?
 6. How does one judge whether an action is a short-cut or an evolutionary readiness for progressive change?
 7. How will the Urantia Papers change our view of history?
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Paper 76: The Second Garden

1. Why do we have virtually no record of the first Garden of Eden?
2. Why do you think the Biblical account of Cain has both Adam and Eve as his parents?
3. How does science today evaluate heredity and environment?
4. Why were the first generation Adamites vegetarians?
5. What do you think of the ethics of Adam's impregnating 1682 women?
6. Which is preferable, Adam and Eve's status as a material son and daughter or their status as ascendant citizens of Jerusem?
7. When do you think Adam and Eve will be allowed to resume their ascension to Paradise?

Paper 77: The Midway Creatures

1. If the archangel author of this paper cannot explain the origin of the primary midwayers, how does one regard this mystery?
 2. What values can be learned from the futile tower of Babel?
 3. Was the appearance of the secondary midwayers a natural phenomena or was there supernatural involvement?
 4. What might have been the nonsexual liaison of these unique children of Adamson and Ratta that produced secondary midwayers?
 5. Why did so many of the midwayers join the Lucifer rebellion?
 6. How did the secondary midwayers help in the materialization of the Urantia Papers?
 7. What are the midwayers doing now on our world?
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Paper 78: The Violet Race After the Days of Adam

1. How did the millions of violate race people coming out of the second garden approach the numbers that would have come out of the first garden?
2. If Adam and Eve had not defaulted, would they have cultivated the Andite

people?

3. Why didn't a group of the violet people cultivate a permanent pure blood group of Adamites?
 4. What damage to history was caused by the Hebrew priests decision to report that all the world's people died in Noah's flood?
 5. Is there evidence that we received much of current day civilization from the descendants of the second garden?
 6. What do we know about the Sumerians from history?
 7. What can we learn from the development of the leaders of the human race?
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Paper 79: Andite Expansion in the Orient

1. What can we learn from the mixing of the secondary Sangik people with the Andites in India?
2. How should we improve racial stock using scientific knowledge with high ethical principles?
3. Was the major emphasis of the caste system biological or social, economic?
4. Is there evidence that the northern Chinese are superior to the southern Chinese?
5. Why didn't the superior quality of the yellow race inspire supermortal revelation?
6. What caused the Chinese to give greater emphasis to the preservation of the

known rather than the pursuit of the unknown?

7. What can we learn from the strong Chinese family?

Paper 80: Andite Expansion in the Occident

1. Was proximity of immigration to the Mediterranean region by the Adamites and the sexual attraction of the blue race the main reasons that the third and fourth epochal revelations appeared in this region?
 2. How did the great vigor of the blue race help the Adamites spread their superior religion?
 3. How have various animals helped human development?
 4. What do you think of the initiation rites of the shaman priests in destroying the inferior blue people?
 5. Do the descendants of Adamson and Ratta explain why the Greeks gained the reputation of physical and intellectual superiority?
 6. Does knowledge of the history of the mother cult help us understand its value?
 7. Why is so much emphasis placed on the biological quality of the peoples of the world?
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Paper 81: Development of Modern Civilization

1. Is our modern use of leisure contributing to creativity?
 2. How can our world solve the problem of overpopulation?
 3. How can the Internet help us establish a universal language?
 4. How can we improve our educational system?
 5. How can our ethical standards catch up with our scientific development?
 6. How can the values and goals of Christianity and Islam be brought into more harmonious relationships?
 7. Will the teachings of the Urantia Papers establish a new and higher level of spirituality on our world?
 8. How is trade shaping our world today?
 9. Do we still suffer from superstition?
 10. Is modern society undergoing social and economic change too rapidly?
 11. What is the cause of the increasing violence in society?
 12. How do we find the 1% of people who have wise leadership ability?
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Paper 82: The Evolution of Marriage

1. Should we require the bride and groom to take courses on family education

before granting a marriage license?

2. How do men and women differ in their motivation and outlook on life?

3. What is the best way to control the sexual drive in young people before marriage is practical or advisable?

4. Is the current practice of tolerating cohabiting a sign that our traditional marriage mores are weakening or changing?

5. Are there ethical ways to eliminate grossly inferior people from reproducing in our society??

6. When should society encourage interracial marriage?

7. How serious is the sexual double standard today?

8. Is the Mormon belief that all people must be married a hangover from the ancient belief that unmarried people could not enter eternal life?

9. Why, until recently, was birth control considered immoral?

10. Is the main objection to in-marriage cultural or biological?

Paper 83: The Marriage Institution

1. Should premarital training be required by the State before granting marriage licenses?

2. Why have husband and wife relationships been compared with divine relationships?

3. What is the most frequent cause of separation and divorce today?
 4. Should there be different regulations regarding people who cannot find partners to marry?
 5. Is the breakdown in home training primarily responsible for the high crime rate today?
 6. Are the pre-marriage legal property agreements conducive to a happy marriage?
 7. What determines personality compatibility in marriage?
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Paper 84: Marriage and Family Life

1. Is home schooling more effective than public schooling?
 2. What is the best way to lessen the antagonistic cooperation between men and women?
 3. Do women still outgeneral men in the home?
 4. What are the greatest obstacles to establishing equality of men and women?
 5. How well do men and women understand each other? What are the mental dissimilarities of men and women?
 6. What is the difference between men's rights and women's rights?
 7. Is the pleasure motive undermining the stability of the home?
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Paper 85: The Origin of Worship

1. What are some of the current day illusions that may be included in our religion?
 2. Is the symbolism of animals such as lambs, doves, snakes, or eagles a healthy practice?
 3. Is the origin of the term “Sunday” the respect of early man’s reverence of the sun?
 4. Is the practice of “sainting” people a constructive practice in Christianity?
 5. Among contemporary human beings which tends to be dominant, the adjutant of worship or the adjutant of wisdom?
 6. Why has superstition lasted so long in religion?
 7. Is the use of “diving rods” to find water a superstition?
 8. Is the general respect for mountains a carry over from the time when people believed they were inhabited by spirits?
 9. Why have people associated various aspects of nature with worship?
 10. How are thunder, lightning, fire, and light associated with the divine today?
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Paper 86: The Early Evolution of Religion

1. Do we still entertain the notion when we experience good fortune that something bad will happen to counterbalance the good?
 2. Why do people continue to spend money on a lottery when they know the odds are overwhelming against their winning anything?
 3. Why do human beings fall victim to excessive anxiety?
 4. Are most people shaped more by value decisions or chance happenings?
 5. Why are pain and suffering essential to progressive evolution?
 6. What do Christians think about the nature of the soul?
 7. How do Christians think of their resurrected appearance?
 8. To what extent do people today view life in terms of scientific cause and effect?
 9. Do Christians still believe that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom?
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Paper 87: The Ghost Cults

1. Why have human beings tended to view spirit forces as dangerous rather than helpful?
2. Why do we still use practices of ancient defenses against evil, such as burning candles or using holy water, even though we no longer believe in their efficacy?
3. Why do people still think they can bargain with God?

4. Why do we use “solemn style” in prayer rather than common language?
 5. Why do some people think that fasting or sex suppression is a way to get benefits from God?
 6. What kind of religious organizations will carry the teachings of the Urantia Papers to the world?
 7. What are the most important suggestions for a new cult given by this Brilliant Evening Star?
 8. What masterful mystery and worthwhile unattainable will new religious organizations have?
 9. Why were we given this paper on Ghost Cults?
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Paper 88: Fetishes, Charms, and Magic

1. What fetishes do contemporary people believe in?
2. Are pilgrimages to the tombs of great men a form of fetishism?
3. Has the Bible been used as a fetish?
4. Has the atonement doctrine become a fetish?
5. Have we made a fetish of democracy?
6. Do people still practice magic to get results?
7. Are the use of titles and degrees a form of magic?

8. Why do we revere relics?

9. Is taking an oath on the Bible a form of refined fetishism?

Paper 89: Sin, Sacrifice, and Atonement

1. Why have physical pleasures or possessions been regarded as evil? Are the teachings of Paul primarily responsible for such views?

2. What is the difference between irrational renunciation and mortification and rational self-discipline?

3. Do we still make foolish and needless vows?

4. Why did human beings believe God demanded barbarous human sacrifice?

5. Is bargaining with God still a common religious practice?

6. Are the use of sacraments in religion a primitive practice?

7. What new techniques can we use in achieving the self-consciousness of salvation?

8. How much do Christians today believe in the angry God depicted some places in the Old Testament?

9. What are some of the current taboos or irrational behaviors in American society?

10. Is the Catholic requirement of confession a help or hindrance to spiritual

growth for most people?

Paper 90: Shamanism—Medicine Men and Priests

1. To what extent is religion second-handed today?
 2. Was the influence of the shrewd and clever medicine men and priests an advance over the leadership of the strong?
 3. Why do people still believe that mediums can get in touch with the spirits of the dead?
 4. How do contemporary people use chance in making decisions?
 5. Why do people today believe in the classifications of astrology?
 6. Do we still use unscientific methods of treating disease?
 7. Are priests and pastors still holding back spiritual progress?
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Paper 91: The Evolution of Prayer

1. Do people generally regard material things as the province of prayer?
2. How can prayer be a stimulus for action? Do religious people tend to substitute prayer for action?

3. How does prayer add to the efficacy of other remedial procedures?
 4. Why do people bargain with God or think they need to persuade God to do good things?
 5. Is service more effective than meditation in connecting us with God?
 6. What are the practical tests of effective praying?
 7. How does knowing that words are irrelevant in prayer change our prayer life?
 8. Why should people know when they are being prayed for?
 9. How important is ritual and symbols in religion?
 10. How does one habitually pray in the light of scientific facts, philosophic wisdom, intellectual sincerity, and spiritual faith?
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Paper 92: The Later Evolution of Prayer

1. Why has fear occupied such a large place in Christianity in spite of Jesus' teaching about the love of God?
2. How are conscience and the will of God related?
3. Why is religion the most rigid and unyielding of all human institutions?
4. How does one bring change in religion and condition religionists to be open to change?

5. How close to evolutionary religion are the teachings of the Urantia Papers?
 6. Will the Urantia Papers bring a “suddenly revealed” religion to our world?
 7. Can the teachings of the Urantia Papers serve as both the eternal foundation and the guiding star of humankind?
 8. Why is it important to be tolerant with outmoded religion?
 9. What can we learn from all of the religions of the world?
 10. How many sources of superanimal influence do we have?
 11. Is there evidence today that humankind want a redefinition of religion?
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Paper 93: Machiventa Melchizedek

1. Why did the Most Highs of Edentia and Father Melchizedek dismiss the plea of the Melchizedeks for help in refreshing the concept of God on our world?
2. Is it surprising that Moses received some of the advanced teachings of Machiventa through his family?
3. Why was the simple creed of the Salem religion beyond the capacity of these people to fully accept?
4. Does Machiventa’s sacrament of bread and wine have any relationship to Jesus’ sacrament of bread and wine?

5. Was the Melchizedek's research into the leadership of Abraham's family and Machiventa's mission in the area of Salem a factor in Michael's bestowal in this geographic region?
 6. Was Machiventa's formal covenant with Abraham related to the later birth of Isaac?
 7. What do you think will be the future of Machiventa Melchizedek?
 8. How did Machiventa Melchizedek learn over a half dozen languages?
 9. Who were the three celestial beings who appeared to Abraham?
 10. Do you think the children of Adam and Eve will come back to our world some day?
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Paper 94: The Melchizedek Teachings in the Orient

1. What was the cause of the depersonalizing concept of God in Brahman theology?
2. Why did the Brahman philosophy come very close to universe truth without actually understanding spiritual reality?
3. What might have caused the revitalization of religion in the 6th century B. C.?
4. Why did the high spiritual teachings of Lao-tse deteriorate?
5. What was the basic value of Gautama Siddhartha's teaching?
6. If we had the missionary zeal of Asoka, would the teachings of the Urantia

Papers soon dominate the world?

7. Why is Buddhism probably the best religious background for presenting the teachings of the Urantia Papers in Asia?

8. Are the Hindu religious leaders ready for the Urantia Papers?

9. Why didn't the high spiritual concepts of the Chinese exert leadership in the world?

Paper 95: The Melchizedek Teachings in the Levant

1. Why during the Melchizedek era was Sunday regarded as an evil day?

2. How does one use the evolutionary process to bring about change?

3. How could have Ikhnoton promoted monotheism so that it would have survived his death?

4. Why did Egypt lose its dominance in religious teachings?

5. How did Zoroastrianism influence Christianity?

6. Will printing and the Internet insure the availability of the teachings of religious leaders in the future?

7. How will scientific facts, universal education, and political democracy change Islam?

Paper 96: Yahweh -- God of the Hebrews

1. How important was the training Moses received from both of his parents in the teachings of Machiventa Melchizedek?
2. Why was it wise for Moses to use the ancient term “Yahweh” for his new description of God?
3. How did the teaching of Moses that the Hebrews were a chosen people help mold them into a nation?
4. Why is there always a tendency for people to lose belief in higher religious concepts and revert to more primitive forms of belief?
5. How do we arrive at our concept of God?
6. Do Christians recognize the wide range of quality in the Book of Psalms?
7. How does the theology of the Old Testament harmonize with New Testament teachings?
8. Why was the versatility and adaptability of Moses the result of this mixed biological heritage?
9. Why was it possible to continue the evolution of the God concept of the Hebrews?
10. Contrast the Biblical picture of Israel’s deliverance from Egypt and *The Urantia Book* account.
11. What is the message of Job?

Paper 97: Evolution of the God Concept Among the Hebrews

1. What kind of action would be appropriate in promoting the Urantia Papers?
 2. In what sense do Christians regard themselves as a special or chosen people?.
 3. What aspects of religion should we be trying to reform today?
 4. Do Christians still regard the fictitious, politically inspired Jewish history as sacred history?
 5. Why have the priests and professional religionists dominated and held back spiritual growth?
 6. Why didn't Second Isaiah's concept of God become dominant in Judaism?
 7. Is religion still dominated by social action and economics?
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Paper 98: The Melchizedek Teachings in the Occident

1. Why did Melchizedek ask his missionaries not to organize congregations of worship?
2. What causes the domination of the intellectual/theological over the spiritual?
3. How can self-preservation (salvation) be balanced with self-realization and self-understanding?

4. Why did the emotionalism of the mystery cults overtake the philosophy of the Greeks?
 5. How is Christianity changing today?
 6. How would the gospel of Jesus take form in the Orient?
 7. *The Urantia Papers* unify religion, philosophy, and science with universe cosmology. Will this establish a new religious orientation on our world?
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Paper 99: The Social Problems of Religion

1. Why shouldn't religious institutions be involved with secular institutions?
2. What new planetary destiny are we heading toward?
3. What are forms of loveless zeal in religion?
4. Has science and academic learning strengthened or weakened religion in America?
5. How can we prevent religion from being stereotyped and formalized?
6. How can we separate psychological opinions and theological beliefs from the ideals and purposes of religion?
7. What is necessary before religion can reconstruct itself?
8. What is causing the rapid changes in culture and civilization?
9. How can the church help to alleviate the fears and anxieties of people and

stabilize their lives?

Paper 100: Religion in Human Experience

1. What are the main causes of prejudice and ignorance?
 2. What is the difference between personal religious faith and theological belief?
 3. If one is not experiencing spiritual conflict and perplexities, is this a sign that we are not growing spiritually?
 4. How should we treat mystical experiences?
 5. Is increasing patience, forbearance, fortitude, and tolerance the result of living by high spiritual ideals?
 6. How do we achieve inner peace and immunity to disappointment?
 7. What is the key to developing a strong and unified personality?
 8. How does one facilitate spiritual growth?
 9. Is happiness the result of spiritual growth?
 10. Would we have a more accurate understanding of people if we assumed their motives were good?
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Paper 101: The Real Nature of Religion

1. How can thoughts dominate feelings in human experience?
 2. Is spiritual growth more closely associated with new insights regarding well known phenomena or in discovering new realities?
 3. How does experience validate revelation?
 4. How does one explain spiritual faith in the face of difficult and tragic human experience?
 5. How important is education and learning to a vital religion?
 6. How will the limitations of cosmology in the Urantia Papers effect its spiritual insights?
 7. How can we tell whether we are free from all conventional and traditional handicaps and are thinking, acting, and living honestly, loyally, fearlessly and truthfully?
 8. On what level of religious philosophy is the average church member?
 9. Would most of the teachings of the church be classified as “beliefs” or “faith?”
 10. Why have philosophers and theologians advanced rational proof of the existence of God?
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Paper 102: Foundations of Religious Faith

1. How do we explain the fact that religious people “exhibit a stabilization of

personality and tranquility of character not explainable by the laws of physiology, psychology, and sociology?"

2. What is the difference between a living religion and the belief in doctrines and dogmas?

3. How do we achieve a balanced knowledge of facts, meanings, and values?

4. How do we tell whether our actions are motivated by religion or some other source?

5. How do we recognize the necessity of thought while at the same time discounting the spiritual serviceableness of all thinking?

6. Does religious speculation tend to translate religion into something material or humanistic rather than unselfish acts of social service?

7. Why has institutional religion and theologians usually held back religious development and prophets led spiritual growth?

8. What is the ideal relationship of science, philosophy, and religion?

9. How does religious speculation differ from personal religious experience?

10. Has institutional religion lagged behind the advancing mores of society?

Paper 103: The Reality of Religious Experience

1. What is the basic problem preventing religionists to unite in goals and ideals and

allow diversity of interpretations?

2. Pressure can change behavior, but spiritual growth must come from within; nevertheless, doesn't suffering sometimes stimulate insights and decisions which contribute to spiritual growth?

3. How well have the Urantia Papers unified science, philosophy, and religion?

4. Since the soul is morontial in nature, can soul-thinking help integrate the material and spiritual aspects of experience?

5. How are reason, wisdom, faith, and truth related?

6. What does it mean to be spiritually "born again?"

7. Why does spiritual religious experience transcend all other human abilities and resources?

8. To what extent does religion change our environment?

9. What are the characteristics of an "overdeveloped altruistic drive?"

Paper 104: Growth of the Trinity Concept

1. Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the second person of the Paradise Trinity?

2. Is the Trinity's character as an entity of nonpersonal function, as in administering justice, a new concept in Christianity?

3. How do the triunities help us understand the functional unification of infinity?

4. How is the Triodity of Actuality involved in the actualization of the experiential Deities?
 5. Why did the revelators include a description of the triunities and the triodities in this paper?
 6. What practical illustrations or analogies can we use to make Trinity concepts more understandable?
 7. How will the Urantia Papers effect the development of theology in the future?
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Paper 105: Deity and Reality

1. Does the sequential explanation of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity help us understand their function?
2. How do the Seven Absolutes of Infinity lay a foundation of explanation for all of the actuals and potentials of the universe in time and eternity?
3. Do unity, duality, and triunity interrelationships of the I AM clarify the foundations of reality or make reality more difficult to understand?
4. Why does relative finite reality with evolutionary growth complement finite reality that was created perfect?
5. How does mortal participation in finite divine creation add to the meaningfulness and joy of our evolutionary pilgrimage?
6. Why have the revelators told us about transcendentals that are

superfinite and supercreatural which we cannot understand?

7. What is the value of the difficult conceptual level of this paper?

Paper 106: Universe Levels of Reality

1. Why is the universe levels of reality helpful in spite of our many limitations of comprehension?
 2. How is our partnership with the Creator facilitated in our evolutionary growth?
 3. How does God the Sevenfold serve as a ladder in our spiritual growth?
 4. How might the evolutionary power of the Supreme differ from the existential power of Paradise?
 5. What can we understand of the presence of God the Ultimate in Havona in the absonite and superpersonal sense?
 6. What is the value of contemplating the finality of destiny which is endless?
 7. How do existentials and experientials work together in the universe?
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Paper 107: Origin and Nature of Thought Adjusters

1. Do Christians believe the Spirit of God indwells human minds?
2. Why is the name “Mystery Monitors” given to Thought Adjusters?

3. Why do high spirit beings know less about Divinington than the other six secret spheres of Paradise?
 4. What is the subjective effect of knowing that no limit can be placed on mortals who have fused with Adjusters?
 5. Why are the Thought Adjusters able to use the material circuits of the grand universe?
 6. What is the best explanation of the volitional ability of Thought Adjusters?
 7. How does this view of fusion with the Spirit of God differ from the view of Christians concerning life after death?
 8. How are experiential and existential realities related?
 9. What is the difference between conscience and the guidance of Thought Adjusters?
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Paper 108: Mission and Ministry of Thought Adjusters

1. How does it help Adjusters to know our heredity and probable intellectual endowments?
2. Why is experience so important to human beings and God?
3. Why do you think the Adjusters can communicate throughout the universe even on isolated planets?

4. Do we have any awareness of the Adjuster registering messages in our minds?
 5. Does life that is difficult and rugged result in spiritual growth?
 6. How do our decisions serve as a “psychic fulcrum” used by the Adjuster?
 7. How does one communicate with the indwelling Adjuster?
 8. Why has fear played such an important role in religion?
 9. Why would a personal seraphic guardian be assigned to a person before Adjuster indwelling?
 10. Is it surprising that the Solitary Messengers are possibly involved in influences which they are not aware of?
 11. How can we tell when we are getting Adjuster guidance?
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Paper 109: Relation of Adjusters to Universe Creatures

1. Why is the activity of Adjusters primarily involved in rehearsing the realities of our future universe career?
2. What is unique about experience that cannot be duplicated by existential reality?
3. What might self-acting Adjusters be doing on our world?
4. How can we tell whether our abilities are primarily the result of Adjuster help or natural capacities?

5. How should we evaluate our ideas and motives to ascertain if they are harmonious with Adjuster guidance?
 6. How can we eliminate our preconceived opinions and prejudices?
 7. What might have been the crisis on our world not long since when the Vorondadek observer assumed an emergency regency?
 8. How do we distinguish between true and false ideas and leadings?
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Paper 110: Relation of Adjusters to Individual Mortals

1. How can we develop a consciousness of partnership with God?
2. How do the mental poisons of fear, anger, and negative emotions interfere with the Adjuster's influence?
3. How do we discover the Adjuster's ideal plan for our lives?
4. How can we tell if our will is harmonious with the will of our Adjuster?
5. How can we guard against mistaking our purely human ideas from the guidance of the Adjuster?
6. Are the "trifles of living" primarily related to material concerns?
7. How does one facilitate psychic circle growth by the development of our entire personality?
8. Since the Adjuster is constantly communicating with us, how can we

subliminally respond?

9. What is the difference between controlling our thinking and spiritualizing our thinking?

10. How do we defile and pollute our physical bodies?

11. Is the idea of achieving fusion with a fragment of God a new concept?

Paper 111: The Adjuster and the Soul

1. What is the key to mastering our minds and shaping our destiny?

2. Why does present day psychology and theology have so little to say about the soul?

3. How can we use the mid-mind of the soul in our thinking?

4. Are three quarters of our youth engaged in materialistic work or professions?

5. If happiness and joy take origin in the inner life, how can we change our thinking if we are unhappy or depressed?

6. How do we distinguish self-confidence from pride and egotism?

7. How can we live in the vicissitudes of our material lives and at the same time live in the realities of spiritual values and destiny?

8. If we unreservedly chose to do the Father's will, how does this effect the

capabilities of our soul?

9. How do we determine that meanings and values are supermaterial perceptions?

10. Are poverty, hatred, divorce, and war the result of a lack of spiritual ideals?

11. Is happiness primarily a condition of mind orientation rather than our external environment or relationships?

Paper 112: Personality Survival

1. Why is it difficult to define personality?

2. How do Christians understand the “soul?”

3. Why are sincere, persistent, steadfast God-seeking decisions so important to spiritual growth?

4. What do you think of the outward form of our appearance reflecting the inner quality of our personality?

5. How do you think we will recognize each other on the mansion worlds?

6. To what extent is partnership with God a new concept on our world?

7. What do you think of the destiny of being rulers and administrators on the worlds of outer space?

8. How does this description of resurrection differ from Christian views?

9. What is the dominant functional service of personality?

10. Why does the unity of selfhood and the self-consciousness of personality indicate that mortals are potentially spirit beings?

11. What is the practical value of knowledge of mind death?

12. Why has the Solitary Messenger be restricted from sharing the “many interesting details” associated with our death and resurrection?

Paper 113: Seraphic Guardians of Destiny

1. Why have Christian theologians had little to say about angels?

2. What might Guardian angels and cherubim do to help us grow spiritually?

3. How do we distinguish between constructive fear and destructive fear and eradicate the latter?

4. How do we develop a warm and loving relationship with our Guardian angels?

5. On the mansion worlds will the record of our planetary life taken by our Guardian angels be available to us?

6. How can we discern what new and progressive experiences our Guardian angels are suggesting to us?

7. How does our relationship with our Guardian angels change throughout our ascension career?

8. Why are numbers of identification helpful in understanding individuals in the

universe?

9. Why might our terrestrial environment be manipulated?

Paper 114: Seraphic Planetary Government

1. How will knowledge of the vast numbers of seraphim on our world effect the thinking and acting of civic and religious institutions?
2. When do you think Machiventa Melchizedek will assume his appointment as Vicegerent Planetary Prince?
3. What might have been the crisis of our world the times when the most High Observer seized control of planetary supervision?
4. Why are the race commissioners very active on our world?
5. Are the replacement of group Master Seraphim of Planetary Supervision related to greater progress needs in these areas?
6. Why is the nature of the function of the reserve corps of universe-conscious citizens not revealed?
7. At what stage in our history do you think Michael will return to our world?
8. Will our world know when the Lucifer rebellion is finally adjudicated?
9. Will the multiple sources of planetary control terminate when Machiventa

becomes our Planetary Prince?

Paper 115: The Supreme Being

1. Why can we have only relative concepts of God or reality?
 2. What is the finite value of knowing that there are absolute and absolute levels of reality?
 3. What is the philosophical value of viewing reality as the original I AM, the actual triodity of the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and the Isle of Paradise, and the potential triodity of the Deity, Unqualified, and Universal Absolutes?
 4. What is the meaning of the philosophical conclusion that there is no end to growth in the universe?
 5. What in Ultimate divinity might exist beyond the Supreme concepts of truth, beauty, goodness?
 6. What possibilities of Supreme cosmic ministry might take place not manifest in the Eternal Son, Infinite Spirit, and the Isle of Paradise?
 7. How does the Supreme Being combine the influences of the Absolutes of Actuality on Paradise and the Absolutes of Potentiality?
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Paper 116: The Almighty Supreme

1. How have theologians tried to explain the problem of evil?

2. How does God the Sevenfold relate to the concept of God in Christianity?
 3. In the face of the human desire for simplicity, how does the explanation that the spirit and personality of the Supreme Being is in the Paradise Trinity, the Supreme Mind stems from the Infinite Spirit, and the origin of the Almighty Supreme is in the power potentials of the Supreme Creators help us in understanding God the Supreme?
 4. How does the control of power in the universe differ from the views of present day religion and science?
 5. To what extent does mind dominate our physical bodies?
 6. How does history show evidence of the gradual direction and dominance of spirit in civilization and culture?
 7. What evidence do we have that the universe is a living organism?
 8. When will the power of the Almighty stemming from the Creator Sons, the Ancients of Days, and the Master Spirits be complete?
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Paper 117: God the Supreme

1. How does the knowledge that we are co-creating the future of the universe effect our current living?
2. Is there evidence that an evolutionary Deity is harmonious with contemporary religion?
3. What is the potential value of living in the immanence of the Supreme?

4. Why do we experience some people as more real than others?
 5. What practical evidence is there that “when man gives God all that he *has*, then does God make that man more than he *is*?”
 6. How does love remain alive in our lives?
 7. What is the advantage of living in the relatively young development of the universe of universes?
 8. Why are we inspired by the perfecting process of truth, beauty, and goodness?
 9. When the God the Supreme becomes sovereign of the grand universe, what will happen to the Trinity personalities now serving as the rulers of the grand universe?
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Paper 118: Supreme and Ultimate—Time and Space

1. Why are the Urantia Papers the first revelation of the cosmology of the universe of universes?
2. Is it possible to perceive truth separated from its time-space associations?
3. Why is God’s foreknowledge, omniscience, not human predestination?
4. What happens when we go beyond our evolutionary growth preparation?
5. What prevents the over rapid growth potential of the Urantia Papers from causing danger in our culture?

6. How do the mechanisms of the universe prevent over rapid growth?
 7. How do we determine the real nature of our apparent good fortune or bad fortune?
 8. Why does a mature person live more intensely in the present?
 9. What is the difference between the ubiquity of Deity and the ultimacy of the of the divine omnipresence?
 10. How are the functions of providence and the Trinity related?
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Paper 119: The Bestowals of Christ Michael

1. How does the vast amount of time it took Michael to create the universe of Nebadon and earn his sovereignty condition our appreciation of his fatherly love?
2. Why were the early bestowals of Michael not formally announced?
3. Why was Michael's exceptional service as a Material Son and a morontia mortal not given to us?
4. Why was there full publicity of Michael's seventh bestowal?
5. Why were Chaldean priests informed of the birth of Jesus?
6. Why did Michael ask the Trinity Sons to stay in our universe?
7. Why do you think Michael selected the specific types of beings for his seven bestowals?

8. Why have the authors of the Bible assumed that Immanuel was another name for Jesus?

9. In Michael's bestowals, did he know he was the Creator Son of Nebadon?

Discussion Questions for a study of the Urantia Papers

by Meredith Sprunger

Paper 120: The Bestowal of Michael on Urantia

1. Why do you think the Universal Father required Michael to incarnate in the likeness of all of the various orders of his created beings?
 2. Why was the termination of the Lucifer rebellion by Michael as a mortal of the realm superior to terminating it as Creator of the universe?
 3. Why is the life of Jesus more of an inspiration to human beings rather than an example?
 4. In what way did Jesus present “some things practical and immediately helpful” to human beings?
 5. How did Jesus “enhance the revelation of God?”
 6. How do you envision that the life and teachings of Jesus will “become the common heritage of all religions and all people?”
 7. How did Jesus introduce “an enduring and improved system of positive religious ethics?”
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Paper 121: The Times of Michael’s Bestowal

1. Is the increased interest in spiritual phenomena today similar to the spiritual dynamics in the world at the time of the coming of Jesus?
2. Just as the European civilization was unified at the time of Jesus, is the growing unity of our world today a prelude to the spread of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
3. Just as the spread of synagogues throughout the Roman world afforded an aegis for the spread of the Gospel, is the world wide spread of Christianity a means for the spread of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
4. What is the dominant philosophy of the twentieth and twenty-first century secular world?
5. What are the sources striving to overcome Paul’s erroneous doctrines of atonement and hereditary guilt?
6. How does society overcome legalism and dogmatism?
7. What do you think of the candid statement of sources used by the midwayers in restating the life and teachings of Jesus?
8. Who are the prominent teachers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries?
9. Two thousand years from the present, will world scholars look back and say that

the world mission of the United States was more spiritual than political?

10. Considering the great influence the Gospels have made in history, what effect will the Fifth Epochal Revelation have on our world?

Paper 122: Birth and Infancy of Jesus

1. What can we learn from the elaborate process of selecting the parents of Jesus?
 2. How important is heredity in our spiritual development?
 3. Why did Gabriel appear to Elizabeth before his appearance to Mary?
 4. How important are dreams in our spiritual growth?
 5. Will Christian leaders reject the Fifth Epochal Revelation as the leaders of Judaism rejected the Fourth Epochal Revelation?
 6. Were the different theological views of Joseph and Mary conducive to the more inclusive religion of Jesus?
 7. Are the myths surrounding the birth of Jesus constructive in our scientific age?
 8. Do you think Elizabeth's conception of John after many years of childless marriage was a natural event or was some supermortal influence involved?
 9. What does the action of Herod tell about his belief system?
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Paper 123: The Early Childhood of Jesus

1. Had Jesus grown up in Alexandria, would his life been more effective?
 2. How does our parental training compare with that of Jewish parents of Jesus' day?
 3. What do you think of a grade school boy being fluent in three languages? Should we be teaching children more than one language?
 4. If guardian seraphim are limited in their ability to perform physical tasks, what is their service in our lives?
 5. Do you think Jesus' decision to stay in Nazareth was the result of divine guidance or human wisdom?
 6. Is there an ideal way to teach children to pray?
 7. How do you think Jesus' life would have changed if he had been educated in Jerusalem?
 8. Is it surprising that the extended family of Joseph was so caring for the Nazareth family?
 9. Was Jesus' ability to milk the family cow, make cheese, and weave as a seven year old unusual?
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Paper 124: The Later Childhood of Jesus

1. Are there creative activities today that are erroneously considered to be evil?
 2. Why do you think Jesus was not willing to engage in physical combat?
 3. Was the ambivalence of Jesus in selecting a vocation the result of being successful at everything he did? Is uncertainty and doubt helpful in spiritual growth?
 4. What was the source of Jesus' amazing self-control in never again mentioning athletic games when rebuked by his father?
 5. How do you suppose Joseph and Mary reacted when they entered the Mansion Worlds and discovered the real nature of Jesus?
 6. Why was Jesus not interested in plans for him to attend the Hebrew Academy?
 7. Why did the messenger sent by Immanuel appear to Jesus at the Passover in Jerusalem?
 8. Were Jesus' unusual abilities the result of natural human resources or supernatural influence?
 9. Why do you suppose that Joseph and Mary made no comment when he talked about his life mission?
 10. Is questioning the nature of things a sign of a growing and progressive mind?
 11. Is it surprising that Jesus gave up his artistic activities even though he did not believe it was wrong?
 12. What types of discretion should we exercise so as not to upset people?
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Paper 125: Jesus at Jerusalem

1. Is there a better argument against the wrath of God than Jesus gave his father? Are Christians today still motivated by fear of an "angry God?"
 2. When we are troubled and disturbed by the activities of our religion, is it likely that our indwelling Spirit is preparing us to attempt to change these activities?
 3. Is it strange that Jesus was not concerned about the whereabouts of his parents?
 4. What practices in the Christian Church may be an affront to the nature of God?
 5. How is our education today missing opportunities for spiritual stimulation and growth?
 6. Did Jesus "deliver (his) people from their bondage" of tradition?
 7. What effect did Mary's patriotic and nationalistic goals have on Jesus?
 8. Was the sagacity of Jesus' questions more the result of his human mind or his divine nature?
 9. Was Mary justified in rebuking Jesus?
 10. What attitudes of traditional religion discourage spiritual growth?
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Paper 127: The Adolescent Years

1. What is the best way to choose a path different than what those closest to us are urging us to do?
 2. What might Jesus and John have talked about in their intimate and personal conversations about their life missions?
 3. Why is hopeful courage so difficult for some people to achieve in depressing situations?
 4. Why do people often use negative injunctions rather than positive motivation?
 5. What do you think of Rebecca's love for Jesus and his response?
 6. Are there parallels today of observing the Passover without the paschal lamb?
 7. How do we coordinate material necessities with spiritual ideals?
 8. How does knowing that Jesus faced and overcame more difficult problems than we will face help us in overcoming our difficulties?
 9. What do you think about the strategy of the Chazan and James in helping Jesus in his refusal to join the patriotic movement?
 10. How do we integrate and organize our minds?
 11. How can Jesus' remarkable life inspire us?
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Paper 128: Jesus' Early Manhood

1. How will the Jesus Seminar theologians who attempt to understand Jesus from a purely human point of view react to the Life and Teachings of Jesus presented by the Midwayer Commission?
2. How should young people be trained to assume responsibility for their lives?
3. Mary's preconceived ideas about Jesus' life mission prevented her from understanding Jesus; how can we guard against being misled by preconceived ideas?
4. Why was Jesus tempted to become the head of a School of Philosophy in Damascus? Why wasn't this the Father's will?
5. Even though Jesus attempted to disguise his spectacular life and warned the apostles against emphasizing his life rather than his teachings, Christianity became a religion about him. Will the Fifth Epochal Revelation change this?
6. Why is the mastery of our minds so important?
7. How was Jesus able to detach the various episodes of his life so that he was not recognized later?
8. What type of responsibilities should children be given in contemporary homes?
9. How does one explain the remarkable influence of Jesus' conversation with Stephen?

10. Why would the message Jesus brought to our world not fit into his career as a religious teacher in Alexandria?

Paper 129: The Later Adult Life of Jesus

1. What can we learn from the way Jesus scheduled his free time?
 2. What kind of mental and physical activity stimulates progress toward contact with our Thought Adjuster?
 3. Why do you think Jesus did not want his family and others to know about his trip to Rome?
 4. Since Jesus was not trained in the Jerusalem Academies, what teaching options were open to him?
 5. If it was Jesus intention to not build an overattractive career, why is this amazing personal career now revealed in The Urantia Book?
 6. In terms of spiritual inspiration, contrast Jesus' personal ministry with his public ministry?
 7. Why us Jesus' life more of an inspiration than an example?
 8. Does it make any difference whether the unusual opportunities in our lives are caused by chance or unknown supermortal direction?
 9. Does the description of Jesus' trip to Rome make it more difficult for Christians to accept the life and teachings of Jesus in the Urantia Book?
 10. How do you think Jesus' life and teachings might be reported on other inhabited worlds?
 11. Is spiritual development always a gradual growth?
 12. Is it always better not to give advice unless it is asked for?
 13. How can we interest young people in the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
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Paper 130: On the Way to Rome

1. When is it wise to correct the erroneous views of people?
2. How do we assert the mastery of evil by the power of good?
3. How do we avoid the division between scientific facts and spiritual values?
4. What are some of the static concepts in science, politics, and religion that are deficient in wisdom and devoid of truth?
5. How can we tell when the time is right for an action or activity?
6. How does one explain the fact that many of the contacts Jesus made in his personal ministry turn up in roles in or after his public ministry?
7. What is meant by the statement, "circular simultaneity (will) increasingly

displace the onetime consciousness of the linear sequence of events?”

8. Is it wise to tell children that animals have a future existence?

9. Why do some people who were raised in the Christian culture join other religions?

10. What is the difference between knowledge and truth?

11. Jesus was a very knowledgeable and intellectually sophisticated person; how will this image effect many people who have believed he was a poor, unlettered and unsophisticated person?

12. How do we avoid turning evil into sin?

13. Our world is ready for spiritual growth; where are we failing to bring the Fifth Epochal Revelation?

14. In aspiring to be Godlike, how do we find our areas of creativity?

15. What are the dangers of unspiritual learning in our universities?

16. What constitutes a mind that “has no capacity for sonship?”

Paper 131: The World's Religions

1. What was the purpose of the Midwayer Commission in including this paper on the world's religions?

2. Do you think that anger, pride, deceit, and greed are the four greatest passions?

3. How do we balance humility and self-confidence?

4. Is there a universal ethic?

5. If the religions of the world identified with these excerpts, would we have the basis for a unified world religion?

6. How should we regard the religious scriptures of the world?

7. Which nourishes spiritual growth more, the family relationships of religious fellowship or the theological teachings of religion?

8. Did Ganid select the best of the Old Testament in his report on Judaism?

9. How would you describe the wisdom of Buddhism?

10. Is the Hindu religion more inclusive than the scope of other religions?

11. What spiritual insights of Taoism are unique?

12. Is Ganid's statement of religion a fair representation of the religion of Jesus?

Paper 132: The Sojourn in Rome

1. 1. Would Jesus' technique of emphasizing the truth in the beliefs of people and ignoring their errors work today? Should we ignore the blood atonement doctrine in Christianity?

2. Are theologians today intellectual parrots of “correct” religious theories or

creative spiritual leaders?

3. If truth cannot be defined by words, what is the purpose of theology?
 4. Why must truth be validated by faith?
 5. Why did the revelators decide to bring the Fifth Epochal Revelation in the form of a book instead of a living personality?
 6. Are scientists more influenced by facts or the philosophic interpretation of those facts?
 7. What is the meaning of the statement, “Buddha knew God in spirit but failed to clearly discover him in mind?”
 8. How could one teach most by saying least?
 9. How does prayer unify the various inspirations of creative imagination?
 10. Why do you think the revelators included the extensive principles of handling wealth?
 11. How compatible are scientists and religionists today?
 12. Are the wealthy treated better in our courts than the poor?
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Paper 133: The Return from Rome

1. Why didn't Jesus say “Good-bye” to his friends in Rome?
 2. What do you think of the observation that mercy is an individual responsibility while judgment should always be a group decision?
 3. What spiritual guidance do we have for determining the use of authority and decision-making in martial relationships and the home?
 4. What do you think of Jesus' handling of the courtesans?
 5. What aspects of spiritual growth are the people of mainline Christianity ready for today?
 6. What definition of the soul have the authors of The Urantia Papers added to the tradition concept of the soul?
 7. Observing the way Christianity built on the cultural-religious foundations of Judaism, how can the Fifth Epochal Revelation most effectively build on the cultural base of Christianity?
 8. Are the Urantia Papers the first epochal revelation attempting to unify matter, mind, and spirit—fact, meaning, and value—science, philosophy, and religion?
 9. Why is intellectual pride a handicap to spiritual growth?
 10. Why did people who knew Jesus before his public ministry not recognize him as a public teacher?
 11. What are the spiritual reasons for the principle of nonviolence?
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Paper 134: The Transition Years

1. Why was Palestine the best place for the public ministry of Jesus?
 2. What might have been the issue of disagreement between the seraphim of the churches and the seraphim of progress regarding the Urmia lectures?
 3. Will the Fifth Epochal Revelation result in all of the world religions surrendering their spiritual sovereignty in recognizing God's sovereignty?
 4. What are the conditions that will bring about world government?
 5. Contrast the story of the New Testament temptations of Jesus with the confrontation of Jesus with Satan and Caligastia in the Urantia Papers.
 6. How do you visualize the great change in Jesus that resulted in people not recognizing him as a public and authoritative teacher?
 7. Why do we have so many intolerant religionists in our world?
 8. What would happen if we had an ongoing lecture series in our religious institutions where the truths and beliefs of different religions were presented?
 9. Why do you suppose Cymboyton lived and died without revealing his personal religious beliefs?
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Paper 135: John the Baptist

1. Were the scriptures of Judaism a help or a hindrance in assisting John the Baptist in his sense of calling?
 2. With the great expectancy and readiness for the coming of "the kingdom of God," why wasn't Jesus more successful in Palestine?
 3. What does it mean to be confused in mind but not in spirit?
 4. Why do you suppose Jesus made no reply when John said, "Now I know that you are the Deliverer?"
 5. Why do you think Jesus did not go to visit John in prison?
 6. What spiritual lessons can we learn from the death of John the Baptist?
 7. What is the meaning of spiritual expectancy today?
 8. Why do you think John's parents decided for him to become a Nazarite?
 9. Was the expectancy of the Jewish people that the coming of the Messiah was imminent similar to the expectancy of the second coming of Christ before the coming of The Fifth Epochal Revelation?
 10. What is the explanation of John's statement, "I beheld the divine spirit descending upon this man" (135:9.7) and "Only the eyes of Jesus beheld the Personalized Adjuster?" (136:2.3)
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Paper 136: Baptism and the Forty Days

1. Do the people of the world still think of the coming kingdom of God in terms of the material world?
 2. Although Jesus probably could have won over the power structure of Judaism and the world by the display of supernatural power, why was it spiritually better to use none of this power?
 3. Why doesn't the end justify the means?
 4. What are contemporary forms of using power for selfish ends?
 5. Why doesn't selfish satisfaction and sensuous gratification lead to happiness?
 6. Should religious leaders use compromise and diplomacy to achieve spiritual purposes?
 7. Is spiritual growth achieved through difficult and suffering conditions stronger than spiritual growth attained under salubrious conditions?
 8. Why are guilt and repentance so prominent among many religious people?
 9. How do we gain the conquest of our minds by spirit guidance?
 10. What would a non-time being be like?
 11. What is the "natural, slow, and sure way to accomplishing the divine purpose?"
 12. Why are physical miracles and wonders not effective in increasing spiritual growth?
 13. Was Jesus' decision not to save himself a major factor in the origin of the blood atonement theory of salvation?
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Paper 137: Tarrying Time in Galilee

1. Andrew's involvement in service resulted in his being chosen as the first apostle, while the anxiety of James and John resulted in their not being chosen first. What spiritual insights might these events bring to mind?
2. What do you think of the logic Ezra used in rejecting Jesus as the Deliverer?
3. Why do spiritual developments often not follow our logical human expectations?
4. Was the instantaneous appearance of wine a help or a hindrance in the ministry of Jesus?
5. Is it comforting as we face our problems to know that even Jesus spend an entire night thinking about the way he would conduct his ministry?
6. Are the teachings of the Urantia Papers too difficult for most people of this generation to comprehend?
7. Jesus made it very clear that the kingdom of God was not a material kingdom; why did it take so long for his followers to fully understand and accept this view?
8. Contrast the selection of the apostles in the Urantia Papers and the New

Testament.

9. Was the meeting of Philip and Nathaniel with Jesus a chance meeting or were they guided by unconscious spiritual direction?

10. Do you think that Mary's problem of understanding Jesus ended when she entered the Mansion Worlds?

Paper 138: Training the Kingdom's Messengers

1. Why do you think Jesus decided not have members of his family as members of the corps of apostolic directors?

2. What was the purpose of allowing the first six apostles to chose an additional apostle?

3. Are there characteristics in the new apostles chosen that is suggested by the apostle who made the selection?

4. How do you imagine the apostles went about their work of personal evangelism?

5. What outreach lessons do we learn from the fact that human beings find that accepting new or enlarged concepts very difficult?

6. Does Jesus' warning not to develop a cult about him and his teaching suggest that theology and philosophy is not to be confused with or substituted for the Gospel—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man?

7. How do we distinguish between the “repentance of good works” and living faith?

8. In selecting his apostles, Jesus gave warnings to Peter, Thomas, and Judas. Is this because they had greater limitations than the other apostles?

9. Is there any evidence of the organization of the apostles in the New Testament?

Paper 139: The Ordination of the Twelve

1. What us the spiritual meaning of “salt that has lost its savor?”

2. How can we emotionally redirect inherited urges and unify our lives?

3. What is the key factor in distinguishing fatherly love from brotherly love?

4. Jesus said that we should seek first the kingdom of God and “all things needful shall be added to you.” Should this statement be taken literally?

5. Why does the religion of Jesus not provide for spiritual self-examination?

6. How should we interpret Jesus' statement, “some of you will not die until you have seen the reign of God come in great power?”

7. Why us it dangerous to take highly idealistic and spiritual principles and translate them into concrete rules of personal conduct?

8. Why did the authors of the Urantia Papers use “happy” instead of “Blessed” in

introducing the beatitudes?

9. Should we verbalize and record our worthy goals to more effectively direct our lives?

10. How would you distinguish between apostles and disciples in our day

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Paper 141: Beginning the Public Work

1. Why did Jesus largely ignore the imprisonment and death of John the Baptist?
 2. How does the Father's will become our will instead of our law?
 3. Why did Jesus refuse help solve the problems arising between the disciples of John and the newer disciples of Jesus?
 4. How will the vibrant picture of Jesus in the Urantia Papers change the traditional Christian view?
 5. How can religious organizations escape the tendency to influence people to think alike through the use of creeds and theological positions?
 6. What are the implications of Jesus' instruction not to take things out of the hearts of people?
 7. How does truth make us free and when does freedom become license?
 8. Is Jesus' depth of sadness surprising when his family did not come to wish them well when they began their public ministry?
 9. What is the place of spiritual ministry in healing the sick in contemporary medicine?
 10. Should we, like Jesus, teach and live the will of God in our lives and not be "anxiously bothered by the evil in the world?"
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Paper 142: The Passover at Jerusalem

1. Had Annas responded positively to Jesus and his teachings, would the history of religion on our world be much different?
2. What immature ideas of God and immature loving relationships with others do we have in our culture today?
3. How is the concept of God changing in our day?
4. By what spiritual standards should we evaluate art?
5. How does one evaluate the authenticity of the Urantia Papers?
6. Is use of the expression "born again" helpful or confusing in our Christian culture?
7. How do we apply spiritual motivation and interpretation to the difficult material problems facing each person and generation?
8. How can our culture and society instill the seven areas of family responsibility delineated by Jesus that are basic to family life?
9. Jesus and his apostles did much of their teaching by visiting in homes, as do the Mormon disciples; should we be doing more of this kind of ministry?

Paper 143: Going Through Samaria

1. Why is the policy of nonresistance and nonviolence still a problem in our world?
 2. How are we transformed by the Spirit of Truth?
 3. What is the difference between the freedom of self-mastery and the bondage of self-denial?
 4. How does one achieve self-forgetfulness?
 5. Who are the outsiders today that we are hesitant to accept?
 6. Do we use theology today to avoid discussing personal spiritual challenges or doubts?
 7. Are the values of the Fifth Epochal Revelation less prominent than the fact of The Urantia Book?
 8. Is nonviolence practical at our stage of culture?
 9. How do we know when to leave our problems and engage in a vacation and relaxation?
 10. If this is a “seek time” for the Fifth Epochal Revelation, when will our world experience a “reap time?”
 11. How does prayer expand insight?
 12. How do we determine complementary balance in our lives?
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Paper 144: At Gilboa and in the Decapolis

1. What is the purpose of persistence in prayer?
2. How does prayer change our attitudes and enlarge our soul’s capacity for spirit receptivity?
3. Is nonverbal prayer more useful than verbal prayer?
4. How does faith remove material difficulties to spiritual progress?
5. Is divine guidance given only to personal spiritual problems and not to group religious problems?
6. Why was there disagreement between the disciples of John and the apostles of Jesus in the use of the terms “repent” and “believe?”
7. How will the socialized religion of the Fifth Epochal Revelation be effected by the historic religions?
8. What are the significant differences between the prayer Jesus gave the apostles

and the contemporary Lord's Prayer of Christians?

9. What is the best way to teach children to pray?

10. What is the basic difference between the teachings of John and the teachings of Jesus?

Paper 145: Four Eventual Days at Capernaum

1. Why did Mary reject Jesus' ministry?

2. In what sense did the draught of the fishes border on the miraculous?

3. How important was the draught of the fishes to David Zebedee's remarkable service to Jesus?

4. How effectively in our culture do we distinguish between religion as a personal experience and religion as a group activity?

5. Why is physical healing not directly related to spiritual transformation or the establishment of a spiritual movement?

6. Why were the apostles unable to understand the behavior of Jesus?

7. Was the sundown healing a help or a hindrance to Jesus' spiritual ministry?

8. What are some of the false assumptions that contemporary people make about health and physical healing?

9. Why do many people believe that whatever happens to them that God is directly involved in what takes place?

Paper 146: First Preaching Tour of Galilee

1. Do you think the Urantia Papers will be distorted by the teachings of Christianity?

2. How has our scientific age changed attitudes toward prayer?

3. Why is it important to pray for those who irritate us or persecute us?

4. Are fundamentalistic attitudes a sign of inner doubt of one's beliefs?

5. When we are lacking in love for our fellow human beings, how do we change and develop this love?

6. Why did Jesus speak so little about the socialization of religion?

7. How can we tell when the thoughts of our listening minds are from God and not our own mind?

8. How do the prayers of many people ignore the physical laws of the universe?

9. What is the spiritual purpose of prayer?
 10. How do we distinguish between tolerance and gullibility?
 11. How should we react to our failure to lead people to higher spiritual truth?
 12. Why have many Christians regarded raising the widow's son at Nain a when the story in Luke clearly states that it was not a miracle?
 13. Why do you think Jesus asked the apostles to stay away from Nazareth?
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Paper 147: The Interlude Visit to Jerusalem

1. Are the religious leaders today the greatest obstacles to larger religious truth?
 2. Who are the people today who are regarded as inferior or sinful but are growing spiritually?
 3. What are examples of old religious practices that we can abandon with the coming of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
 4. Do we have psychological or behavioral ways of self-affliction similar to the fasting and sackcloth and ashes behavior of Jesus' day?
 5. What determines whether a member of another religion or no religion is admitted into the kingdom of God?
 6. What determines the direction in which we are growing?
 7. How should we regard theological orthodoxy?
 8. What level of interpreting the golden rule do most people use today?
 9. What are ways in which we are facing in the right direction but fail to achieve our goals?
 10. Do we have religious regulations that are merely cultural practices that we can ignore?
 11. Was the subversive motivation of John in getting Jesus to the pool of Bethesda ethical?
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Paper 148: Training Evangelists at Bethsaida

1. What infrastructure is needed to promote the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
2. How do we train leaders for the Urantia movement?
3. How have Christians viewed evil, sin, and iniquity?
4. Is the Christian view of human nature more Pauline or Jesusonian?

5. What is the answer to suffering on our world?
 6. Why did Jesus allow the trance prophet from Bagdad to preach?
 7. What insights does the conversion of half of the spies suggest about human nature and spiritual truth?
 8. What is the best way to communicate a new spiritual vision of people?
 9. How do the Urantia Papers help to banish fear and anxiety?
 10. What are the positive aspects of suffering?
 11. Is the carrying on of commerce on Sunday evil or sinful, or neither?
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Paper 149: The Second Preaching Tour

1. Now that we have the teachings of Jesus as he presented them, will all nations and all religions “speedily embrace the gospel of the kingdom?”
 2. Why were some of the writings of Paul’s and others made into a “revelatory canon?”
 3. What religious and cultural changes are required to invalidate the atonement doctrine and substitute the religion of Jesus for the religion about Jesus?
 4. Why is it misleading to approach Jesus through his miracles?
 5. Why did Christianity lack the moral courage to make women equal to men in religion and society?
 6. What is the road to unity and brother/sisterhood among the religions of the world?
 7. How does one overcome feeling angry?
 8. How do we develop the spontaneous leadership like that of David Zebedee?
 9. Occasionally, we see spontaneous healing today. How do we account for this?
 10. Does seeking advanced spiritual truth have a positive effect on health?
 11. Which will be more effective in championing women’s rights, the feminist movement or the Urantia Papers?
 12. Who were the three men who did not respond to Jesus’ invitation to discipleship?
 13. How do we prevent our virtues from becoming vices?
 14. How can we learn to be happy with our lot in life?
 15. Does “recognition, realization, and appreciation” lead to love?
 16. What characterizes the meekness of spiritual origin?
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Paper 150: The Third Preaching Tour

1. Why do you suppose Jesus picked all of the ministering women instead of allowing them to choose half of their number as he did with the apostles?
 2. Did the women evangelists act more bravely and loyally than the men apostles?
 3. How should we handle opposition to new and enlarged spiritual truth?
 4. What is the best way to handle differences of spiritual conviction in one's family?
 5. What constitutes spiritual growth?
 6. Why do you think the majority of the people in Nazareth were unfavorable in their opinion of Jesus?
 7. Do you think the ability of Jesus to thwart his enemies from pushing him over the precipice to his death was because of his human commanding character or divine assistance?
 8. Why do you suppose Jesus did not include Nazareth in the early part of his public ministry?
 9. Are you surprised at any of the women Jesus selected for the women's corps?
 10. Why do you suppose Jesus was not recognized in Nazareth?
 11. Why were Jesus' family absent from this service in the Nazareth synagogue?
 12. Would one expect Simon Zelotes to make trouble in this Nazareth confrontation?
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Paper 151: Tarrying and Teaching by the Seaside

1. In addition to requiring the individual to apply the message of stories or parables, what other positive qualities are provided by this method of teaching?
2. Why are fables and allegories not suitable for teaching spiritual truth?
3. Are the wisdom insights of the Parable of the Sower in harmony with our experience in our outreach attempts to share the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
4. How would you apply the insights of the parable telling of weeds being sown with the wheat? Is the lesson of this parable similar to the teachings of the parable of the sweep net?
5. How do we interpret the parable of the hidden treasure in the field and the parable of the pearl of great price?
6. Do human beings still tend to confuse coincidence with the miraculous?
7. How prominent is superstition in motivating our actions today?
8. Noting that Jesus complimented Peter and Nathaniel in their error, how can we apply this positive approach to teaching and discussion?
9. What is the meaning of Jesus' last presentation of the Parable of the Sower to the

apostles?

10. What is the meaning of the Parable of the Mustard Seed?

11. How do we apply the parable of the leaven in the mean?

12. Why are human beings so subject to the influence of natural events, like the dogs and the swine, to support them in their belief in the power of the Spirit to support their lives?

13. Is witnessing to God's power in our lives more difficult in our home territory than in other places?

Paper 152: Events Leading up to the Capernaum Crisis

1. What role does faith have in maintaining health today?

2. Will the Fifth Epochal Revelation help our world understand Michael's spiritual power apart from his miracles?

3. What does it mean not to place any limitations on Michael's spiritual power?

4. Why do you think Jesus decided to feed the 5000?

5. Do you think Peter's dream was a natural dream or was given divine guidance?

6. Just as Jesus was unable to change his apostles view of the Jewish Messiah, what will the Urantia Papers have difficulty changing?

7. How do we distinguish between appealing to human emotions and intellect as apposed to the indwelling Spirit in people?

8. How do you think Jesus knew that Jairus' daughter was in a coma?

9. Knowing something about the personalities of the apostles, how do you explain the positions of those in favor of making Jesus king and those who opposed it?

10. Was the demonstration of material power in feeding the 5000 helpful in Jesus' attempt to persuade the people and his apostles of the greater importance of the spiritual kingdom of God?

11. Why was Jesus especially concerned about Simon Peter after the feeding of the 5000?

Paper 153: The Crisis at Capernaum

1. How important is repeated decision-making between right and wrong?

2. How do we recognize and partake of spiritual realities in our material world?

3. With 2000 years of hindsight, how should we view the Jewish leaders' treatment of Jesus?
 4. Do we have ceremonials and rituals that should be dropped or revised?
 5. What is the reason that persistently iniquitous persons are not forgiven?
 6. When is confrontation the best defense of spiritual truth?
 7. How does one face seeming defeat in the spiritual struggle of following and doing the will of God?
 8. From a human point of view, was Jesus' claim to be "one with the Father" defensible?
 9. Did the Jewish leaders from Jerusalem really listen to Jesus?
 10. Why do some people still believe in the possession by evil spirits?
 11. Why did Jesus turn back the popular enthusiasm for his ministry?
 12. Do orthodox beliefs today stand in the road of the advance of truth?
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Paper 154: Last Days at Capernaum

1. Is the testing of opposition basic to determining the level of our commitment to spiritual ideals?
 2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of congregational control of local religious organizations?
 3. What kind of prayer is appropriate when we suffer from illness?
 4. Why does the spiritualization of the human soul usually require suffering?
 5. What spiritual principle underlies the separation of religion from State regulation?
 6. Are the teachings of Jesus primarily an ideal, or are they the ground of practical reality?
 7. Why was Jesus' family agreeing with the Jerusalem authorities rather than Jesus?
 8. Was the closing of the synagogues to Jesus and his followers the beginning of a religious movement separate from Judaism?
 9. Who are the inspired David Zebedees of today?
 10. Was this last year of opposition by the Jewish authorities more fruitful than the earlier years?
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Paper 155: Fleeing Through Northern Galilee

1. What kind of spiritual living draws people?
 2. If people are not interested in new enlarged spiritual truth, what do we do?
 3. If true religion is the religion of revelation, how do initiate the religion of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
 4. Are the religions of the world today primarily religions of traditional authority?
 5. How do we discern the leadings of the Spirit from the ideas of the mind?
 6. In the second discourse on religion, is Jesus suggesting replacing creeds and theology by “ennobling deeds of loving service?”
 7. What does it mean to “feel the presence of God?”
 8. How do we develop enthusiasm in our teaching?
 9. How can we find and pursue creative activity at the level of our inspiration?
 10. Are we placing too much emphasis on religious symbols and ceremonies in our religious services?
 11. How does one promote a religion of the Spirit?
 12. Do we have examples of that which is regarded as divine that is wholly human?
 13. To what degree is quoting scripture a substitute for courageous, independent thinking?
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Paper 156: The Sojourn at Tyre and Sidon

1. Are people afraid to comprehend and follow Jesus?
2. How do we keep growing to fulfill the lily analogy?
3. How do we achieve spiritual transformation in overcoming our animal motivation?
4. How can a sense of humor help us live with our human limitations?
5. Are moral power and spiritual energy the most useful resources to solve human problems?
6. Is immunity from discouragement from misfortune or disappointment a good measure of our spiritual maturity?
7. Why is defeat the true mirror in which we may honestly view our real self?
8. Contrast the healing of Norana’s daughter with the account in Matt. 15:21-29.
9. Why do people have trouble abandoning the feelings of guilt?
10. Does the sense of humor in the Urantia Papers add to their value?
11. How do we recognize spiritual foundations in human lives?
12. Should the phrase “lead us not into temptation” be dropped from the Christian form of the Lord’s Prayer?
13. How do we combine leadership with spiritual destiny?

14. Will we get more done if we daily set aside a time to “step aside from the rush of life?”

15. How do we learn tact and tolerance?

Paper 157: At Caesarea-Philippi

1. Which sounds more reasonable, the miraculous catch of the fish with a shekel in its mouth (Matt. 18:27) or the Urantia Book account?
 2. Is there a danger of confusing education, such as advanced degrees, with spiritual truth?
 3. What “keys of the outward kingdom” did Jesus give to what group of religionists?
 4. Which of the three potential identities of Jesus do you think would have been the ideal identity for his bestowal?
 5. In your experience, is the spirit the easy victor over both the soul and the body, or is there a major struggle between the spiritual and the material?
 6. Although Jesus and Andrew knew there was a problem with Judas, why was nothing special done about it?
 7. What is the meaning of the statement: “He who has seen me has seen the Father?”
 8. How do we orient ourselves to continually keep growing in spiritual maturity?
 9. When Peter said of Jesus, “You are the Deliverer,” did he mean the Jewish Messiah?
 10. Why didn’t Jesus, as this time, want people to know of his divine nature?
 11. What was the source of Peter’s leadership while his brother, Andrew, was the formal head of the apostles?
 12. Why do you think Matthew gave his money to the apostle treasury anonymously?
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Paper 158: The Mount of Transfiguration

1. Did the transfiguration significantly influence Christianity or emphasize the divinity of Jesus?
2. Why was it natural for Peter to assume the heavenly persons were Moses and Elijah?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said, “you shall see greater things than this?”

4. What was Jesus referring to when he spoke of “the sorrows of your own choosing?”
 5. What was the basic reason Jesus gave for the apostles not being able to cure James of Safed’s son?
 6. After Jesus clearly told the apostles that he was not the Messiah and that he would be killed, why didn’t they believe what he told them?
 7. What did Jesus mean when he said, “many of you now standing before me shall not taste death till you shall see this kingdom of God come with power?”
 8. What spiritual level might have been necessary for all of the apostles to witness the transfiguration?
 9. Is there any significance in that the transfiguration took place in the land of the gentiles?
 10. Why did Jesus request that the three apostles not tell anyone about the transfiguration until his resurrection?
 11. How can we tell when something is standing in the way of our growth in the kingdom of God?
 12. What is the meaning of the statement, “All things are possible to him who really believes?”
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Paper 159: The Decapolis Tour

1. How does God seek to recover lost sinners?
2. What is the meaning of the statement, “Where two or three believers are gathered together, there am I in the midst of them?”
3. Should we accept anyone teaching in Jesus’ name? When should we object to teachings we believe to be wrong?
4. If overpowering argument, shrewd eloquence, or mental superiority should not be used to bring people into the kingdom, what kind of appeal should we use in preaching and teaching?
5. How do we bolster self-respect?
6. Are people today ready to hear the truth regarding the Scriptures?
7. How common is using a positive response to the evil or injustice we experience?
8. What spiritual insight is helpful in forgiving other people?
9. How do we distinguish between showing mercy and recognizing crime that should be punished?
10. Does our legal practice of “Judicial summary judgment” violate the principle of group (jury) decision?

11. How does one overcome the conflict of our material drives and urges with the life directed by the Spirit?
 12. Why are people who yearn for the inner peace of spiritual growth unable to find it?
 13. How do we determine how to avoid false sympathy and apply tough love?
 14. Will David Zebedee become one of the heroes of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
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Paper 160: Rodan of Alexandria

1. There is no known evidence for the existence of Rodan of Alexandria. Why do you think the authors included these papers on Rodan?
 2. How often do we have to relearn the art of living?
 3. Is our social maturity greater now than it was a hundred years ago?
 4. Next to the home, what is the most constructive association of people in our society?
 5. Do you sense in Rodan's philosophy an abstraction not present in Jesus' teachings?
 6. Are the associations of friendship more helpful in religious organizations than the teachings they present?
 7. If failure is an educational episode in acquiring wisdom, should we be more adventurous in attempting difficult tasks?
 8. How would you evaluate the social maturity of our society?
 9. Is character development more complicated now than a thousand years ago?
 10. Do you think most people are afraid to face their problems objectively and honestly?
 11. What characterizes a person who serves a cause greater than oneself?
 12. How does one learn to fail gracefully, cheerfully, and fearlessly?
 13. Is Jesus' gospel "the infinity of realities, the divinity of values, and the eternity of universal attainments?"
 14. How is entering the kingdom of God both self-destruction and self-fulfillment?
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Paper 161: Further Discussions with Rodan

1. What aspect of personality do we share with God?

2. How are personality and individuality related?
 3. What is the difference between the “idea of God” and the “ideal of his nature?”
 4. Is the empirical evidence for the divinity of Jesus strong enough to convince people of other religions?
 5. Do any of the founders of other world religions have evidence of divine qualities?
 6. Why do you think that Thomas and Nathaniel did not mention the miracles of Jesus to support his divinity?
 7. Is the union of the human and divine minds of Michael a comforting or disturbing mystery?
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Paper 162: At the Feast of Tabernacles

1. Do you think Jesus used his divine mind to know that it would be safe to teach in the Temple?
 2. Is controversy the most effective way to introduce new and enlarged truth?
 3. Did Jesus answer the question, “Do you really claim to be the Messiah?”
 4. Do you think the Urantia Papers will bring a new evaluation of Jesus in Judaism?
 5. What do you suppose Jesus might have written in the sand that caused all of her accusers to depart?
 6. Is Jesus’ testimony as a divine Son the ultimate challenge to the Sanhedrin rulers?
 7. Do we over emphasize our material necessities? Was the final answer to Martha’s request a compromise solution?
 8. Was the boldness of Jesus an opportunity for the Sanhedrin to rethink their attitude toward him?
 9. How does one know whether a new statement of truth is in harmony with God’s will?
 10. How does one overcome the rigidity of fundamentalistic and orthodox positions?
 11. Why should religion never create a political theocracy?
 12. Had the Pharisees gone to listen to Jesus as Eber suggested, how do you think they would have reacted?
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Paper 163: Ordination of the Seventy at Magadan

1. What are the practical applications of the instruction to be as “wise as serpents

while you are also as harmless as doves?”

2. How do we increase the number of people carrying the good news of the kingdom to the world?
 3. If Jesus had explained to Matadormus why he was asked to dispose of his wealth, do you think the young man might have done so?
 4. How do we distinguish between a “pet evil” we need to get rid of and a special talent that we can use in serving others?
 5. What are the ways in which the strong, able, and more intelligent people exploit their less able and intelligent fellows?
 6. What is the spiritual meaning of the parable of the vineyard workers?
 7. How do we recognize spiritual pride?
 8. How does the resistance to the Fifth Epochal Revelation compare with the antagonism to the gospel in Jesus’ day?
 9. If we wish to be ordained people, should we take Jesus’ statement “let others bury the dead” literally?
 10. How can we be free from the unhealthy love for oneself and yet have a superb self-respect?
 11. Is wealth or pride the more serious obstacle to spiritual dedication?
 12. Is the person who leaves everything for the sake of the kingdom likely to “receive manifold more in this world?”
 13. Which of the seven points of instruction to the 70 are applicable today?
 14. What were the factors which produced a solid corps of evangelists that would carry on after Jesus left them?
 15. Centuries from now, will people think that those who experienced the early years of the Fifth Epochal Revelation were especially privileged?
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Paper 164: At the Feast of Dedication

1. Who do people in our culture have trouble recognizing as a neighbor?
2. How are comprehensive knowledge and truth related?
3. If Jesus knew he would never win the majority of the Sanhedrin, why did he continue to challenge them?
4. Why has reincarnation been a popular belief over the centuries?
5. Why are fundamentalists like the Sanhedrin leaders so unable to objectively consider other truth?
6. From a human point of view, was the Pharisee’s charge of blasphemy reasonable?
7. Is simple mindedness, like that of Josiah, a help in developing faith?

Paper 165: The Perean Mission Begins

1. The true shepherd's voice portrays truth; how do we recognize truth?
2. What are "green pastures and still waters" in spiritual ministry?
3. Is living without fear primarily a spiritual achievement?
4. What is the source of human happiness and joy?
5. How do we determine what our real treasure is?
6. When our real concern is following spiritual values and service, can we largely ignore our material needs?
7. What kind of trails and testing will the pioneers of the Fifth Epochal Revelation encounter?
8. The Perean ministry was well organized, how well organized is the outreach ministry of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
9. What is the more abundant life that Jesus promised?
10. How do you think early Christians understood Jesus' statement: "I have many other sheep not of this fold?"
11. How will the extended knowledge of the spiritual world given by the Urantia Papers effect the lives of people on our world?
12. Is the Fifth Epochal Revelation a continuation of Christ Michael's ministry to our world?
13. What are the ways in which we are being spiritually challenged today?
14. Why did Jesus often mention the dangers of the love of material things?

Paper 166: Last Visit to Northern Perea

1. In the face of the extraordinary personality and mighty works of Jesus, is it surprising that the early Christian Church emphasized his divinity and miraculous works rather than his teachings?
2. Do customs and orthodox doctrines still stand in the way of enlarged truth and loving relationships?
3. Among the population of the world, do you think many or few will be saved to eternal life?
4. How do we use spiritual force to break through to a spiritual destiny?

5. Many people believe they have been saved from accidents by angels, does this harmonize with Jesus' answer to the question of Thomas about the help of angels?
 6. Which influence is greater, the help of science in saving religion from superstition or the hindrance of science in the philosophy of materialism?
 7. Was Abner correct in his evaluation of Paul?
 8. Contrast the New Testament and The Urantia Book story of the healing of the ten lepers.
 9. Contrast the New Testament and The Urantia Book discussion about the pathways leading to salvation and destruction.
 10. What lessons can we learn from the conflicts in the early Christian Church?
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Paper 167: The Visit to Philadelphia

1. How can one distinguish between true humility and genuine self-respect?
 2. What is the spiritual message of the Parable of the Great Supper?
 3. Is a depressed mind primarily the result of physical, mental, or spiritual conditions?
 4. Why was Jesus motivated to "walk the second mile" with the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem?
 5. Is the attempt to apply Jesus' teachings to political, economic, and social issues a mistake?
 6. Will the Urantia Papers cause the Roman Catholic Church to change their ideas about marriage and the priesthood?
 7. How do you think Guardian Angels help in our spiritual growth?
 8. What kind of honor positions do we have in our contemporary society?
 9. Why do you think Jesus healed the man with dropsy?
 10. What formal restrictions do we have today that interfere with good works?
 11. How have the Urantia Papers changed our view of Thomas?
 12. How can we incorporate the simplicity of beauty and naturelike features in our sanctuaries?
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Paper 168: The Resurrection of Lazarus

1. What do you think of the reasons given for Jesus' sorrow in resurrecting Lazarus?

2. Why do you think we were given a rather detailed description of Lazarus's resurrection?
 3. Why is Jesus' greatest demonstration of divine power only recorded in the gospel of John?
 4. Facing the fact of the resurrection of Lazarus and the resignation of fourteen of their members, what must have been in the minds of the remaining members of the Sanhedrin?
 5. Why do orthodox beliefs have such a power over people?
 6. Are the acceptance of Christian doctrines responsible for the almost complete indifference to the Fifth Epochal Revelation by Christian leaders after a half-century of exposure?
 7. Will the knowledge that Spirit beings cannot give material answers to prayer change the way we pray?
 8. Was the resurrection of Lazarus the result of Jesus' love for the Jewish leaders?
 9. How does one explain the apparent foreknowledge of Lazarus's resurrection by the Personalized Adjuster of Jesus?
 10. Does knowing that all spirit inspired prayers are answered increase the likelihood of our use of prayer?
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Paper 169: Last Teachings at Pella

1. What are some of the divine influences that are used to recover those who are lost?
2. In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, what is the spiritual lesson of the younger son and the elder son?
3. Which of the three ways of being lost—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son—is the most common in our day?
4. Are religious people more naïve than secular people?
5. How is experiencing God different than knowing God through Jesus' teaching?
6. How was Jesus a "revelation of God?"
7. What is the difference between the Elohim concept of God and Jesus' reference to the Father?
8. By declaring that Jesus was "in league with devils" were the Sanhedrin leaders committing blasphemy?
9. What spiritual insight is portrayed in the Nazarite allegory of Dives and Lazarus?
10. What is the difference between having an intellectual knowledge about God and intuitively experiencing God?

Paper 170: The Kingdom of Heaven

1. What is the meaning of Jesus' statement, "The kingdom is within you?"
2. Is there more truth hunger within religious institutions or among those outside congregations?
3. Does a proper motive make the highest forms of good unconscious?
4. Are the five cardinal features of the kingdom applicable to all of the religions of the world?
5. Is the Fifth Epochal Revelation a new revelation of the kingdom promised by Jesus?
6. Do you think we are close to sudden and unexpected changes in our world?
7. How does the spiritual brotherhood differ from the church?
8. What do contemporary Christians believe about the kingdom of heaven?
9. Is the "Family of God" a better concept than the "Kingdom of God?"
10. In what sense is the kingdom of God both a present reality and a future potential?
11. How were the teachings of Jesus distorted by the apostles' belief that Jesus would soon return and set up a kingdom on earth?
12. Will the Urantia Papers succeed in changing the concept of the kingdom of God to the will of God and the kingdom concept to the family concept?
13. How has the Christian Church supplanted Jesus' concept of the kingdom?

Paper 171: On the Way to Jerusalem

1. Why did the apostles continually misunderstand the nature of the kingdom of God?
2. What is servant leadership?
3. Had Abnerian Christianity survived, how do you think it would have changed the influence of Paul?
4. Was it reasonable for the followers of Jesus to believe he could not be put to death?
5. Why do you think it was the will of God that Jesus face the natural outcome of the Jewish leader's action rather than going to a different country?

6. How do we balance doing good in a special calling and doing good as we “pass by” in life?
 7. What is the spiritual meaning of the statement, “To everyone who has shall be given more, but from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.?”
 8. What is the author’s purpose in relating the outstanding service of David Zebedee?
 9. Can one follow the will of God while living in an unbelieving family?
 10. Why do you think Jesus did not confront the apostles who were carrying swords?
 11. Is it surprising that Jesus singled out Zaccheus, the chief tax collector, to say at his house?
 12. How can we cultivate insight and sensitivity to human needs and longings?
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Paper 172: Going Into Jerusalem

1. What prejudices and self-righteous attitudes are characteristic of our culture?
 2. What Judas’ criticism of Mary reasonable? How did Jesus’ view Mary’s action?
 3. Why did Bethany accept Jesus when Nazareth, Capernaum, and Jerusalem rejected him?
 4. Had the Jerusalem leaders accepted Jesus and his message, what might have happened during the last 2000 years of history?
 5. Did Jesus call attention to the widow’s offering to encourage people to give all of their wealth to spiritual purposes, or to contrast attitudes between the poor and rejected and the rich and respected?
 6. Why were the apostles so confused on Palm Sunday?
 7. Why do you think Jesus did not speak to the crowd when they reached the temple?
 8. Why do you think the authors described the attitudes of each of the apostles?
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Paper 173: Monday in Jerusalem

1. Is the involvement of religious institutions in commerce and politics today wise?
2. Is Jesus’ cleansing the temple an example of using force to bring about reform?
3. Why do conscientious objectors refuse to use physical force to bring about

justice?

4. How important is authority in religion today?

5. Why are “publicans and harlots” more likely to see the error of their ways before religious authorities recognize their closed-mindedness?

6. Is the decline of a religious institution a sign that spiritual truth and nourishment is lacking?

7. What is the spiritual meaning of the parable in which the wedding guest did not wear a wedding garment?

8. Is it ethical to ignore an unjust law or rule?

9. What information was Jesus referring to that his resurrection was a sign of?

Paper 174: Tuesday Morning in the Temple

1. Was Peter or James correct in understanding God’s forgiveness?

2. Was the primary purpose of Jesus to build a group of followers or to demonstrate the nature of the kingdom of God?

3. What might be the relationship of a husband and wife on the Mansion Worlds?

4. What can we learn from Jesus’ technique of responding to his opponents?

5. When scripture does not agree with a theologian’s belief, how is it usually handled?

6. When is it wise to openly disagree with the beliefs or theology of a religious group to which we belong?

7. Will the Fifth Epochal Revelation contribute a significant step “to enlighten the world and liberate mankind?”

8. How appropriate are the individual salutations Jesus gave the apostles?

9. What is the place of repentance and confession in our relationship with God?

10. How do we “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and render to God the things that are God’s?”

11. Why have martyrs been so influential in history?

12. How does God speak to us?

Paper 175: The Last Temple Discourse

1. How do you think the Jewish leaders reacted after being resurrected on the

Mansion Worlds?

2. In rejecting the Fifth Epochal Revelation is the Christian Church undermining its future growth?
 3. What was the purpose of Jesus' eloquent rebuke of the Jewish leaders?
 4. Why is it so difficult for human beings to recognize enlarged truth and new revelation?
 5. Why is the persecution of Jews continuing today?
 6. Who are the torchbearers of divine truth today?
 7. Were the Sadducees more objective than the Pharisees in their opposition to Jesus?
 8. Are we still burdened with rituals and traditions?
 9. Are our clerical robes and dress sources of spiritual pride in our society?
 10. Why have church leaders gone from mainline positions to the fringes of influence in our society?
 11. How does one account for the fact that thirty prominent Jews decided to openly declare their faith in Jesus while their friends in the Sanhedrin took the opposite position?
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Paper 176: Tuesday Evening on Mount Olivet

1. Why was it so difficult for the apostles to abandon the Messianic expectations and envision a totally new beginning of spiritual development?
2. Why are people so concerned about the "second coming" of Jesus or the spiritual condition of our world when, as individuals, they will face a new spiritual opportunity or revelation when they enter the Mansion Worlds?
3. What conditions do you think must exist before the return of Jesus?
4. What is the spiritual meaning of the Parable of the Talents?
5. How can truth be enhanced by passing through our lives?
6. What "new realms of spiritual reality" are seeking realization in our generation?
7. Do you think Christ Michael will return to this world many times?
8. We are living in transitional times, what type of world will emerge?
9. Are the contemporary "second coming" announcements under the same illusion held by the apostles?
10. How did the destruction of Jerusalem effect the early Christian Church?
11. Even though clearly stated that no one knows when Jesus will return to this world, why do people continually predict his imminent return?
12. Why were the apostles so confused about the return of Jesus to this world?

13. Why do you think the New Testament authors included Selta's parable of the ten virgins?

Paper 177: Wednesday, The Rest Day

1. Why do you think Jesus told John Mark not to tell anyone of their conversation in the hills?
 2. Are parents today training children to be independent through graduated experience?
 3. When is love dangerous and semiselfish in our contemporary society?
 4. Would a required course in home training before marriage improve the use of love and wisdom in the home?
 5. Is the prejudice against ordaining homosexual people limiting spiritual service?
 6. What do you think of the analysis of Judas' betrayal?
 7. What is the difference between knowing the gospel in the mind and experiencing it in the heart?
 8. Are contemporary parents using money wisely in training children?
 9. What reciprocal effect do love in the home and loyalty in religion have on each other?
 10. Why was David Zebedee more accurate in his predicting what would happen to Jesus than the apostles?
 11. Why did the apostles have a prejudice against the Greeks?
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Paper 178: Last Day at Camp

1. How does the Spirit of Truth become our "power-multiplying fulcrum" in inspiring people to grow spiritually?
2. Is legal action an indication that spiritual methods have failed?
3. Have we separated religion from politics in our society?
4. What is the spiritual danger when people in high places nominally accept the gospel?
5. When we fail to grow spiritually, do our angels lead us "in troublous ways?"
6. What new adaptations is the gospel undergoing in our day?
7. Why shouldn't we attack the old outmoded ways?

8. How can we use social service to build religious organizations?
 9. In the face of injustice, how do we use spiritual values to make corrections?
 10. Has the Urantia movement been aggressive enough in the outreach of the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
 11. Why do you think Jesus told David Zbedee not to share his knowledge of Judas' betrayal?
 12. Why do you think Judas turned all of the treasury money over to David?
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Paper 179: The Last Supper

1. What are the types of honor that are sought in our society?
 2. Some churches practice foot washing; does this promote humility?
 3. How do we become servant leaders?
 4. How have Christians changed the Lord's Supper?
 5. How should we change the Remembrance Supper to reflect its freedom and joy?
 6. What are some of the puerile misinterpretations of the presence of Jesus in the Remembrance Supper?
 7. How often and what form is the Remembrance Supper most meaningful to you?
 8. Do you think the apostles had some kind of "supper" with Christ Michael as morontia personalities?
 9. Why would Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia have the illusion that they could accomplish Michael's spiritual overthrow?
 10. What might have gone through the mind of Judas when Jesus acknowledged that he knew of his betrayal?
 11. Is it surprising that one or more of the apostles did not challenge Judas?
 12. Do we associate the cup with the Spirit of Truth and the bread with Jesus' bestowal life?
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Paper 180: The Farewell Discourse

1. How does the new commandment of love differ from the old one?
2. When does service not become a duty or a sacrifice?
3. How does Jesus' statement, "No man goes to the Father except through me?" Include people in all of the religions of the world?

4. Since the conviction of truth is a universal experience, is this the Spirit of Truth ministering to all people?
 5. How can we illustrate living truth from dead truth?
 6. How does truth, which is a spiritual reality, transcend wisdom and knowledge?
 7. If love must always be interpreted by the Spirit of Truth, is loving others more of a spirit guided will decision than an emotional experience?
 8. What determines the amount of spiritual fruit bearing we produce?
 9. How do we determine what Christ Michael wishes us to do so that his spirit and the Father's spirit will assist us in our service?
 10. Do people still misunderstand prayer?
 11. Why can't truth be imprisoned in creeds?
 12. Why might an unspiritual interpretation of the golden rule lead to unhappiness and sorrow?
 13. How does one achieve self-forgetfulness?
 14. Are people more "fear-conscious" or "truth-convicted?"
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Paper 181: Final Admonitions and Warnings

1. If the Spirit of Truth is a spiritual incarnation in our soul, how do consult the guidance of Jesus in our thinking and decisions?
 2. How is our current experience preparing us for life on the Mansion Worlds?
 3. How did Jesus "overcome the world" when he was about to give up his mortal life to the hostility of the Jewish leaders?
 4. Why is superb spiritual peace possible amid disturbing material problems?
 5. How does one balance the wisdom of discretion with courage?
 6. How do we distinguish leadership from authority?
 7. How can all work become a calling in which to serve God as well as other human beings?
 8. Why is living in the spirit of Jesus' teachings preferable to trying to imitate his life?
 9. In our tribulations, how do we experience "eternal joy and everlasting service?"
 10. Why was Jesus' advice to John so appropriate?
 11. Which of the instructions of the apostles is most appealing to you?
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Paper 182: In Gethsemane

1. Why was it the Father's will that the Jewish leaders be allowed to execute Jesus?
 2. Why didn't the other apostles advance the same reasons Nathaniel gave for not taking a sword?
 3. Along with David Zebedee and John Mark, who are the unsung heroes of Jesus' ministry?
 4. Is it comforting to know that the human Jesus wanted confirmation of the Father's will?
 5. How do you think Jesus' prayer to the Father in Gethsemane was revealed to the New Testament writers?
 6. From a human point of view, does it appear that Jesus' attempt to win his Jewish people to accept the gospel was a failure?
 7. Does Jesus' mastery of his human nature give us confidence that we can master our human nature through the power of the Father's indwelling Spirit?
 8. Do you think Christ Michael had some special meetings with the apostles after they became morontia personalities?
 9. Why is there already a lack of unity in the Urantia movement?
 10. What type of being do you think ran with Jacob to Philadelphia?
 11. What type of beings might have been "the division commanders of these armies of heaven?"
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Paper 183: The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

1. Why do you think Judas and the temple guards had to go all the way up to Pilate to secure the Roman guards?
2. Why do you think Judas had the gall to betray Jesus with a kiss?
3. Do you think Judas in the Mansion Worlds appreciated Jesus' last attempt to save him from betraying Jesus?
4. Why do you think the New Testament account of the arrest of Jesus has Malchus' ear being cut off?
5. Why do Christian fundamentalists believe Jesus did not call on the 12 legions of angels?
6. David Zebedee had a rather elaborate messenger corps; how do you imagine these people maintained themselves, apparently without working?
7. Was having the Roman captain involved in Jesus' arrest more helpful to the followers of Jesus or the temple guards?

8. Why have many Christians misunderstood the meaning of Jesus' death?

Paper 184: Before the Sanhedrin Court

1. Why were the Pharisees more favorable to Jesus than the Sadducees?
 2. Since Annas clearly knew what he was doing, how might this effect his problems in the Mansion Worlds?
 3. In politics is power and wealth often more important than truth and justice?
 4. What were the basic factors behind Peter's denial?
 5. Is Jesus magnificent behavior during his persecution a new revelation of the potential of human nature?
 6. How do we escape personality isolation in the midst of solitary suffering?
 7. Why did this body of normally just men abandon their own rules and draw up false charges?
 8. Why did Annas, the superb politician, want to convene the Sanhedrin legally when the substance of the trial was done illegally?
 9. Since Annas was more concerned about losing the temple revenues than Jesus' teaching, what does this say about his spiritual values?
 10. Will the specific description of Jesus' trial in the Fifth Epochal Revelation influence contemporary Jewish leaders of its injustice?
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Paper 185: The Trial Before Pilate

1. Why do people follow ceremonies and tradition while ignoring larger errors of spiritual truth?
2. How does one discriminate between political expediency and moral cowardice?
3. How would we answer Pilate's question, "Truth, what is truth—who knows?"
4. Why was the crowd so easily manipulated by the Jewish leaders?
5. How does one understand the brutality of the men who scourged Jesus?
6. How many people have the courage to sacrifice their career and well-being by a just decision?
7. Is the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders still bringing unfortunate suffering to the Jewish people?
8. What do you think was the source of Claudia's dream?

9. Is fear the sign of spiritual immaturity?
 10. What would have been the cost to Pilate had he released Jesus?
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Paper 186: Just Before the Crucifixion

1. What was the source of the delusion of Judas that he had rendered a great service to the Sanhedrin?
 2. Why did Judas repent of his betrayal?
 3. What do you think happened to Judas in the Mansion Worlds?
 4. Is God made manifest in our lives more difficult in our crisis decisions or in our everyday lives?
 5. Why didn't the apostles and disciples of Jesus take his prediction of the resurrection literally?
 6. Why do the authors of the Fifth Epochal Revelation repeatedly point out that Jesus' death was not a blood atonement sacrifice?
 7. In what way did the death of Jesus "enrich and enlighten" the appreciation of our Creator Son?
 8. How does one explain the unusual messenger service of David Zebedee?
 9. In what way was the crucifixion of Jesus in harmony with the will of God?
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Paper 187: The Crucifixion

1. Was the downfall of the Jewish nation the result of natural causes or supermortal judgment?
2. What do you think of the coincident of Simon of Cyrene carrying the crossbeam of Jesus and Jesus' earlier helping Simon's injured son?
3. How will the way in which Jesus died effect the people of his entire universe?
4. What effect does including "the unseen host of a universe" watching the crucifixion add to the Biblical picture?
5. How does Jesus' promise to the penitent thief differ from his statement in Luke 23:43?
6. Why do you think that Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived with John Zebedee rather than with her children?
7. Why do you think the five people who were at the foot of the cross when Jesus

died were there?

8. What do you think the attitude and action of the Jewish leaders might have been in the Mansion Worlds?

9. How does one explain Jesus' unfailing love even for his executioners?

10. Why did the Jewish leaders and people think that being the Son of God and Jesus' death were incompatible?

11. Why do you think Jude was present at Jesus' death but none of his other brothers?

12. Do you think The Urantia Book explanation of Jesus' statement, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" is reasonable?

13. What persuaded the Roman centurion to believe in Jesus when the other Roman soldiers apparently were not so impressed?

Paper 188: The Time of the Tomb

1. Why are the Midwayers largely ignorant of what transpired while the body of Jesus was in the tomb?

2. Why do you suppose that Joseph believed that Jesus would rise from the dead while Nicodemus was very doubtful?

3. How do you suppose Rebecca's love for Jesus expressed as a young woman and in being present at his crucifixion and burial was handled in the Mansion Worlds?

4. Do the assumptions of the Midwayers regarding the human and divine consciousness of Jesus while his body was in the tomb seem reasonable?

5. Will the Fifth Epochal Revelation finally terminate belief in the atonement doctrine?

6. Because of the Jewish leaders mistake in evaluating Jesus, might they become among the most ardent followers of Michael in our local universe?

7. How does the love of Jesus on the cross inspire us to face the "crosses" in our experience?

8. Does the fact that four men carried the body of Jesus suggest that he was a large man?

9. Why did the women think that Jesus' body was not properly embalmed?

10. How will the love of Jesus on the cross for the Jewish leaders destroy their hate?

Paper 189: The Resurrection

1. What might have been the purpose of the seven members of the Paradise Incarnation Commission?
 2. Why do you think the exact time of Jesus' resurrection was given?
 3. How does one understand that matter is the shadow of spiritual reality?
 4. From the Biblical account of the risen Jesus, is this a description of a material body as we know it?
 5. Why was it logical for the early Christians to assume the resurrection of the physical body?
 6. Do you think the morontia form of Jesus which could be seen could have been touched by material beings?
 7. Why were the apostles so hesitant to believe Jesus had risen from the dead when he clearly told them that he would do so?
 8. Why do you suppose the chief of archangels asked for permission to dispose of the body of Jesus by the method of accelerated time instead of their technique of dematerialization?
 9. Was the story that the disciples removed the body of Jesus from the tomb while the twenty guards slept very believable?
 10. How might the circuit of the archangels be used in our times?
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Paper 190: Morontia Appearances of Jesus

1. How might we be able to recognize our friends on the Mansion Worlds with their morontia bodies?
2. Why do you think David Zebedee believed in the resurrection of Jesus before the apostles?
3. Is it strange that Mary, the mother of Jesus, went to live with John Zebedee instead of with her family?
4. Do you think it reasonable that many of the appearances of the resurrected Jesus are not recorded in the New Testament?
5. Why do you think Jesus called James into the service of the kingdom when he had not had the training of the apostles?
6. What do you suppose Jesus told James that caused James to forbid the family to report to the apostles but sent Mary Magdalene to tell of Jesus' appearance to them?
7. Why do you think Jesus appeared to the two brothers on the way to Emmaus who were not closely associated with him?

8. Why do you think the midwayer authors of the life and teachings of Jesus made special mention of Mary Magdalene as the chief spokesperson of the women?
 9. What kind of body do Christians believe Jesus had after his resurrection?
 10. Why might one regard the marriage of David Zebedee and Jesus' sister Ruth an ideal relationship?
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Paper 191: Appearances to the Apostles and Other Leaders

1. What do you imagine was some of Peter's "peculiar difficulties?"
 2. Do you think it was the triumph of Peter's faith over doubt that caused Jesus to appear to him?
 3. What does the extended concern that Jesus had for Peter suggest about his mercy toward those who fail to live up to their better intentions?
 4. How does information about Jesus' progression through the morontia experience help us in our mortal experience?
 5. What does it mean that we are "not to love the souls of men, but rather to love men?"
 6. Why do our doubts most stubbornly assert themselves just as they are about to crumble?
 7. Why do you think the story in the gospel of John that has Thomas putting his finger in Jesus' hands and side?
 8. Should Andrew's caution regarding Peter's report been more kind to Peter's feelings?
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Paper 192: Appearances in Galilee

1. How did the fire get started and where did the bread come from?
2. Was Jesus' knowledge of where the fish were a bit miraculous?
3. How is love "the ancestor of all spiritual goodness, the essence of the true and the beautiful?"
4. Why did Jesus challenge Peter three times?
5. Why did Jesus intimate that John might be living when he came back to our world?
6. Is the advice Jesus gave to the apostles a source for excellent evaluation of

ourselves?

7. Is the shift from the religion of Jesus to a religion about Jesus understandable and probably inevitable?

8. Is it surprising that the morontia Jesus was able to handle the fish and break the bread?

9. Why was it important that Peter learn “the value of meditation and the power of intelligent reflection?”

10. Was Jesus advice to the individual apostles especially appropriate for each one?

11. Was the pairing of the apostles to be challenged regarding loving, trusting, serving, obeying, and believing appropriate for each pair?

12. Was the rededication of the apostles ordination service a fitting climax for Christ Michael as Universe Sovereign?

Paper 193: Final Appearances and Ascension

1. What evidence do we have of the Spirit of Truth in our world?

2. Do Christians often mistake Jesus’ command to take his gospel to all the world as meaning Christianity rather than the fatherhood of God and the brother/sisterhood of humankind?

3. How well are the people of our world bearing the fruits of the spirit and living by the principle of continued spiritual growth?

4. What are the best ways to avoid spiritual and physical isolation in our independent society?

5. How do those of us, like Simon Zelotes, combat the domination of preconceived ideas?

6. Why is the farewell message of Jesus to the apostles so inspiring?

7. If the influence of Abner and Nathaniel had been dominant in early Christianity instead of the interpretations of Peter and Paul, how might it have changed the Christian faith?

8. Is one of the major purposes of the Fifth Epochal Revelation to refocus humankind on the fatherhood of God and the brother/sisterhood of all people?

9. Why do you think the weaknesses of Judas were so extensively enumerated?

10. Is it surprising that the mother of Jesus and his brother, James, were with the 120 gathered in Mary Mark’s upper room?

11. Why do you suppose the apostles decided to cast lots to chose between Matthias and Justus to take the place of Judas?

Paper 194: Bestowal of the Spirit of Truth

1. How is the Spirit of Truth restating the message of Jesus in our generation?
2. Is Jesus' gospel of the fatherhood of God and the brothersisterhood of all people compatible with all of the religions of the world?
3. Why did the Spirit of Truth result in more spiritual growth in the apostles in one month than in the four years of personal association with Jesus?
4. How does knowledge of the threefold and sevenfold spirit ministry change our view of God's loving care for us?
5. Is there evidence that "the spiritual forward urge is the most powerful driving force present in our world?"
6. Is religion free from the custody of priests and all sacred classes?
7. If the Spirit of Truth "is a tonic for health, a stimulus for the mind, and an unflailing energy for the soul," how is this spirit ministry related to the various helping services in our society?
8. To what extent do you think our "spiritual joy, security, and confidence" is the result of influence from the Spirit of Truth?
9. What would it be like not to have the Spirit of Truth?
10. Do you think the Fifth Epochal Revelation will focus us on the truth of the gospel and lessen our celebration of facts associated with it, such as the crucifixion and the celebration of Easter?
11. Do we still have examples of "rampant emotionalism" in religion today?
12. How can we keep religion free from the influences of culture?
13. How can we be active and positive in ministry without using coercion?
14. What can we learn from the reasons for organizing the Christian Church?

Paper 195: After Pentecost

1. Are most Christians unwittingly secularists?
2. Is Christianity too involved in social and political action and neglecting the spiritual regeneration of humankind?
3. How do we distinguish between firsthand and secondhand religion? Who are the second- | milers?
4. Are Christian churches serving, unconsciously, as barriers to the real religion of

Jesus?

5. How do we prevent the “rationalizing, traditionalizing, and institutionalizing” of the religion of Jesus?
 6. Do you think the Fifth Epochal Revelation will be able to correct the distortions of materialism and secularism in our culture?
 7. Why have the leaders of Christianity largely ignored the Fifth Epochal Revelation?
 8. Is the church too involved with Old Testament concepts and the theology of Paul and neglecting the teachings of Jesus?
 9. Is there too much formalism, intellectualism, and over organization in the church?
 10. Are contemporary leaders afraid of being "held" and “transformed” by religion?
 11. Is nationalism the chief barrier to world peace?
 12. Do you think our world is on the brink of "social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment?"
 13. How can we keep the facts and accomplishments of science while bringing our world back to the values of true religion?
 14. Is the spiritual dynamic of the study of the Urantia Papers threatened by intellectualism?
 15. What is the meaning of Jesus’ statement that the kingdom of God is within you?
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Paper 196: The Faith of Jesus

1. What is the value of theology in contrast to personal living faith?
2. What does Jesus’ use of prayer suggest to us?
3. How does one determine when an act is truly loving?
4. Why is it important to know that Jesus’ life was devoid of leadings, voices, visions, or channeling?
5. Why, in the main, have most of the advanced spiritual paradigms been presented by lay people rather than priests or religious professionals?
6. Why is the progressive comprehension of reality the equivalent of approaching God?
7. What does it mean that morality is superanimal but subspiritual?
8. How does believing with Jesus rather than in Jesus further unity in religion?
9. How does the living religion of Jesus differ from “the theologic traditions and religious dogmas of nineteen centuries?”
10. How do we evaluate the significance of the statement: “Of all human knowledge, that which is of greatest value is to know the religious life of Jesus and

how he lived it?”

11. Would Jesus have been more influential if he had been an “ordained priest” of his day rather than a layman?

12. How long will it take for a reformation of Christianity to discover “the unadulterated religious teachings of Jesus?”

13. How much does Christianity today reflect the religion of the Old Testament and the theology of Paul as opposed to the religion of Jesus?

14. Is true religion the essence of all effective psychotherapy as Carl Jung intimated?

15. Is there evidence that the religion of Jesus (the Fatherhood of God and the brothersisterhood of all people) is progressing in influence in the world?

16. How can we achieve self-forgetfulness?

17. What does it mean that some people’s lives are too great and noble to descend to the level of being merely successful?

18. What is the best way for a balanced and sane effort to achieve God-consciousness?

The Freshman Test
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1-3	Name the three persons of Deity.
4	Name the Dwelling Place of God.
5-7	Name the three energies.
8	What is the name of the central universe?
9	What is the name of our superuniverse?
10	What is the name of our local universe?
11	How many superuniverses are there?
12	How many major sectors in a superuniverse?
13	How many minor sectors in a major sector?
14	How many local universes in a minor sector?
15	What is the name of our constellation?
16	What is the name of the capital of our superuniverse?
17	What is the name of the capital of our local universe?
18	What is the name of the capital of our constellation?
19	How many constellations are there in our local universe?
20	What is the name of our local system?
21	How many local systems are there in a constellation?
22	What is the name of the capital of our local system?
23	How many inhabited worlds are there in a completed system?
24	How many inhabited worlds are there now in our local system?

25	Who is the Chief Executive of our local universe?
26	Who is the sovereign of our local universe?
27	Who are the rulers of our superuniverse?
28	Who are the rulers of the major sectors?
29	Who are the rulers of the minor sectors?
30	Who is the system sovereign of our local system?
31	Who was his predecessor in authority?
32	Who is now the Planetary Prince of Urantia?
33	Who <i>was</i> the Planetary Prince of Urantia?
34	What was the name of the Melchizedek who taught at Salem?
35	Who was the chief human follower of this Melchizedek?
36	Who was the chief opponent of our rebelling Planetary Prince?
37-38	Who were the first two human beings?
39-50	Name the twelve apostles.

Answers:

1	The Universal Father, Father, God, First Source and Center
2	The Eternal Son, the Son, the Original Son, the Second Source and Center
3	The Infinite Spirit, the Spirit, the Conjoint Actor, the 3rd Source and Center
4	Paradise, the Isle of Paradise
5	material, physical, matter
6	mindal, mental, mind
7	spiritual, spirit
8	Havona, the central universe, the central and divine universe

9	Orvonton
10	Nebadon
11	7
12	10
13	100
14	100
15	Norlatiadek
16	Uversa
17	Salvington
18	Edentia
19	100
20	Satania
21	100
22	Jerusem
23	1,000
24	619
25	Gabriel
26	Michael
27	Ancients of Days
28	Perfections of Days
29	Recents of Days
30	Lanaforge
31	Lucifer
32	Jesus, (Christ), Michael, our Creator Son

33	Caligastia
34	Machiventa
35	Abraham (also Nordan)
36	Van
37	Andon, Sonta-en
38	Fonta, Sonta-an
39	Andrew
40	Peter, Simon Peter
41	James, James Zebedee
42	John, John Zebedee
43	Philip
44	Nathaniel
45	Matthew, Matthew Levi, Levi
46	Thomas, Thomas Didymus
47	James Alpheus, Thaddeus
48	Judas Apheus, Lebbeus
49	Simon, Simon Zelotes, Simon the Zealot
50	Judas, Judas Iscariot

The Sophomore Test of Knowledge of the Urantia Papers

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1-3	What are the three main divisions, or major parts, of Paradise?
4-9	Name the six space levels of the master universe.
10-13	Name the four kinds of absolute gravity.
14-20	Name the seven worlds of the Father in the near-regions of Paradise.
21	What is the name of our major sector?
22	What is the name of our minor sector?
23-29	Identify the seven unique natures of the Seven Master Spirits.
30	Who is the Chief of Reflectivity?
31	Who creates the universal conciliators?
32	Who creates the Image Aids?
33	Who creates the seconaphim?
34	Who creates the primary supernaphim?
35	Who creates the secondary supernaphim?
36	Who created the Seven Supreme Power Directors?
37-43	Name the seven levels of God the Sevenfold.
44-50	Name the seven orders of the Supreme Spirits.

Answers:

1	Upper Paradise
2	Nether Paradise

3	the Periphery, Peripheral Paradise
4	the Havona space level, havona, the central universe
5	the superuniverse space level, the superuniverses
6	the primary space level, the first outer space level
7	the secondary space level, the second outer space level
8	the tertiary space level, the third outer space level
9	the quartan space level, the fourth outer space level
10	physical gravity, material gravity, Paradise gravity, circular gravity
11	mind gravity, mindal gravity, the gravity of the Infinite Spirit
12	spiritual gravity, spirit gravity, the gravity of the Eternal Son
13	personality gravity, the personality circuit, the circuit of the Father
14	Divinington
15	Sonarington
16	Spiritington
17	Vicegerington
18	Solitarington
19	Seraphington
20	Ascendington
21	Splandon
22	Ensa
23	Fatherlike, Father, Universal Father
24	Sonlike, Son, Eternal Son
25	Spiritlike, Spirit, Infinite Spirit
26	Father-Son

27	Father-Spirit
28	Son-Spirit
29	Father-Son-Spirit
30	Majeston
31	Reflective Spirits
32	Reflective Spirits
33	Reflective Spirits
34	Infinite Spirit
35	Master Spirits
36	Master Spirits
37	Universal Father, Father
38	Eternal Son, the Son
39	Infinite Spirit, the Spirit
40	Supreme Being, the Supreme, God the Supreme
41	the Master Spirits
42	the Ancients of Days
43	Creator Sons, Michaels, Creator Sons and Creative Spirits
44	Master Spirits
45	Circuit Spirits, Spirits of the Havona Circuits
46	Supreme Executives
47	Reflective Spirits
48	the Image Aids, Reflective Image Aids
49	Creative Spirits, Universe Spirits, Divine Ministers, local universe Mother Spirit
50	Adjutant Mind-spirits, the Adjutants, the Adjutant Spirits

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1-3	Name the three levels of the function of the Paradise Trinity.
4	What is the other name of the first experiential trinity?
5-7	Who are the members of this first experiential trinity?
8-10	Who are the Supreme Creators?
11-17	Name the Sevenfold Controllers associated with God the Sevenfold.
18-20	Who are the members of the second experiential trinity?
21	What is the other name of the second experiential trinity?
22-25	Name the four basic kinds of motion.
26-32	Name the seven levels of energy referred to in "Universal Nonspiritual Energy Systems (Physical Energy)."
33-35	Name the three kinds of creature-trinitized sons.
36-42	The Architects of the Master Universe work on seven levels; name them.
43-49	How many Architects are there on each of these seven levels?
50	What is the name of our solar system?

Answers:

1	finite level, Trinity of Supremacy, Trinity in relation to the finite
2	absonite level, Trinity of Ultimacy, Trinity in relation to absonite
3	absolute level, Trinity in relation to absoluteness
4	The Trinity Ultimate
5	The Supreme Being, God the Supreme, the Supreme

6	The Supreme Creators
7	The ARchitects of the Master Universe, the Architects
8	The Seven Master Spirits, the Master Spirits
9	The Ancients of Days
10	The Creator Sons, Michaels, Creator Sons and Creative Spirits
11	Master Physical Controllers
12	Supreme Power Centers
13	Supreme Power Directors
14	Almighty Supreme
15	The Conjoint Actor, Infinite Manipulator, God of Action, Infinite Spirit
16	Paradise, the Isle of Paradise
17	Universal Controller, Source of Paradise, First Source and Center
18	The Supreme, Supreme Being, God the Supreme
19	The Ultimate, God the Ultimate
20	Consummator of Universe Destiny
21	The Trinity Absolute
22	Primary motion, space respiration, the motion of space
23	Secondary motion, the clockwise-counterclockwise processional of the space levels
24	Relative motion
25	Compensatory motion, motion initiated by the Universal Absolute
26	Absoluta, space potency
27	Segregata, primordial force
28	Ultimata, emergent energy, puissant energy plus gravity energy
29	Gravita, universe power

30	Triata, Havona energy
31	Tranosta, transcendental energy
32	Monota, the energy of the Paradise Isle
33	ascender-trinitized sons
34	Paradise-Havona trinitized sons
35	trinitized sons of destiny
36	Paradise level
37	Havona level
38	Superuniverse level
39	Primary space level, first outer space level
40	Secondary space level, second outer space level
41	Tertiary space level, third outer space level
42	Quartan space level, fourth outer space level
43	1 - Paradise level
44	3- Havona level
45	7 - Superuniverse level
46	$7 \times 10 = 70$ on primary space level
47	$7 \times 7 \times 10 = 490$ on secondary space level
48	$7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 10 = 3,430$ on tertiary space level
49	$7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 10 = 24,010$ on quartan space level
50	Monmatia

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Doc Sadler's Exams

Dr. Sadler's [Exam on the Teachings of Jesus](#)

June 18, 1958

Briefly discuss Jesus' teachings regarding the following topics:

- 1. The Kingdom of Heaven.
 - 2. The believer's relation to civil governments.
 - 3. The Sermon on the Mount.
 - 4. Giving Peter the "Keys of the Kingdom."
 - 5. Name the main events marking the end of one dispensation and the beginning of another.
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Dr. Sadler's [Exam on the Theology of The Urantia Book: Part 1](#)

January 23, 1957

1. Name the different traits making up:

- a. The Nature of God.
- b. The Attributes of God.

2. Discuss the Paradise Trinity.

3. Name and briefly discuss all forms of gravity.

4. Discuss the Supreme Being.

5. Make a diagram showing the geography of the Master Universe.

Dr. Sadler's [Exam on the Theology of The Urantia Book: Part 2](#)

June 5, 1957

1. Name the Paradise Sons of God.
 2. Trace the career of a Creator Son from his creation to Master Son Sovereignty.
 3. Name the Local Universe Sons.
 4. Discuss Power Directors.
 5. Name the permanent citizens of the Grand Universe and State where located.
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Dr. Sadler's [Exam for a Course in the Doctrine of Part III](#)

January 28, 1959

1. Name the different groups constituting the Mortal Corps of the Finality.
 2. What is sin?
 3. Name and briefly discuss the plans which make up the plan of salvation.
 4. Name the three basic racial types.
 5. Define the following:
 - a. Mota
 - b. Spornagia
 - c. Evangels of Light
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Dr. Sadler's [Exam for a Course in the Doctrine of Part IV](#)

June 9, 1959

1. What was the purpose and significance of Jesus' bestowal on Urantia?
 2. Designate the different concepts of the Kingdom of Heaven.
 3. Discuss the origin, evolution and the destiny of the soul.
 4. Describe the bestowal, mission and nature of the Spirit of Truth.
 5. Discuss the beginnings of Christianity and name the factors entering into the make-up of Christianity.
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Dr. Sadler's [Exam on the History of the Bible](#)

June 6, 1962

1. State the difference between the Catholic and Protestant view of the Bible.
 2. Who was Thomas Aquinas?
 3. Who was Schleiermacher?
 4. Discuss the Graf-Wellhausen theory of biblical origins.
 5. Discuss the different entrances of the Hebrews into Palestine.
 6. Name the various sects and political groups of Jews during the times of Jesus.
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Anna Rawson's Exam on The Urantia Book and the New Testament January 15, 1964

1. What is the significance of Jesus' sojourn at Urmia?
2. Contrast Jesus' sojourn on Mount Hermon before his baptism, and his 40 days in the Perea hills after his baptism. Who was present? What occurred? What was accomplished? Is it recorded in the Bible?
3. Give a brief description of Jesus' baptism.
4. Name the 12 apostles and list the position each was assigned in the organization.
5. Name the apostles who suffered a martyr's death.
6. What was John the Baptist's contribution to Jesus' life work?
7. Give a few highlights of Jesus' so-called "Sermon on the Mount." What was its real purpose? Is it in the Bible? Summarize some of the significant things which Jesus said.

[Here are some additional questions from another exam in this class dated November 13, 1963]

1. List two facts about each of the Gospels, according to information given in the Urantia Book.
2. List five incidents found in both the Urantia Book and the New Testament, and name the Gospel where found.
3. Relate briefly on of these incidents, showing some differences between the two accounts.
4. Relate briefly one incident on Jesus' Roman trip.

[Here are some additional questions from another exam in this class dated April 22, 1964]

1. Who was Nicodemus? Tell of his recorded conversation with Jesus about being born again. According to the Urantia Book, what part did Nicodemus later play in events relating to Jesus?
2. Give a brief account of the story of Nalda. Why do you think John was the only apostle to record this story?

3. Differentiate between the "Believer's Prayer" in the Urantia Book and in the Bible, especially regarding "temptation" and the ending of the prayer.
4. Record one story, of your own choosing, told in both the Urantia Book and the Bible. Note similarities and differences in the two accounts.
5. Where do the following appear?

Event	In the Urantia Book only	In both the Urantia Book and the Bible
1. Death of John the Baptist.		
2. Plucking the grain.		
3. Spiritual unity		
4. Healing the paralytic who was let down through the roof.		
5. Bethsaida hospital		
6. Discourse on prayer		
7. Afternoon at the Capernaum Synagogue		
8. Healing the centurion's servant		
9. Woman anointing Jesus at the home of Simon the Pharisee		
10. Preaching at Archelais		
11. What must I do to be saved?		
12. The Nazareth rejection		

Ruth Burton's Final Exam
on Educational Psychology
February 4, 1959

I. Discuss MOTIVATION in whichever one of the following ways you choose.

- A. By describing how you would try to motivate members of a study group to regular and interested attendance,
- or

B. By making very brief statements on these four sub-heads:

1. Physiological and social drives; Name two of each.
2. The teaching of the Urantia Book regarding innate tendencies.
3. Conscience.
4. Will.

II. Discuss PERCEPTION by explaining these words of the philosopher Kant, "We see things, not as *they* are, but as *we* are."

III. Give examples of different kinds of LEARNING.

IV. Explain CONDITIONING by giving an example.

V. Name some pitfalls in reasoning.

VI. Discuss rules for EFFECTIVE STUDY.

VII. For extra credit, if you have time, answer very briefly any or all of the following questions on the early part of the course. A mistake, above, will thus count off less -- a little.

A. Why, according to the Urantia Book, is parental experience so important in mortal education?

B. What in the Urantia Book makes the study of CHILD DEVELOPMENT significant and interesting?

C. What in the Urantia Book makes knowledge of the laws of HEREDITY interesting and important?

D. What is meant by the term "organ recital" used by Alfred Adler in discussing EMOTIONS?

E. Name three characteristics of PERSONALITY as described in the URANTIA Book.

Tom Wideroe's Final Exam for a Course
in the World Religions

June 3, 1959

Part I

1. Hinduism	8. Jainism
2. Judaism	9. Christianity

3. Buddhism	10. Islam
4. Confucianism	11. Sikhism
5. Taoism	12. The religion of Melchizedek
6. Zoroastrianism	13. The religion of Jesus
7. Shinto	

For each word or description below, enter the number of the related religion from the key above.

1. _____ Lao-Tse
2. _____ Caste
3. _____ Fire is their holy symbol
4. _____ Isaiah
5. _____ This religion expanded into China, Japan, and Southern Asia
6. _____ Yahweh
7. _____ This religion is chiefly interesting to us, not because of present adherence to a dying cult, but because it profoundly affected Judaism and Christianity
8. _____ The religion of Asceticism
9. _____ A dual concept of Divinity
10. _____ He taught faith and trust
11. _____ Mecca
12. _____ Religion of the Divine Way
13. _____ Moses
14. _____ Karma
15. _____ The religion of submission to a world-potentate
16. _____ Their Heaven is a physical one
17. _____ Parsees
18. _____ Its weakness has been the association of military force with its promulgation and degradation of women
19. _____ The Vedas
20. _____ This religion ministers to superstitious fear
21. _____ Amos
22. _____ The first international religion
23. _____ Gandhi
24. _____ The religion of social propriety
25. _____ Nordan
26. _____ All living things have souls
27. _____ Transmigration of souls
28. _____ Nirvana
29. _____ Founded originally on Proto-Taoism
30. _____ Allah
31. _____ He made a fetish of order
32. _____ They almost literally worship their scriptures called "The Granth"

33. _____ Dervishes
34. _____ Philo
35. _____ Its great strength: the most adaptive, amorphic religion to appear on Urantia
36. _____ Kaaba
37. _____ Ahura Mazda
38. _____ He taught love and service
39. _____ This religion had a miracle expansion
40. _____ Baal
41. _____ Guru Nanak
42. _____ Its great strength: adherents are free to choose truth from all religions
43. _____ Vultures devour the dead
44. _____ Jehovah
45. _____ Its great strength: A clear-cut and well defined presentation of the one and only Deity
46. _____ Very simple creed
47. _____ Brahman
48. _____ Grand Lama
49. _____ Has always been the religion of the intellectual Chinese
50. _____ This religion developed patriotism
51. _____ This religion makes plain man's duty
52. _____ Koran
53. _____ This religion always brought the monastery
54. _____ This religion spread into Eastern Asia and Japan, but withered and died in the land of its inception.
55. _____ The religion of peaceful, ethical self-culture
56. _____ They have hospitals for insects and sick cows
57. _____ Emperor worship

Part II

Answer questions 1, 2, and 10 and any two of the remaining:

1. In China, one does not cease to be a devotee of one religion by appropriating the benefits of the others. The three great religions of the Chinese -- Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism -- are each in a measure a religious answer to some mood of the Chinese soul. Discuss these three religions briefly with special reference to how each seems to satisfy the religious aspiration.
2. Buddhism had a remarkable physical expansion in Eastern Asia after the death of its founder. It also has had a profound spiritual growth. Discuss briefly this physical expansion and how it has progressed spiritually.
3. Compare Brahman and the God of Christianity.
4. Discuss briefly Caste in its social and religious aspects.
5. Compare the Hindu's attitude toward death to that of the Christian's.

6. Discuss briefly the expansion of Islam.
 7. Name the five essentials of Hinduism.
 8. Discuss briefly the story of Ikhnaton.
 9. Compare any two religions we have studied.
 10. a) Name the five events of religious revelation that are of epochal significance. b) Name the seven major religious epochs of post-Adamic Urantia.
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Marian Rowley's Final Exam
on Organization of The Urantia Book
March 19, 1958

1. In the following answers, locate either by giving correct specific position in the outline, or by giving paper number and name, where you will find information about:
 - a. Melchizedeks (name 2 places)
 - b. Sons of God (name 3 places)
 - c. Supernaphim (name 1 place)
 - d. Deity (name 4 places)
 - e. Life Carriers (name 2 places)
 - f. The story of Amadon (name 1 place)
 2. Give the heading and sub-headings of the outline which cover the following:
 - a. The formation of Urantia.
 - b. The first miracle.
 - c. The resurrection of Lazarus.
 3. What is the paper number of "The Faith of Jesus?"
 4. Write the complete outline of all four parts, including all subdivisions (but not the names of the papers).
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Alvin Kulieke's Semester Examination:
Topical Study of Part II
March 13, 1963

Directions: Write a word, words, or phrase that corresponds to each of the following:

1. The unification of contrasts.
2. The substance of the soul.
3. Ultimate goal of most seraphim.
4. The comprehensible elements of deity.
5. A living, flexible, dynamic reality.
6. Coordinators of spirit influences.
- 7-13. Name the seven main groups of ministering spirits.
- 14-15. Name the first and the last groups of Primary Supernaphim encountered in ascending to the Corps of the Finality.
- 16-17. Name the first and last groups of Secondary Supernaphim encountered in ascending to the Corps of the Finality.
- 18-24. Name the seven groups or subdivisions of Seraphim.
- 25-31. name seven of the twelve corps of the master seraphim of planetary supervision.
- 32-35. Write a brief paragraph describing the factors involved in the evolution of the soul.
- 36-39. Describe the Bible version or Christian interpretation of the Plan of Salvation, including at least four steps or theologic concepts.
- 40-46. List seven purposes of Michael's bestowal on Urantia.
47. What is the Supreme Mandate?
- 48-51. Describe briefly two of the three parts of the divine perfection plan as revealed in the Urantia Book.
- 52-58. Name the seven classifications or designations of ascending pilgrims that correspond to the seven stages of the ascending universe career.

Directions: Do one of the following: (7 points)

1. Describe the process of resurrection or repersonalization.
2. Describe the parental experience requirement -- how judged and how accomplished.
3. Describe briefly the three aspects of the Superuniverse career -- what is accomplished, what principal personalities are encountered, and what worlds are visited or lived upon.

4. Describe the details of the last sleep -- "the relaxation of the ages."

5. Describe the successive phases of the ascender's experience on Paradise before being inducted into the Corps of the Finality.

Exam on the Life of Jesus

Prepared by the West Coast Urantia Society

October 1959

"Of all human knowledge, that which is of greatest value is to know the religious life of Jesus and how he lived it." With this statement in mind we have prepared a test which includes 100 questions based on the religious life and teachings of Jesus. We hope these questions may inspire you to make a more careful study of "that knowledge of greatest value."

1. State the one great purpose to which Jesus' life was devoted. (2090,1)
2. Name the two men whose personal religious experiences founded 1) the gospel of the kingdom and, 2) Christianity. (2091,11)
3. What is one of the most amazing earmarks of religious living and one so clearly illustrated in the life of Jesus? (1101,2)
4. Is it possible for the average mortal to develop a strong and unified personality along the perfected lines of the Jesus personality? (1101,6)
5. The unique feature of the Master's personality was not so much its perfection as another characteristic about which much is written. Name this characteristic. (1101,6)
6. - 15. Name ten other characteristics of Jesus which are mentioned many times through the book and which are discussed in "The Acme of Religious Living." (1101; 1102; 1103)
16. - 22. "Just as men must progress from the consciousness of the human to the realization of the divine, so did Jesus ascend from the nature of man to the consciousness of the nature of God." List the seven extraordinary events in the Master's life which marked off the stages of progressive self-realization. (2091,3; 1357; 1376,2; 1511; 1752; 1753; 1754; 2021; 2057)
23. - 32. List ten topics discussed by Jesus on his third preaching tour. (1683,4) 33.- 37. State five reasons why Jesus considered parables a valuable method of teaching the truths of the gospel.(1692,1; 1693)
38. Which was Jesus' favorite parable? (1850,8; 1851,4)
39. - 40. Name two other parables Jesus like to tell at the same time he told the

above parable. (1853,3) 41.- 47. List seven other parables used by Jesus in his teachings. (1652,2; 1688,3; 1693,7; 1694; 1738,2; 1763,2; 1804,3; 1821,2; 1835,2; 1853,7; 1875-76; 1916-17)

48. - 52. State five of the many principles of instruction for teachers and believers which Jesus expressed and followed. These were given at Edrei on the Decapolis Tour. They were stated as "principles which should guide those who preach truth and should activate all who preach the gospel of the kingdom." (1765; 1766; 1767)

53. How and where are we advised to carry on our religious work? (1875)

54. - 56. Give a summary of the three methods of dealing with evil as taught by Jesus on the Decapolis Tour. (1770)

57. Which of these three did Jesus consistently employ?

58. What is the greatest of all methods of problem solving, and one which was consistently used by Jesus? (1774)

59. Jesus brought to God, as a man of the realm, the greatest of all offerings. What was this? (2088,6)

60. Jesus taught that man's whole duty is summed up in one commandment. State this commandment. (1805,5)

61. Did Jesus sweep away all ceremonials of atonement and sacrifice? (1133,4)

62. Jesus explained that the quality of brotherly affection would invariably manifest itself by what actions? (1603,6)

63. - 75. Name the twelve Apostles. (1547)

76. Who selected the members of the Women's Evangelistic Corps? (1679,1)

77. - 88. Name the twelve members of the Women's Evangelistic Corps. (1679)

89. - 91. Prayer meant many things to Jesus. Name three of them. (2089,1)

92. The secret of Jesus' unparalleled religious life was his consciousness of the presence of God. How did he attain this? (2089,1)

93. State in your own words the answer Jesus gave to the question, "What shall I do

to be saved?" (1682-83)

94. - 97. Genuine spiritual faith is revealed in mortals by the manner in which they react to certain trying intellectual and testing social situations. List four of these (spirit like) characteristics so exemplified in Jesus' life. (1108; 1109)

98. When Christ Michael was bestowed on earth he lived under the reign of evolutionary religion...until what important event in his life? (1112,2)

99. He carried forward his work by the combined guidance of evolutionary and revealed religion between which two important events of his life? (1112,2)100.
What are the greatest truths mortal men can ever hear as taught by Jesus? (2086,7)

The Supreme, God the Sevenfold, Forces, Energies and Universe Power Control

100 Questions and Answers

by Georgia Gecht
Santa Monica, California, 1968

Preface: "The mastery of the cosmic circles is related to the quantitative growth of the morontia soul, the comprehension of supreme meanings. But the qualitative status of this immortal soul is wholly dependent on the grasp of living faith upon the Paradise-potential fact-value that mortal man is a son of the eternal God." (1211,4)[[110:6.18](#)]

The Seven Grand Divisions of Universal Energy

1. Space Potency: Absoluta
 2. Primordial Force: Segregata
 3. Emergent Energies: Ultimata
(Puissant and Gravity)
 4. Universe Power: Gravita
 5. Havona Energy: Triata
 6. Transcendental Energy: Tranosta
 7. Paradise Energy: Monota
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The Questions and Answers

1. The Supreme is first of all a spirit person. What is its source? Ans: The Paradise Trinity. (1264,2)[[115:4.2](#)]
2. The Supreme is secondly a Deity of growth. From where is this growth derived? Ans: The two Triodities -- actual and potential. (1264,2)[[115:4.2](#)]
3. Name the members of both triodities--also known as non-Father Triunities. (1151, #5) [104:5] Ans: The triodity of actuality consists of the Eternal Son, the Paradise Isle, and the Conjoint Actor. The triodity of potentiality consists of the Deity Absolute, the Universal Absolute, and the Unqualified Absolute.
4. With what in the cosmos are the triodities primarily and directly concerned? Ans: The cosmic appearance of the experiential Deities. (1151, lp)[[104:5.6](#)]

5. Where is God the Supreme? Ans: In Havona. God the Supreme is the personal spirit reflection of the Triune Paradise Deity. (11,2)[[000:7.5](#)] Note that "Deity" is used singularly to denote "Trinity."
6. Where does the primary finite reality find immediate expression as perfect personalities and perfect creation? Ans: In Havona. (1163, lp)[[106:1.1](#)] Havona did not grow. It always has been. (1268, 3)[[116:1.3](#)] "...each planet is a matchless, superb, and perfect production." (159,3)[[14:5.6](#)]
7. How does the secondary--the evolutionary phase of finite reality--become cosmically integrated, or attain a level equal to that of primary perfection? Ans: By growth and attainment subject to time delay--a superuniverse qualification--which is not genetically found in the Havona creation. (1164,1)[[106:1.1](#)]
8. What is the advantage of this obstacle "time lag" to creation? Ans: It provides for creature participation in evolutionary growth, and makes it possible for the creature to enter into partnership with the Creator in the creature's own evolution. (1164,2)[[106:1.2](#)]
9. From whom does God the Supreme derive his personality and spirit attributes? Ans: From the Paradise Trinity.
10. How is he actualizing, and from where does he derive his power? Ans: He is now actualizing in the Creator Sons, the Ancients of Days, and the Master Spirits (Supreme Creators) from whom he derives his power as Almighty to the superuniverses of time and space. The Almighty Supreme, evolving on the value level of non-personal (physical) activities, and the spirit person of God the Supreme are ONE reality--the Supreme Being. (12,2)[[000:8.3](#)]
11. How is this associative relationship (Deity) expanding outward in the horizontal cosmic levels? Ans: In God the Sevenfold. (11,2)[[000:7.5](#)]
12. What is the nature or composition of God the Sevenfold? Will it ever expand? Ans: It consists of seven differing associations of divine meanings and values on seven ascending levels. (648,2-3)[[56:10.18](#),19] Its function dates from the organization of the seven superuniverses and it will probably expand in connection with the future evolution of the creatures of outer space. (12,4)[[000:8.5](#)]
13. Where do the meanings and values on these levels originate? Ans: "The Father is actually the eternal and universal source of all the meanings and values of the spiritual, the volitional, the purposeful, and the personal." (73.3)[[6:0.3](#)]
14. What are the three primary elements of universe reality? Ans: Things, meanings and values. (2094,2)[[196:3.2](#)]
15. What happens when the absolute truth is linked with factual experience in the finite creature? Ans: An eventuation of a new and emerging value of the Supreme occurs.

"When truth becomes linked with fact, then both time and space condition its meanings and correlate its values. Such realities of truth wedded to fact become concepts and are accordingly relegated to the domain of relative cosmic realities." (1297, #3, 3-4) [[118:3.3,4](#)]

16. "God the Sevenfold" is a functional integration of which universe realities? Ans: "The Universal Father has established the evolutionary creature's seven-fold approach to Deity through the following:
 - 1.) The Paradise Creator Sons;
 - 2.) The Ancients of Days;
 - 3.) The Seven Master Spirits;
 - 4.) The Supreme Being;
 - 5.) God the Spirit;
 - 6.) God the Son;
 - 7.) God the Father. (11, VIII)[[000:8.1](#)]
17. What is the Almighty Supreme and where is it to be found? Ans: A living and evolving Deity of power and personality. His present domain, the grand universe, is also a growing realm of power and personality. (1268,4)[[116:0.4](#)]
18. In what capacity is the Almighty Supreme evolving? Ans: As the overcontroller of the physical power of the grand universe. (1274,2)[[116:5.4](#)] (See "grand universe", p1, last paragraph)[[000:0.6](#)]
19. In this universe age, where does this potential of physical power appear to be centered? Ans: In the Seven Supreme Power Directors. (1274,2)[[116:5.4](#)]
20. What is the location of the Power Directors -- where are they? Ans: They operate through the fixed locations of the power centers (320,#2)[[29:2.1](#)], (320,#3)[[29:3.1](#)] and through the mobile presences of the physical controllers. (1274,2)[[116:5.4](#)]
21. Are the controllers and Power Directors concerned with God the Sevenfold? Ans: The seven groups of controllers of the grand universe are functionally inseparable from God the Sevenfold and constitute the physical control level of this Deity association. (1273, nl) [[116:5.2](#)]
22. Name the sevenfold controllers of the grand universe. Ans:
 - 1.) The Master Physical Controllers;
 - 2.) The Supreme Power Centers;
 - 3.) The Supreme Power Directors;
 - 4.) The Almighty Supreme;
 - 5.) The God of Action (Infinite Spirit);
 - 6.) The Isle of Paradise;
 - 7.) The Source of Paradise--The Universal Father. (1273,#5)[116:5]

From (1273,#5)[116:5]: "...you should now recognize that the Sevenfold encompasses the controllers as well as the creators of the grand universe." (1148, last line through 1149,1)[[104:4.9](#),10]: "...no matter how difficult it may be to comprehend, it is nonetheless true that the power-pattern and the loving person are one and the same universe reality; the Paradise Isle and the Eternal Son are co-ordinate but antipodal revelations of the unfathomable nature of the Universal Father-Force."

23. What is the maximum revelation of Deity to the seven superuniverses for the present universe age? Ans: The Supreme Being is the maximum revelation of Deity. (1270,3) [[116:2.5](#)] "God the Supreme is becoming the highest finite manifestation of the total will of God." (1278,1)[[117:0.1](#)] Note that the names "God the Supreme", "Supreme Being", and "Almighty Supreme" are used interchangeably in the grand universe.)
24. Where is the evolutionary almighty power of the creator children of the Paradise Deities focused? Ans: In the Supreme Being. (1270,3)[[116:2.5](#)]
25. Where are the personality realities of God the Supreme which come from the Paradise Deities and the power prerogatives of the Almighty Supreme which come from the Creator divinities of the grand universe unified? Ans: On the pilot world of the outer Havona circuit. (641,#6,2)[[56:6.2](#)]
26. Our concepts of the Supreme must provide for a differential recognition of spirit person, evolutionary power, and power-personality synthesis. Explain what is meant by this. Ans: The unification of evolutionary power with, and its dominance by spirit personality. (1164, nl)[[106:2.2](#)]
27. The evolution of the non-spiritual (physical) forces and energies of the Almighty power emanating from the Supreme Creators eventuated in a new power-presence of Deity. With what were these power potentials co-ordinated in Havona? Ans: The spiritual person of the Supreme. (641,#6,2)[[56:6.2](#)]
28. Through what factor was this co-ordination made possible? Ans: These reality potentials were co-ordinated by means of the Supreme Mind. (64,4)[[5:2.1](#)]
29. After the personal spirit potentials and the power potentials (resident in the infinite mind of the Infinite Spirit) are unified on the pilot world of the Havona outer circuit, to where are these unified potentials concomitantly translated? Ans: To the active functional mind of the Supreme Being. (641,#6,2)[[56:6.2](#)]
30. In which direction is finite Deity moving to seek unity or correlation in the universe--inward or outward? Ans: Finite Deity is always seeking a two-way (dual) correlation: inward toward Paradise and the Paradise Deities, and outward toward infinity and the Absolutes. (1265,8)[[115:6.8](#)]
31. How did God the Supreme function in Havona previous to the creation of the seven superuniverses? Ans: He functioned only on spiritual levels. (641,#6,2)[[56:6.2](#)]

32. Describe some of the ways in which the growth of the Supreme parallels the growth of the mortal soul. Ans: (1276,2-6)[116:7]

1.) Mortals look to solar energy for life maintenance. So does the grand universe depend upon Nether Paradise energy for sustenance and motions of space.

2.) Mortal man is responsive to spirit guidance through finite mind, even as the grand universe responds to the far-flung spirit gravity grasp of the Eternal Son, through Supreme Mind.

3.) Mortals are capable of making an everlasting self-identification through fusion with the indwelling Thought Adjuster. Likewise does the Supreme depend upon the Paradise Trinity.

4.) Man's urge for Paradise perfection creates a genuine divinity tension which is resolved by the evolution of an immortal soul. Likewise, when all creatures and all creators in the grand universe strive for God attainment and perfection, the resulting cosmic tension can only find resolution in the synthesis of almighty power with the spirit person of the evolving God of all creation, the Supreme Being, the cosmic oversoul of the grand universe. (1285,#5)[117:5.1]

5.) Man consciously grows from the material toward the spiritual by strength--power--and the persistency of his own decisions; also as the Thought Adjuster develops techniques for reaching down from the spiritual to the soul levels. Once the soul comes into being, it begins to grow in and of itself. "This is somewhat like the way in which the Supreme Being expands". His sovereignty grows in and out of the acts of the Supreme Creators--the evolution of the majesty of his power as the ruler of the grand universe. His Deity nature is dependent on the pre-existent unity of the Paradise trinity. He is not only Creator-evolved and Trinity derived, he is also self-evolved and self-derived. (1282,2-3) [117:3.6,7]

Also: Rev. 21:22; "And I saw no temple there; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." Job 37:23; "Touching the Almighty we cannot find him out. He is excellent in power, and in judgement, and in plenty of justice. He will not afflict." See also: conjoint child (1234,2)[112:5.12], Supreme child (1275,#6,5-6)[116:6.5,6], Child of the Supreme, Child of all absolute values (2094,lp)[196:3.13]

33. The Almighty Supreme functions in three capacities; one in the central universe (Havona), another in the grand universe, and thirdly in the master universe. What is the nature of these functions? Ans: 1.) In the central universe he functions as a spirit personality. 2.) In the grand universe he functions as God the Absolute. 3.) In the master universe he functions as an unknown mind potential. (1268,5)[116:0.5]

34. The Supreme Being, our non-absolute experiential God of time and space, is powerizing as the Almighty Sovereign of the super-creations (outer space). Part of his power is evolving from the perfected and ascendant beings of time and space. Through what other sources or transaction is he deriving this great power? Ans: Through the mysterious mobilization of the six other finaliter corps. (354,3-4)[31:10.10,11]

35. Name the six other corps of finaliters and tell who heads them. Ans:

- 1.) The Corps of Paradise Finaliters.
- 2.) The Corps of Trinitized Finaliters.
- 3.) The Corps of Conjoint Trinitized Finaliters.
- 4.) The Corps of Havona Finaliters.
- 5.) The Corps of Transcendental Finaliters.
- 6.) The Corps of Unrevealed Sons of Destiny.

Note that the senior Master Architect has the oversight of the seven corps of the Finality. The presiding heads of each of the seven corps constitute *The Supreme Council of Destiny*. (352,lp and 353,1-2)[[31:10.1](#)]

36. Will the beings of outer space contribute to the further growth of the Supreme Being?
Ans: No. The outer space levels lack the presence of finite experience in the universal life of ascendant existence. This is a tremendous experiential handicap--the deprivation of participation in the evolution of the Almighty Supreme. (353,4)[[31:10.4](#)]
37. A.) What reality provides the basis of all existence? Ans: Energy. B.) What is the foundation of the universe? Ans: Material (467,1)[[42:0.1](#)]
38. What monument demonstrates and proves the existence and presence of the Universal Absolute? Ans: Force--energy is the proof. (467,1)[[42:0.1](#)] Note that in this paragraph the reference to the Universal Absolute probably refers to all the Absolute potentials of infinity.)
39. By whose personal will and mandates is the universe energy manipulated? Ans: The Universal Father. (467,2)[[42:0.2](#)]
40. How is this power modified, and by whom? Ans: By the Eternal Son. Also, by the Father and Son acting together; it is executed through the Conjoint Actor (Infinite Spirit). (467,2) [[42:0.2](#)]
41. In The Urantia Book what word is used to denote: A) phenomenal motion, action and the potential stages of energy? B) Pre-gravity stages of energy? C) Post-gravity (physical) states of energy?

Ans: A) "energy" denotes motion, action, potential stages. B) "force" refers to the pre-gravity stage--"emergent energy", and C) "power" refers to the post-gravity stage--physical energy. (469,1-2)[[42:2.1,2](#)]
42. Which one of the Seven Absolutes is present in all space and by what name is it designated therein? Ans: The Unqualified Absolute; potentials of infinity. The free-space presence of the Unqualified Absolute is called "space potency". (469,3)[[42:2.3](#)]
43. Where does the Universal Father center his space potentials? Ans: In Nether Paradise--the

supporting (fulcral) zone of the Unqualified Absolute, the centrum of the Paradise cycle of cosmic reality. (469,3-4)[[42:2.3](#),4]

44. How is space potency transformed in the beginning of its evolution from existential potential (space force) to emergent energy--puissant? Ans: By the presence of the Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers. (496,6)[[42:2.5](#)]
45. Where are the Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers headquartered and where do they function? Why are they different from most other beings? Ans: They are resident on the Paradise Isle but they function throughout the master universe, more particularly in the domains of unorganized space. They are neither creatures nor creators, and they withstand temperatures intolerable to any of the power controllers. (329,1-6)[[29:5.1](#)]
46. How many divisions of Master Force Organizers are there? Ans: There are two divisions; 1.) Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers, and 2.) Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers (329,#5,1-2)[[29:5.1](#),2]
47. What is the function of the Primary division? Ans: The Primary Master Force Organizers are the manipulators of the primordial or basic space forces of the Unqualified Absolute. They are Nebulae creators, the living instigators of the energy cyclones of space, and the early organizers and directionizers of these gigantic manifestations. This procedure entails transmuting primordial force (pre-energy, not responsive to the physical gravity grasp of Paradise, but only to the personal grasp of the Father) into primary emergent energy--"puissant" energy. (329,#5)[[29:5.1](#)]
48. While space potency is a pre-reality, the domain of the Unqualified Absolute, and is responsive only to the personal grasp of the Father, how is this process of transmuting it made possible by the Force Organizers? Ans: It is seemingly modifiable by their passive presence which causes a resistance which is sufficient to transform static, abeyant, reactive space potency into active primordial force, in response to the resistance afforded by the mere presence of the Primary Force Organizers. This is the primary differentiating function, which sets up an activated space field upon which to begin their initial and active operations. To use a layman's expression -- this force thus far is "unused" coagulated mass. (469,5)[[42:2.5](#)], (470,1)[[42:2.10](#)], (1156,5)[[105:3.7](#)]
49. This primordial force passes through two distinct phases of transmutation before appearing as universe power. Name both of them. Ans: "Puissant" energy and "gravity" energy. (470,1-3)[[42:2.10](#)-12]
50. Describe briefly what the primary stage of emergent energy is. Ans: This puissant energy is the powerful, directional, mass-movemented, mighty-tensioned, forcible-reacting energy, gigantic systems in motion. It is not a first definitely responsive to Paradise gravity pull, though probably yielding in space-directional-response to Nether Paradise. When this energy emerges to the level of initial response to the absolute gravity-grasp of Paradise, the Primary Force Organizers relinquish this stage to their Associates. (470,2) [[42:2.11](#)]

51. Describe briefly what gravity energy is. Ans: Gravity energy is the active ancestor of all universe matter. It has become directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise absolute-gravity. This is the secondary stage, or gravity stage, which has been elaborated upon by the pressure presence and tension trends set up by the powerful Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers. In response to this work of the Associate manipulators, space energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, and discloses a potential for sensitivity to the linear gravity pull, the local electronic gravity pull. This mass is very soon to appear as electronic and post-electronic (organized stages of) energy and matter. (470,3)[[42:2.12](#)]
52. What other intelligent action is present in both of these levels of emergent energy manifestations? Ans: In both levels of emergent energy, puissant and gravity, the action of the Ultimate is recognized. (470,4)[[42:2.13](#)]
53. By what name are both of these manifestations known on Uversa? Ans: They are called "Ultimata". (470,4)[[42:2.13](#)]
54. When space-force has been changed into space-energy and then into energy of both linear and Paradise gravity control, what does it constitute? Ans: It constitutes power. (470,5) [[42:2.14](#)]
55. Do the Force Organizers decide when and where to transmute space-potency into energies for the purpose of creation? Ans: No. These two mighty orders of primordial force manipulators work exclusively under the supervision of the Architects of the Master Universe. (329,#5,3)[[29:5.2](#)], (351,#9)[31:9]
56. When a Creator Son has completed his plans for the creation of a local universe and has chosen a site where he desires to build his universe; after the Master Architects have submitted a few choices of these gigantic power manifestations that are ready to serve the Creator Son -- who is delegated to handle the power for such a creation? Ans: The Power Directors. The Associate Force Organizers give way to the orders of Power Directors, acting in the superuniverse of astronomic jurisdiction. This work is carried on by directors, centers and controllers of energy in the grand universe. (470,5)[[42:2.14](#)]
57. If no plans are apparent, what happens to these tremendous aggregations? Ans: If no plans are forthcoming, the Associate Force Organizers continue on indefinitely in charge of these material creations, even as they now operate in outer space. (329, #5)[[29:5.1](#)]
58. Where are the Seven Supreme Power Directors headquartered? Ans: They are stationed on Peripheral Paradise, slowly circulating in positions which correspond to the superuniverse and Master Spirit with which they are aligned. Their presence indicates the whereabouts of the force-focal headquarters of the Seven master Spirits. (320,#1,3) [[29:1.3](#)]
59. Do the Seven Supreme Power Directors function collectively or singly as the physical-

energy regulators of the grand universe? Ans: They function singly in the power-energy regulation of the superuniverses, but collectively in the administration of the central universe. (320,#1,3)[[29:1.3](#)]

60. By whom were these physical-energy regulators of the grand universe created? Ans: By the Seven Master Spirits -- collectively. (320,#1,1)[[29:1.1](#)]
61. Do the Power Directors alternate with one another and work with Master Spirits of other universes? Ans: No. Each Master Spirit is in eternal union with one of their collective offspring. Their eternal partnership results in a unique association of physical and spiritual energies--of a semi-physical being and a spirit personality. (320,#1,2)[[29:1.2](#)]
62. After the Master Spirits personalized the Seen Supreme Power Directors, what important event took place between them and their parents, the Master Spirits? Ans: They collaborated in the production of more than ten billion associates. (319,5)[[29:0.3](#)]
63. What suggestion has been made that we study the power system of the cosmos? Ans: "... the power directors and their associates have been the least understood on Urantia". "... little information concerning the controllers and regulators of the physical domain has ever been imparted." "Having knowledge about material creatures, you have at least a contrastive conception of spiritual beings..." (319,1,lp)[[29:0.1](#)-4] "No matter how difficult it may be to comprehend, it is nonetheless true that the power-pattern and the loving person are one and the same universal reality; the Paradise Isle and the Eternal Son are co-ordinate but antipodal revelations of the unfathomable nature of the Universal-Father-Force." (1148, last line)[[104:4.9](#)]
64. Name the four major divisions of living beings having to do with the intelligent regulation of energy throughout the grand universe and identify them. Ans: As listed on page 319 [[29:0.2](#)] these are:
- 1.) *The Seven Supreme Power Directors*. They operate from Paradise but maintain themselves as power centers in all divisions of the grand universe. They created more than ten billion associates. (319,5)[[29:0.3](#)]
 - 2.) *The Supreme Power Centers*. Seven major groups from Havona on out to the local universe systems, the one hundred systems that make up the constellations. (320, lp) [[29:2.1](#)]
 - 3.) *The Master Physical Controllers*. These beings exist in seven different orders in the grand universe. (324,4)[[29:4.1](#)]
 - 4.) *The Morontia Power Supervisors*. These beings are classified in seven groups. The morontia supervisors are not listed as overcontrollers. They work with spiritual and physical energies through the Local Universe Mother Spirits and Michaels, and interestingly enough, very close to mortals, but are self-governing. They are not to be confused with the Supreme Center Supervisors--the associates of the Supreme Power Directors who work with physical power only and are located on the Infinite Spirit worlds.

Note: Refer to question 22 and clarify in your mind where three of these divisions fit into the sevenfold overcontrollers of the grand universe.

65. Regarding the Supreme Power Centers: A.) Who constitutes these centers? B.) What types of beings are they? C.) Where are they located? Ans:
- A.) Associate Power Directors and their mobile assistants and subordinates--the Master Physical Controllers.
- B.) They are beings of high will freedom and action, and disclose volitional capacity of a high order. They are the exquisite intellect of the power system of the grand universe. They are the secret of the technique of mind control of all the vast network of the Master Physical Controllers and the Morontia Power Supervisors, and are endowed with Third Source (Infinite Spirit) personality. (321, last)[[29:2.5](#)] See question 62 for their origin.
- C.) Their location mainly corresponds with the name of the group or order.
66. Name the seven groups of power centers and describe their activities.
- 1.) *Supreme Center Supervisors*: Seven coordinates and associates of the Seven Supreme Power Directors, regulators of the master energy circuits. Headquartered on the Infinite Spirit Worlds. They work in very close association with the Seven Supreme Executives who are the directors of the Infinite Spirit Spheres and are the co-ordinators of general universe affairs. They are the board of managing directors of post-Havona creation, directing things physical, intellectual and spiritual, and are the universal representatives of the Seven Master Spirits. Read (198, section 1)[[17:1.1](#)] as well as (321,2)[[29:2.3](#)]
 - 2.) *Havona Centers*: One million centers. Each center has supervision of a thousand Havona worlds. This perfection of energy regulation is the goal of all power centers and physical controllers of space. (321,4)[[29:2.5](#)]
 - 3.) *Superuniverse Centers*: 1,000 centers at the capital of each superuniverse. Three currents of primary energy of ten segregations each come into these power centers, a total of thirty physical energies of space, constituting the power charge of a superuniverse.
 - 4.) *Local Universe Centers*: 100 power centers at the headquarters. They function to downstep the seven power circuits emanating from the superuniverse headquarters, making them useful, constructive, and applicable to the services of the constellations and systems. These centers are of great assistance to the Creator Sons. (321, lp)[[29:2.9](#)]
 - 5.) *Constellation Centers*: 10 centers in each. These function as energy projectors to the one hundred local systems. (321, lp)[[29:2.9](#)]
 - 6.) *System Centers*: One supreme power center is permanently assigned to each local system. They dispatch the power circuits to inhabited worlds and co-ordinate the activities of the subordinate physical controllers. (322,3) [[29:2.11](#)]
 - 7.) *Unclassified Centers*: Function in special local situations but not on inhabited worlds. Individual worlds are in the charge of master Physical Controllers. (322,4)[[29:2.12](#)]
67. Will we mortals have direct contact with either the Supreme Power Directors or the power centers? Ans: No. We will have nothing to do with either. (319,lp)[[29:0.4](#)]

68. Regarding Power Centers and their subordinates, the physical controllers:

1.) Do they undergo training? Ans: They undergo no training; they are created in perfection and are perfect in action.

2.) Do they rest or enjoy reversion? Ans: They never play even for a fraction of a second; they are always on duty. They cannot relinquish supervision of circuits of time and space.

3.) Is there evolution in their ranks? Ans: There is no evolution in their ranks. They always serve as originally assigned. This applies to both orders of seven divisions each.

4.) Do they contend with apprehension or interference by other tribunals of power? Ans: The Supreme Power Directors and their assistants and subordinates are forever exempt from apprehension or interference by all the tribunals of all space.

5.) How do they relate to gravity? Ans: They resist gravity. Their relation to gravity is wholly negative.

(322, lp)[[29:3.2](#)], (323,3-5)[[29:3.4-6](#)]

69. Outside of Havona, do these centers function on ordinary evolutionary suns or planets? Ans: No. They could not function on ordinary planets. They function only on specially constructed architectural spheres. The living power centers can act as selective switches, to directionize, modify and concentrate the energies of space as they pour over these spheres. (323, nl)[[29:4.1](#)]

70. Are these universe power directors concerned with the tremendous actions of force now taking place outside the boundaries of the seven superuniverses? Ans: No. They have nothing to do with outer space force. (324,1)[[29:3.10](#)]

71. Regarding the Master Physical Controllers: Who created them? Name the seven orders. Ans: They are the direct offspring of the power centers, but created with or by various other orders.

The seven orders are:

1.) Associate Power Directors,

2.) Mechanical Controllers,

3.) Energy Transformers,

4.) Energy Transmitters,

5.) Primary Associators,

6.) Secondary Dissociators,

7.) The Frandalanks and Chronoldeks. (324, lp)[[29:4.4](#)]

72. Give a brief description of the most outstanding function of each of these seven orders of Master Physical Controllers. Ans:

1.) *Associate Power Directors*: These associates are entrusted with the assignment and dispatch of all these orders of Master Physical Controllers in accordance with the ever shifting needs of the realms. Vast reserves are maintained on the headquarters worlds of the minor sectors. From these concentration points the controllers are dispatched by these Associate Power Directors to the local universes, constellations, systems and individual

planets. The superuniverse quota of three billion associate power directors, permits three million to be assigned to each minor sector center. They alternate periods of executive service with inspection of the realms. (325,5-7)[[29:4.9-11](#)]

2.) *Mechanical Controllers*: There are trillions upon trillions in our minor sector of Ensa. They are highly intelligent beings, the most powerful, exceeding all others in antigravity. Ten are stationed on Urantia. They facilitate seraphic transport departures. All ten act in unison with 1,000 energy transmitters to provide initial momentum for seraphic departure. They can manipulate twenty-one of the thirty energies of space.

3.) *Energy Transformers*: These are "living switches" able to dispose themselves for or against power. Quota for an inhabited world is 100. There are one million in the Satania system. Their numbers are unbelievable. They are in command of inhabited worlds except when an associate power director is present. They inspect all departing transports. They insulate planets against powerful energy streams passing between gigantic starry neighbors. They maintain power equilibrium. They can store or liberate energy. They can and do change the physical form of the energies of space. (325,lp)[[29:4.4](#)] They are created conjointly by the Supreme Power Directors and the Supreme Center Supervisors.

4.) *Energy Transmitters*: Dispatchers of energies. Can open new circuits. They deploy themselves in a line along the desired energy path and by attributes of energy attraction, can induce energy flow. They can transmit distant scenes and sounds so as to be visual and audible. They are an integral part of the technique of life on non-breathing planets. (327,4)[[29:4.20](#)]

5.) *Primary Associators*: They store energy as a plant stores solar light. They convert energies of space into a physical state not known on Urantia. They labor in compliance with universal law; they are living catalytic agents. They can release accumulated energies during minus manifestations. They can manipulate atoms, electrons, and ultimatons just as we manipulate the letters of the alphabet in order to tell vastly different stories. (326,2-3)[[29:4.12](#),13]

6.) *Secondary Dissociators*: Enormous anti-gravity powers; reverse workers. Alchemists of space.

7.) *The Frandalanks*: Living barometers; velocity gauges. Living and automatic presence pressure gauges (living machines). Solely concerned with automatic and unerring registration of the status of all forms of energy. They are to the physical universe what the reflectivity mechanism is to the minded universe. There are thirty divisions, one division for each form of basic universe force. They are the joint creation of all three orders of energy control beings; the primary and the secondary force organizers, and the power directors. (328,nl)[[29:4.30](#)]

73. What is the relation of Frandalanks to chronology? Ans: Frandalanks that register time in addition to quantitative and qualitative energy presence are called "chronoldeks". They are always attached to the higher orders of controllers. They are compared to our computers, but they are living entities. (328,nl,lp)[[29:4.30](#),31]
74. How many currents of primary energy are coming into the 1,000 power centers at the superuniverse headquarters? Ans: Exactly three primary energies are brought into the centers. Each of the three currents have ten segregations (forms) of energies. (321,5,6,nl)

[29:2.6-8], (323,lp)[29:3.10]

75. Who directs these three phases of primary energies to the 1,000 superuniverse headquarter centers to be transmuted for local use? Ans: The Associate Force Organizers. (470,3)[42:2.12], (329,nl)[29:5.4]
76. How many specialized, well directed but imperfectly controlled circuits go forth from this seat of united action at the superuniverse headquarters centers? Ans: Exactly seven. (321,5)[29:2.6] (See also question 66, item number 3.)
77. To what extent do the Seven Supreme Power Directors of Paradise govern the Master Physical Controllers? Ans: The physical controllers are directly governed by the power directors only as far as the headquarters of the superuniverses. (324,#4,2)[29:4.2]
78. Who, then, directs and distributes these mobile assistants to the centers? Ans: *The Council of Equilibrium*. (324,#4,2)[29:4.2]
79. Who is on the Council of Equilibrium and what is their origin? Ans: It is composed of Associate Force Organizers, high commissioners of power. They are dispatched by the Seven Master Spirits to the superuniverse headquarter centers. They are taken from the personnel of the Associate Master Force Organizers. (324, #4,2)[29:4.2]
80. What capabilities or high power do these associate force organizers (Council of Equilibrium) have which requires their presence in preference to the Associate Power Directors? Ans: They are empowered to interpret the readings and registrations of the Master Frandalanks, the living indicators of power pressure and energy charge of an entire superuniverse. (324,#4,2)[29:4.2]
81. Who are the Morontia Supervisors? (See question 64, item 4) Ans: They are energy regulators who supervise activities combining spiritual and physical -- semi-material energies. They are devoted to the ministry of morontia progression. They are channels of morontia power which sustain and energize the morontia phase of the transition worlds. They are able to effect a union of spiritual and material energies, thereby organizing the morontia form of materialization which is receptive to the superimposition of a controlling spirit. (542,3)[48:1.5], (542,#2,1)[48:2.1]
82. Will we mortals have contact with the Morontia Power Supervisors? Ans: We will work freely with them on the mansion worlds. (319,lp)[29:0.4]
83. Do they minister to us during the transition experience? Ans: No. But they make possible the environment for the progressing morontia creatures. (542,#2,1)[48:2.1]
84. How then do we work with them? Ans: These skillful Morontia Supervisors will provide us with 570 morontia bodies, each one a phase of morontia progressive transformation -- ascending changes. (542,3)[48:1.5]

85. A.) When do these changes occur? Ans: Eight occur in the system (Satania), seventy-one in our constellation (Norlatiadek), four hundred ninety-one during our sojourn on the Salvington spheres. (542,3)[[48:1.5](#)] B.) Will we feel altered reactions to these changes? Ans: Yes, we will feel reactions to these changes, such as modifications in food requirements and numerous other personal practices. (544,7)[[48:2.16](#)]
86. Who creates and directs the morontia supervisors? Ans: They are the offspring of a Local Universe Mother Spirit. (542,#2,2)[[48:2.2](#)] They are directed exclusively by the joint spirit activity of the Creator Sons and Universe Mother Spirits, but otherwise are a wholly self-governing group. (543,2)[[48:2.4](#)]
87. The Morontia Power Supervisors are created in groups of 1,000. Name them as they are classified, with the number of each, and summarize their activities briefly as listed in (542, #2)[[48:2](#)].
- 1.) *Circuit Regulators*: 400 co-ordinate spiritual and physical energies. They regulate its flow into segregated planetary channels to a single world. These morontia circuits are distinct from, and supplementary to both physical and spiritual circuits on the transition worlds. It requires millions of these regulators to energize even a system of mansion worlds like that of Satania. They are power generators as well as circuit regulators. As a dynamo generates electricity out of the atmosphere, so do these living morontia dynamos transform "everywhere" energies of space into materials which the morontia supervisors weave into bodies and life activities of ascending mortals. (543,4)[[48:2.6](#)]
 - 2.) *System Co-ordinators*: Provide an ascending scale of morontia spheres and morontia forms for successive levels, modified to correspond with the advancing spiritization of the ascending survivor. [[48:2.8](#)] Mortal form changes require about seven days of standard time for completion. (One day of standard time is equal to almost thirty days of Urantia time.) (174,2)[[15:7.2](#)] This procedure approximates 120 days of Urantia time. It is evidently a very slow procedure so we do not experience shock nor do we have to be put to sleep while the vibratory rhythm is stepped up considerably.
 - 3.) *Planetary Custodians*: Seventy custodians on each morontia world; (543,6-8)[[48:2.11](#)] the council of supreme morontia authority. They grant material for morontia forms to ascenders and authorize changes in creature form.
 - 4.) *Combined Controllers*: Mechanical. One stationed at the center of each administrative unit of a morontia world. Functional with spiritual, physical, and morontial energies. With this being, always associated are: two system co-ordinators, four circuit regulators, one planetary custodian, one liaison stabilizer, one (either) an associate registrar (or) a selective assorter. (544,3)[[48:2.12](#)]
 - 5.) *Liaison Stabilizers*: Regulators of morontia energy--in association with spiritual and physical forces of the realm. They make possible the conversion of morontia energy into morontia material. They slow down the energy revolutions to that point where physical initiation can occur. This morontia existence is entirely dependent upon the liaison stabilizers. (544,4)[[48:2.13](#)]
 - 6.) *Selective Assorters*: They assort mortals as they advance in the functional progression from material to spiritual progression (adaptation). Mortals subject themselves to repeated

test of these examiners. When adequate progress is made they certify them for advancement. They group personalities for study, teaching, and other projects, and assort those who will best function in temporary association. (544,5)[[48:2.14](#)]

7.) *Associate Registrars*: They are morontia recorders, serving in association with spirit registrars. Have custody of records and data of morontia creations. Records are available to all material and spirit beings. We will have seen all orders of spirits with exception of a few of the higher types by the time we depart from the morontia regime to the spirit life. (544,lp)[[48:2.18](#)]

88. Regarding Energy Control: Three basic phases of energy (currents) are brought into the superuniverse headquarters, separated into ten segregations each. Over how many of these thirty energies are the centers and the Master Physical Controllers able to exert perfect control? Ans: They exert perfect control over only seven of the ten forms contained in each basic current, twenty one in all. (324,2)[[29:3.11](#)] They are expert in the manipulation of twenty-one of the thirty physical energies of space that constitute the power charge of a superuniverse. (326,3)[[29:4.13](#)] (See question 74)
89. A.) Of how many of these thirty segregations of space energy are the energy transformers able to change the form and potential? Ans: They can actually change the form and potential of twenty-seven of the thirty energies of the superuniverse power charge. (See question 71, item 3) B.) Do they do this work independently? Ans: They need the aid of their fellow controllers to accomplish this change. (327,2)[[29:4.18](#)]
90. Since the power centers and controllers can exert perfect control over only seven of the ten energies contained in the three basic universe currents, the remaining three forms in each current (a total of nine) are of a more subtle form of physical energy. What happens to these nine subtle energies? Ans: Those forms which are partly or wholly exempt from the control of the centers and controllers "must represent the unpredictable realms of energy manifestation dominated by the Unqualified Absolute." (324,2)[[29:3.11](#)]
91. We are also informed that the Mechanical Controllers (the second order of the Master Physical Controllers) are able to accomplish much towards the management and control of six of these remaining nine forms (27 out of 30) and they are sometimes automatically reactive to certain impulses of the Universal Absolute. (324,2)[[29:3.11](#)] Could we then assume that they, and the energy transformers, are instrumentalities of the Unqualified Absolute? Ans: No. They are under the supervision of the centers. The fact that three out of nine of the remaining energies are beyond their control proves that they are not the instrumentalities of the Unqualified Absolute. (327,2)[[29:4.18](#)]
92. How does the Unqualified Absolute figure into these transmutations, and are the living power mechanism aware of any other influence than themselves? Ans: The Unqualified Absolute is a positive universe overcontrol in infinity, and is a positive reality pervading the grand universe. (14,7)[[000:11.8](#)] The power mechanisms are not consciously related to the master universe energy overcontrol of the Unqualified Absolute, but they are

always conscious of the superenergy presence and performance of the Unqualified Absolute. (324,3)[[29:3.12](#)]

93. Just what exactly is the work performed by the centers and their associates with relation to transmuting physical energies for local use? Ans: They transmute the ultimaton into the circuits and revolutions of the electron. They "manipulate" the basic units of energy--the ultimatons--the primitive state of energy. In liaison with the physical controllers, the centers can effectively control and direct energy even at the electronic stage. They are able to modify the revolutions of the ultimatons and at the same time transform this association of energy, so as to create this new substance--morontia substance. (541, last line)[[48:1.3](#)]
94. Are architectural worlds such as the transition worlds made up entirely of morontia elements? Ans: No. They have exactly 100 forms of this unique energy organization called "morontia material" but they also have 100 physical elements such as evolved planets have--heavy metals and crystals. So they have just double the elements of the evolved planets. (541,3)[[48:1.3](#)]
95. Can the centers and their associates handle this material energy after the electronic energy swings into the whirls of atomic systems? Ans: Here their range of action is enormously curtailed. This atomic energy is completely grasped by linear gravity. (473,1)[[42:4.3](#)]
They always labor with universal law. (328,3)[[29:4.26](#)]
96. Why can they not control the atomic system and yet control the basic unit circuits--the ultimatic circuits? Ans: Because these beings have only a negative relation to gravity--negative anti-gravity endowments. But gravity acts positively on the power lanes and energy channels of the power centers. (473,2)[[42:4.4](#)]
97. Space-force moves inward toward Paradise from the outer spaces and is transmuted level by level, to the working level of the energy power of the universes of time and space. Then it moves toward Havona. (This is the dual motions of the cycle of reality metamorphosis, from actuals and potentializing of actuals.) (1262,9)[[115:3.12](#)] What happens to these circulating energies when they flow inward toward Havona? Ans: Energy power now seems to begin to swing back towards force--but very unlike that of space potency (Unqualified Absolute) and primordial force. (470,lp)[[42:2.16](#)]
98. A.) Explain briefly the Havona energy system. Ans: Havona systems are triune. This is the existential energy domain of the Conjoint Actor (the Infinite Spirit) functioning on behalf of the Paradise Trinity. (471,1)[[42:2.16](#)] There are seven forms of Havona energy that manifest seven phases (aggregations) of energy each, a total of forty-nine phases. (154,#2,3)[[14:2.3](#)] B.) Are there 200 chemical elements as in the morontia worlds? Ans: The material of Havona consists of 1,000 basic chemical elements. (154,#2)[[14:2.1](#)]
99. What is "Transcendental" energy? What is it called? Ans: This system of energy operates on and from the upper level of Paradise in connection only with the absonite peoples. It is

called "tranosta" (471,2)[[42:2.18](#)]

100. What is "Monota" energy of Paradise? Ans: Monota is the living non-spirit energy counterpart of the living spirit energy of the Eternal Son. It is the non-spiritual energy system of the Universal Father. Apparently these energies are alike since very high beings cannot differentiate the natures of the spirit and Monota. (471,3)[[42:2.19](#)]
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Summary

"There are force, energy and power, but they are all one in origin. The seven superuniverses are seemingly dual (physical and spiritual); the central universe triune (Trinity function through the Conjoint Actor); but Paradise is of single constitution." "The Unqualified Absolute upholds the universe, while the Deity Absolute motivates the exquisite overcontrol of all material reality, and both Absolutes are functionally unified in the Universal Absolute." (637,#1,1-2)[[56:1.1,2](#)]

"On absolute levels, energy and spirit are one. But the moment departure is made from such absolute levels, difference appears, and as energy and spirit move spaceward from Paradise, the gulf between them widens until in the local universes they have become quite divergent. They are no longer identical, neither are they alike, and mind must intervene to interrelate them." (1275,#6,3)[[116:6.3](#)]

"The moment you depart from the unqualified concept of the infinite personality of the Paradise Father, you must postulate mind as the inevitable technique of unifying the ever widening divergence of these dual universe manifestations of the original monothetic Creator personality, the First Source and Center, the I AM." (638,5)[[56:1.6](#)]

Regarding the grand universe (Havona and the superuniverses): "This domain of power-energy-matter is the realm of the intelligent activities of the Sevenfold controllers and Creators functioning under the time-space overcontrol of the Supreme." (470,nl)[[42:2.14](#)] "...the power centers are in some way closely associated with the cosmic overcontrol of the Supreme Being." (323,2)[[29:3.3](#)] Also, (Foreword 1,lp)[[000:0.6](#)] and (129, next-to-last paragraph)[[12:1.7](#)]

Study Questions

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Introduction

A grasp of the ideas contained within The Urantia Book can be enhanced by understanding the underlying structure of the text. The text has a unique structure not unlike that of a symphony.

The first five papers of the book can be considered the symphonic prelude. Contained within the prelude are many small hints of themes placed in a sequence which give an initial hint of the underlying expansive grandeur of the revelation, but whose full pattern and relationship to the whole can only be grasped through complete, sequential readings of the entire text. While these themes are developed in the first three parts of the text largely as theoretical abstractions, in Part IV they become alive with rich harmonic depths as they are expressed in the life of Jesus.

To extend this concept we could observe that a knowledge of music theory and history is not essential to the experience of the beauty of music.

However, if one desires to become a musician, the dedicated and disciplined acquisition of knowledge and skill becomes essential. And so it is with spiritual affairs: We have the option of being passive listeners or becoming creative musicians participating in the symphony of finite creation.

If we're willing to consider the text as a symphony, we might consider the Foreword as the program notes. While the Foreword is an interesting study by itself, it will prove useful as a reference to be used during a study of the rest of the text. With this in mind, references to the Foreword will be included in the following studies at appropriate points.

Continue to read, and when you come to concepts you do not understand, try to create initial meanings for them by considering the context in which you find them. Then consider and modify this meaning in the next context where the concept appears. Keep a notebook in which you maintain sections on topics of interest to you such as the soul, life after death, God the Supreme, etc. When you find quotes which expand your understanding of these topics, put them into your notebook along with a paragraph or two describing the insight they provided. In this way you will gradually build up a broad understanding of some of these terms and their relationships as you read through the text.

Temper your study with the comment found at 102:1.1 which reminds us that, “Human things must be known in order to be loved, but divine things must be loved in order to be known.”

Before beginning Paper 1, it would be helpful to study certain sections of the Foreword. Read the start of the Foreword through section II. Then read Section IV on Universe Reality and Section V on Personality Realities.

Study Questions for Paper 1: The Universal Father

1. What is the goal of “the children of time?” What is the destiny of “all man's eternal spiritual progress?” How does this affect our approach to the problems of daily living? 1:0.3,4,5
2. Why is the “dedication of the human will to the doing of the Father's will” the “only possible gift of true value” which we can give to God? 1:1.2
3. What is the significance of the name we use to designate “God?” 1:1
4. What is the difference between “knowing God” and “knowing about God?” 1:2
5. Paragraph [1:2.3] introduces the concept of the Thought Adjuster. What do you think about the “three experiential phenomena” which disclose the presence of this divine Adjuster? 1:2.3
6. What is the relationship between God, as a “universal spirit” and the spiritual longings of the mortal mind? 1:3.5,6
7. What can we do to strengthen our potentials for surviving the mortal life? 1:3.7
8. What are the factors which limit our perception of the reality and presence of God? What sorts of things might we do in order to increase our capacity to experience the presence of God? 1:4.5,6,7
9. What is the meaning of the statement, “God is personality?” 1:5.7
10. Why is the idea of a personal Deity “the measure of religious maturity after religion has first formulated the concept of the unity of God?” 1:5.10
11. What is the meaning of the statement, “Human personality is the time-space image-shadow cast by the divine Creator personality?” 1:6.1
12. How can we more fully grasp the concept of the divine personality? 1:6.4,5,6
13. Apart from the ideas it contains, what does the logical construction of the following statement reveal to us? “To assume that the universe can be

known, that it is intelligible, is to assume that the universe is mind made and personality managed.” 1:6.7

14. What is “the spiritual value of the personality concept?” 1:7

15. What can we speculate about the nature of absonite realities based the context provided in 1:3.5?

16. In this Paper we are introduced not only to God as the Universal Father, but also to the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit. We are also introduced to the concept of the Isle of Paradise. [1:2.7] In section 3 we find the first mention of a level of reality referred to as “absonite”. [1:3.5] At the end of this paper the functional integration of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit is introduced as the Paradise Trinity. The metaphysical implications of this functional integration are introduced as the “Ultimacy of Deity” in the same section. [1:7.6,7,8] This paper contains a significant series of references to concepts which will be extensively developed in later Papers. A beginning understanding of what unfamiliar terms signify can be acquired through a study of the contexts in which they are presented combined with frequent reference to their more formal meanings as outlined in the Foreword.

Study Questions for Paper 2: The Nature of God

1. Why is the nature of God best understood through the life and teachings of Jesus?

2. What are three of the ways in which the infinite God comes into direct contact with finite mortal beings? 2:1.6,7

3. If “Mortal man can glimpse the Father's purposes only now and then, here and there...” how is it we are admonished to seek to do the Father's will? 2:1.10

4. In a fully unified and integrated universe, how is it that potential evil is not a part of the divine nature, yet man's experience with evil is a part of God's self-realization? 2:2.7

5. Why does the full embrace of sin automatically result in annihilation? At what point do the Creator Sons cease their rehabilitative efforts? 2:3.6. Is the application of divine mercy a matter of God making exceptions due to his tolerance of the incompleteness of evolving mortals? 2:4

7. Why is it an error to believe that Jesus had to intercede for humanity in order to secure God's forgiveness and love? 2:5

8. What clues about the nature of personality can we get from the statement indicating that a sin identified mortal would become wholly unspiritual in nature and therefore personally unreal? 2:6.8
9. What does it mean to wholly identify with sin or to fully identify oneself with the indwelling Adjuster? 2:6.8
10. The first paragraph in section 7 of this paper says that, “All finite knowledge and creature understanding are relative. Information and intelligence, gleaned from even high sources, is only relatively complete, locally accurate, and personally true.” How are we to “believe” the description of reality given in The Urantia Book in light of this statement?
11. In this Paper we find the first mention of the Supreme Being in a context which implies that this concept has something to do with “the oversoul of creation” and a reality which has “evolving experience.” 2:3.4 This is a concept which will continue to be developed throughout the text and is the subject of a series of four Papers – Paper 115, Paper 116, Paper 117 and Paper 118.

Study Questions for Paper 3: The Attributes of God

1. What is the primary characteristic of the Divine nature? What are the implications of this for the way in which we relate to each other as personalities? 3:0.3
2. The introduction to this paper highlights God's creatorship. Each section of the rest of the paper can be read as articulating various aspects of his creator nature. Study this paper with this thought in mind and then consider question 14 below.
3. 3:1.6 makes a reference to God's “unchanging purpose.” If we consider creatorship the primary characteristic of the Divine nature, what might this lead us to consider as his “unchanging purpose?”
4. Proceeding outward from Paradise, the Divine presence is increasingly attenuated, modified and conditioned by subordinate agencies. As mortals coming into existence on evolutionary worlds, we stand at the far distant end of this attenuated process. Yet there are two areas accessible to our own experience in which God operates directly. What are they? 3:1.6
5. These early papers often introduce themes which will be more fully developed in later sections of the book. What sort of theme can we imagine

might be developed from 3:1.7?

6. What determines the degree of God's divine influence within our own individual minds and souls? 3:1.9,10,11,12

7. Another major structural element of the cosmos is introduced in 3:1.12-- God the Sevenfold. Do we have enough information at this point to have a beginning concept of who might be a part of God the Sevenfold?

7. The statement, "with God all things are possible" is conditioned by the phrase, "within the bounds of that which is consistent with the divine nature." What does this statement tell us about our prayer life? 3:2.2

8. If creatorship is the primary characteristic of the Divine nature, how does this relate to the statement that, "Creature mind...is not directly responsive to the Universal Father. God adjusts with the mind of imperfection..."? 2:2.5

9. One of the classic questions in religious discussions involves the matter of evil and suffering--if God is perfect why is there evil and suffering in the world? (Outside The Urantia Book this is widely referred to as the theodicy issue.) What light does 3:2 shed on the theodicy issue? Does the explanation given here satisfactorily answer this question in your mind?

10. In these first papers of The Urantia Book we are introduced to some very unfamiliar terms -- "the absolute level," "thought Adjuster," "the Unqualified Absolute," etc. What sort of long-term learning and reading strategies might we employ which would enable us to enhance our current understanding while simultaneously seeking to understand completely new concepts? What attitudes might we cultivate which would allow our slowly increasing insight into these new concepts to then transform our existing grasp of meanings?

11. 3:4.6 says that "Mortal man cannot possibly know the infinitude of the heavenly Father. ...But this same finite human being can actually feel--literally experience--the full and undiminished impact of such an infinite Father's love." What implications does this statement contain for individuals who would like to enrich their religious and spiritual experience?

12. In question 9 we considered the theodicy issue. How does the list of "inevabilities" beginning at 3:5.5 affect our insight into this matter?

13. If you have spent some time with questions 9 and 12, read 3:5.16 and 3:5.17 and consider whether the life of the inhabitants of the Havona worlds sounds like something you would enjoy.

14. In what ways do the qualities listed as section titles in this paper, in addition to those listed in 3:6.7, add to our insight into the creatorship nature

of Deity? In what ways are these attributes of Deity likely to influence and transform us as we continue to have experiences with universe reality?

15. In this paper (not considering the Foreword) we are quietly introduced to the three Absolutes: The Unqualified Absolute, the Universal Absolute and the Deity Absolute. Note that the introduction of each of these absolutes is conceptually and structurally related to a member of the Paradise Trinity. These relationships (and their associated dynamics and repercussions) are an important structural element of the foundations of the cosmos. They will continue to be developed almost as a separate thread as we continue through the book. At this point can you speculate as to how these relationships as outlined in 3:1.7,8,9 might work together to provide a context in which the creatorship nature of Deity might be expressed, developed and experienced in the finite cosmos?

Study Questions for Paper 4: God's Relation to the Universe

1. A dictionary definition of “watchword” is “a motto that embodies a principle or guide to action for an individual or a group.” What do you make of the comment that “...the watchword of the universe is progress?” 4:1.2
2. In Paper 3 we were introduced the three absolutes--the Unqualified Absolute, the Universal Absolute and the Deity Absolute. [3:1.7,8,9] In Paper 4, these three absolutes are introduced as a group and are given the name “The Absolutes of potentiality.” Notice that they are introduced as “the mysterious coordinates” of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit and the Isle of Paradise. [4:1.8]
3. In [4:1.10] we get a hint that “the living presence of the evolving Supreme Being” is a reality in its own right known as the “Immanence of the Projected Incomplete.” At this point in your study, stop to consider the degree to which you have a grasp of the concept of the Supreme Being--which has just been enhanced by encountering the name, “Immanence of the Projected Incomplete”--as contrasted with your understanding of absonite realities as introduced in [1:3.5]. Your understanding is likely to be much better when ideas and concepts are given names (the “Immanence of the Projected Incomplete”) and given roles in a cosmic drama than when they are discussed as intellectual abstractions (“The ultimate reality of the personal cosmos is absonite spirit”). Bear this in mind as you try to make sense out of the seeming endless presentation of personalities, roles and relationships given in

the Urantia Book. The Urantia Book can be considered as containing a revelation about a personal cosmos being made to creatures endowed with personalities.

4. What realities encountered in daily life might be included in the Urantia Book's definition of "nature" as developed in section 2? As you think about this, consider the statement that "Continuing evolution modifies nature by augmenting the content of paradise perfection." [4:2.4] To what elements of "nature" might the authors be referring?

5. What metaphysical blunders are represented in the belief that God has fits of anger or is "wrathful?" 4:3, 4:5

6. Why do you suppose the Divine Counselor who composed this Paper was instructed to portray God as "the Universal Father?" 4:4.5

7. Read section 5 of this paper and consider ways in which your reading so far in the Urantia Book has influenced your concept of God. What new elements have been added? What incomplete conceptions do you now grasp more clearly? Do you feel that any of the ideas so far presented are misrepresentations of God?

8. With the conclusion of this paper, almost all of the major structural elements of the cosmos which will be developed in The Urantia Book have been mentioned, most of them only in quiet passing and none of them (except the Universal Father) with much detail. These are: The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit and their communal functioning as the Paradise Trinity; the Unqualified Absolute, the Universal Absolute and the Deity Absolute and their related functioning as the Absolutes of potentiality; the Supreme Being, the indwelling spirit as the Thought Adjuster, the Ultimacy of Deity, the absonite level of reality and God the Sevenfold. This would be a good time to review the Foreword, from the start through F:X.5.

Study Questions for Paper 5: God's Relation to the Individual

1. Earlier in this study we were introduced to the three Absolutes of potentiality. In 5:0.2 it is noted that "God has distributed the infinity of his eternal nature throughout the existential realities of his six absolute co-ordinates..." Can you speculate at this point in your study as to what six realities might comprise "his six absolute co-ordinates?"

2. What is the key to experiencing a consciousness of knowing God and experiencing assurance of survival beyond the mortal life? 5:1
3. Compare 5:1.7 “If such a human mind is sincerely and spiritually motivated, if such a human soul desires to know God and become like him...” with 5:1.10 “...choosing of their own perverse ways and by the indulgence of the self-assertiveness of their intolerant minds and unspiritual natures.” What can we learn from such a comparison about attitudes of mind which might lead to enhanced spiritual growth?
4. When the revelators encourage us to develop our relationship with our Thought Adjuster, they use the term “communion.” What is the difference between “communion” and “communication?” 5:2.3
5. One of the approaches taken by the revelators in their efforts to expand our cosmological horizons is the clarification of ideas which already appear in human religious literature and traditions. What insights can we gain into the nature of the soul by considering 5:2.5; 5:5.14 and 5:6.7 and 8?
6. After reading section 5:3, what are your thoughts regarding the difference between the personal activities of prayer and worship?
7. How many different definitions of religion can you develop from the material in 5:4?
8. In what way has the life of Jesus dramatically increased the potentials of evolutionary religion on our world? 5:4.9
9. 5:5.1 notes that “moral situations require the making of choices in the highest realms of reason...” Can you describe the nature of that process of your own thinking which you might consider to be “the highest realm of reason?” How do you select the meanings and values which will be brought into association with your ideas as you engage in such thinking? How is spiritual insight applied to solving material problems?
10. After reading 5:5 do you think it would be reasonable to postulate that virtually everyone has a religion? Why or why not?
11. In item 5 above, you should have considered some of the ways in which the revelators are beginning to expand our understanding of the nature of the soul. How does a reading of section 5:6 expand your understanding of the nature of personality?
12. If the universe is populated with a great variety of personal beings, and if we imagine that part of the evolutionary destiny of the universe is the development of an integrated civilization encompassing all these beings,

what might we postulate about the nature of the culture which might encompass such a civilization as a result of reading 5:6.10 and 11?

13. The first five papers of The Urantia Book were presented by a Divine Counselor of Uversa. What can we infer from 5:6.13 about the nature of the task assigned to this Divine Counselor? In what ways have the teachings of this Divine Counselor enhanced your understanding of God?