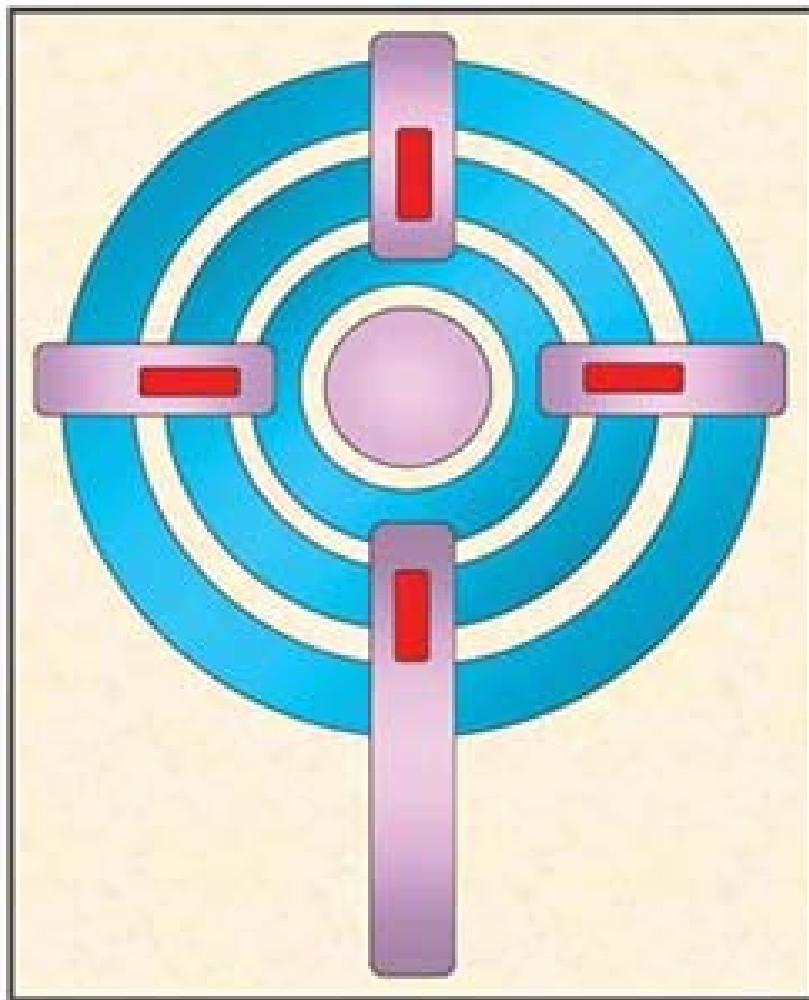


# God, Man, and Supreme

(Chapters 14-15)



## Origin and Destiny

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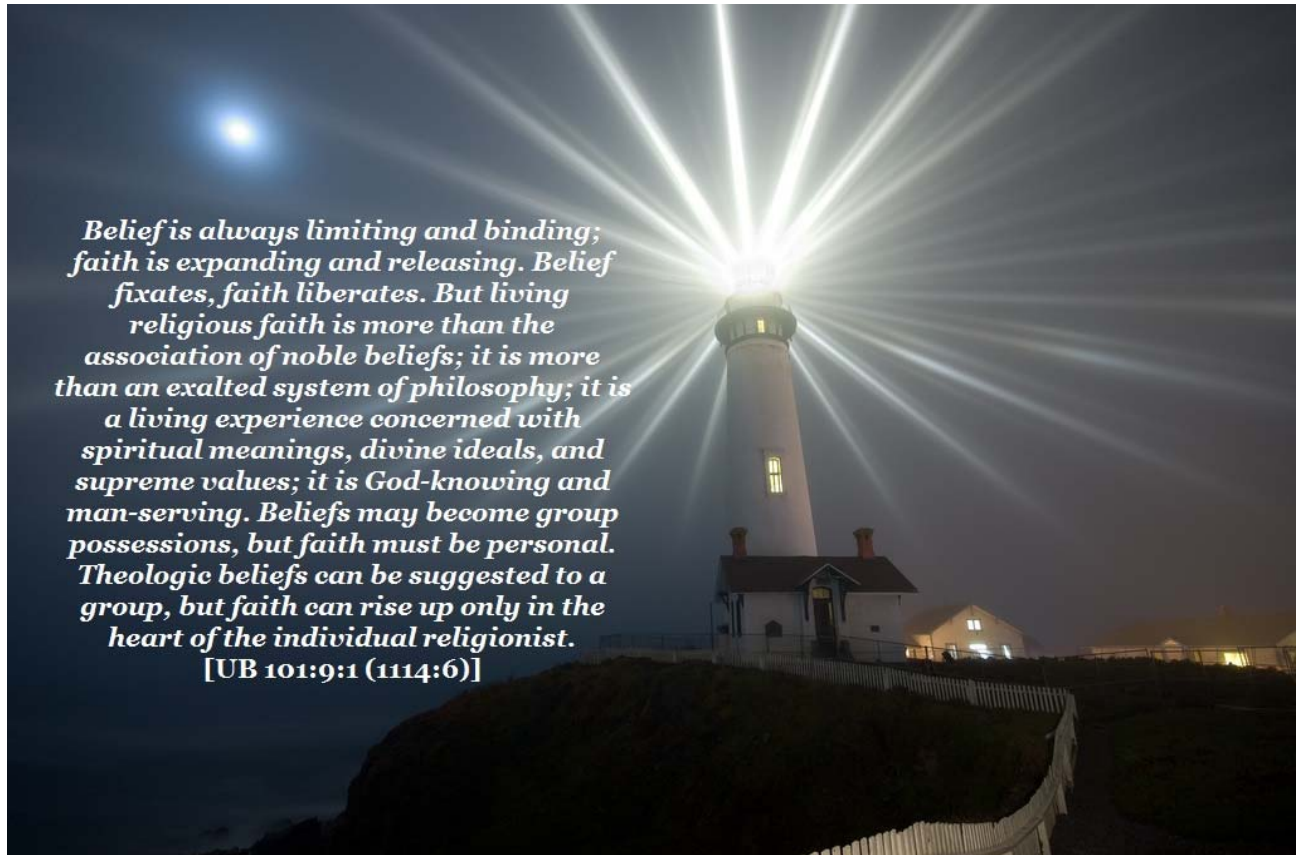
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*Belief is always limiting and binding; faith is expanding and releasing. Belief fixates, faith liberates. But living religious faith is more than the association of noble beliefs; it is more than an exalted system of philosophy; it is a living experience concerned with spiritual meanings, divine ideals, and supreme values; it is God-knowing and man-serving. Beliefs may become group possessions, but faith must be personal. Theologic beliefs can be suggested to a group, but faith can rise up only in the heart of the individual religionist.*  
[UB 101:9:1 (1114:6)]

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN: GUARDIAN SERAPHIM

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## Angel Ministry



***One of the most important things a destiny guardian does for her mortal subject is to effect a personal co-ordination of the numerous impersonal spirit influences which indwell, surround, and impinge upon the mind and soul of the evolving material creature. Human beings are personalities, and it is exceedingly difficult for nonpersonal spirits and prepersonal entities to make direct contact with such highly material and discretely personal minds. In the ministry of the guarding angel all of these influences are more or less unified and made more nearly appreciable by the expanding moral nature of the evolving human personality. [UB 113:3:1 (1244:2)]***

Seraphic guardians correlate for their mortal ward the manifold agencies and influences of the Infinite Spirit:

- The domain of the physical controllers.
- The domain of the adjutant mind-spirits.
- The Holy Spirit of the Divine Minister.
- The omnipresent spirit of the Infinite Spirit, the Paradise Third Source and Center.



The history of humankind has been indelibly marked by its possession of spirit guardianship. Without this universal guardianship by the angels, life on this planet would be very different from what it is. It would be far more dismal! The same could be said for each human being. We enjoy our lives as they are because they have been given into the safekeeping of the angels. Although very few occasions in our mortal careers can be traced with certainty to the immediate activity of these ministers of the spirit, we have the assurance of our faith that we are in fact being guarded. We have never known any other kind of existence.

We cannot know what it is to be without the angels. This guardianship by the heavenly spirits is given to us as a final, unalterable dispensation of God's providence. The ever-correcting, ever-defending interventions of these benign powers are provided to keep the human race and each individual on the true pathway to perfection. This is a providence on the part of God that is absolute and independent of man's good will. It is our birthright.

The angels are anxiously bent on leading man to his eternal salvation. This attention of the angels, particularly of our guardian angels, is most immediately for our temporal welfare. Their more principal and final object is the soul of man as that soul is destined for greater prospects. The guardian angels fight for us largely without our knowledge. Their mission is essentially one of guardianship of a lower being, and this is carried out quite independently of that lower being's active participation or direct recognition. It is truly a trust, and the guardian angels are responsible for the full discharge of that trust. Angelic inspiration remains in our lives in spite of our voluntary deafness to it. The angels have not received a mission to interfere with man's free action. They have received a mission to save man from the results of his own sins as far as is compatible with the higher dictates of God's justice.

God and his angels work unceasingly for man's welfare, but the angelic ministry is most effective in the case of those who receive the inheritance willingly. Nevertheless, it is to be maintained that the ministry of the angels is not denied to other men, although in their case the ministry falls short of its final goal, the leading on to salvation. The sins of men are not signs that man is poorly guarded by the angels, for we can act against the good instigation of the angel who works outside of us as we can act against the good instincts that are within us in the presence of the divine Father fragments. An angel's influence may entice, may persuade, may tempt the will, but it can never touch it directly.

As we are called to the kingdom of heaven, the angels see us as their fellow participants in the graces of the Infinite Spirit, and they have an appointed incentive for leading us to our spiritual pilgrimage. Man's association with the angels is of a most intimate kind. It arises from a more profound dispensation from God. The mortal survivors of the human race will one day overstep the fringe of this material world and into a spiritual plane more compatible with that of the angels. With regard to the final destiny of transcendent union with God, the angels are in a similar position as man. They, too, seek progressive attainment for evolutionary perfection as fellow members in the all-embracing family of God. There is brought about a true community of condition between man and the angels.

***When you deal with the practical affairs of your daily life, you are in the hands of the spirit personalities having origin in the Third Source and Center; you are co-operating with the agencies of the Conjoint Actor. And so it is: You worship God; pray to, and commune with, the Son; and work out the details of your earthly sojourn in connection with the intelligences of the Infinite Spirit operating on your world and throughout your universe. [UB 5:3:5 (66:1)]***

As the Third Person of the Paradise Trinity, the Infinite Spirit is the personification of the Father's love and the Son's mercy. We are told that the Infinite Spirit "is love applied to the creature creation." [UB 8:4:2 (94:4)] Although we worship the Father and pray to and commune with the Son, we all work out the details of our daily lives under the supervision of the ministering personalities of the Infinite Spirit. We will continue to do so for the fullness of our ascendancy careers throughout the entire universe creation.

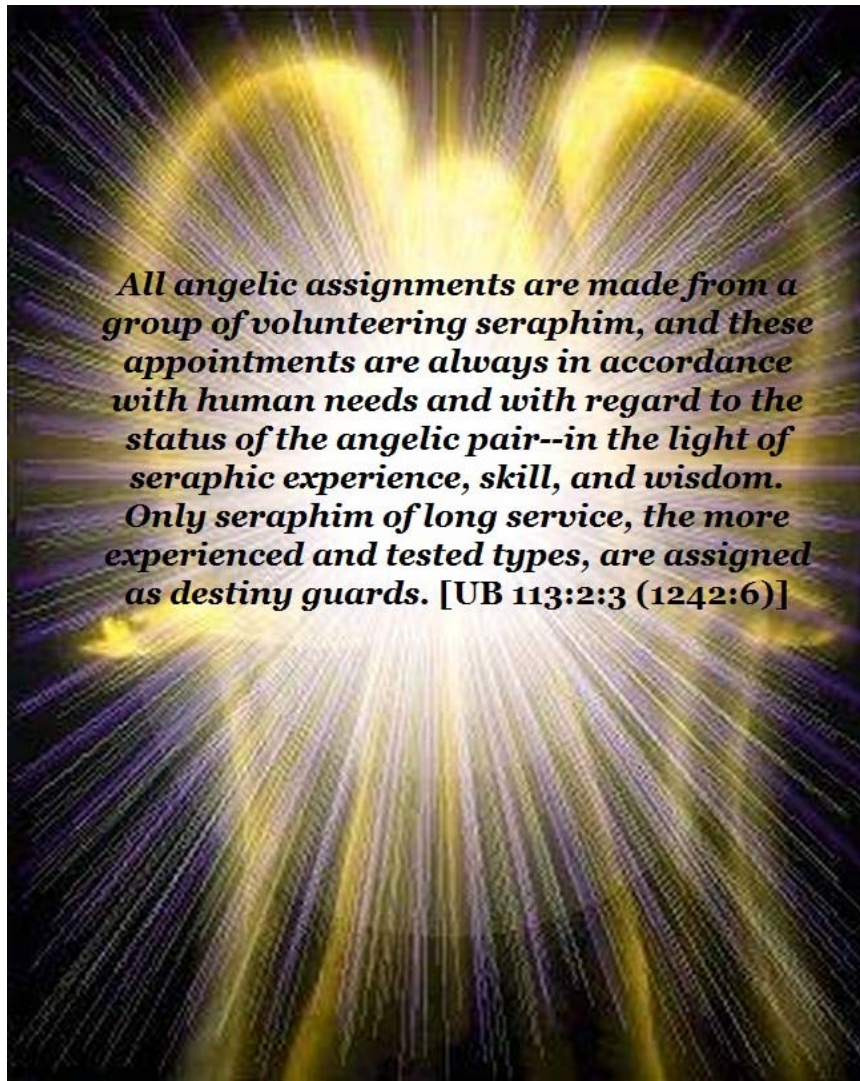
Chief among these ministering personalities are the supernaphim, seconaphim, and seraphim who are integral to the ascendancy scheme of progressive perfection for the children of time. They form an unbroken chain of spirit ministers extending from the local universes, through the seven superuniverses, and into the central universe, providing help and guidance for all who seek the attainment of the Universal Father. Angels and human beings share many emotional and personality traits, and these similarities will become even more pronounced when the mortal creature divests himself of his material body and takes on a more comparable spirit form.

Although angels do not possess material bodies as such, they remain definite and discrete beings. Their sentient forms are of a spirit nature and origin, and they are invisible to mortal eyes. On the other hand, they see you in the flesh as you really are. Through experience and contact, they grow to love their human associates, "they intellectually understand the mode of mortal life, and they share all of man's non sensuous emotions and sentiments." [UB 38:2:1 (419:1)]

## Destiny Guardians



All angelic assignments for the status of destiny guardians are made from a group of volunteering seraphim. Both the conditions of the recipient human's particular needs and the standing of the angelic pair with regard to seraphic experience, skill, and wisdom, are taken into consideration.



***All angelic assignments are made from a group of volunteering seraphim, and these appointments are always in accordance with human needs and with regard to the status of the angelic pair--in the light of seraphic experience, skill, and wisdom. Only seraphim of long service, the more experienced and tested types, are assigned as destiny guards. [UB 113:2:3 (1242:6)]***

Although assigned in pairs, either of the guardian seraphim can more than adequately discharge all of the required ministering responsibilities, and under certain circumstances, they will work alone with their human contacts. It is only for communication and service on the higher circuits of the universes that both angels are required. Still, this guardian pair does provide for excellent complementary co-operation in their roles as the recording angels of the evolutionary worlds. While the primary (positive) guardian discharges her duties, the other seraphim, the complement of being, takes on the individual responsibility as the sponsoring recorder of the undertaking. These records are subsequently kept by a pair of cherubim (a cherubim and a sanobim respectively) who are always associated with the seraphic guardians.



#### SERAPHIC GUARDIAN PAIR

- Guardian
- Recorder (Complement of Being)

#### RECORD KEEPERS

- Cherubim
- Sanobim



As you proceed throughout your mortal career, your guardian angels will attempt to influence you in "every possible manner consistent with the dignity of your personality." [UB 113:5:1 (1245:7)] However, they will always stop short of risking interference with the free action of your human will. They will seek only to influence you indirectly by acting to make the best possible uses of the life-directing choices to which you have already committed. The course you have charted for your life is yours alone, but the guardian seraphim will subsequently act by manipulating the circumstances of your mortal environment with the



solemn hope that the human ascender will experience a resulting growth of cosmic insight. Their goal is to increase your sensitivity to and co-operation with your inner presence of the Father fragment, your Thought Adjuster, and thus to make you more receptive to the spiritual mission of this divine presence.

It would be a mistake to believe that supervision by the guardian seraphim will provide for the "easy" life, because such is not the case. Consistent with the real point to all of our lives, we are to be necessarily challenged if we are to grow in the spirit. We are encouraged to develop the fortitude to traverse "the rugged hills of moral choosing and spiritual progress" [UB 113:4:3 (1245:3)] and we are never given more of a challenge than we can actually deal with. Many of us learn by our own trials and tribulations that we turn out to be stronger than we ever thought we were, and this self-realized discovery makes us all the better prepared to participate in the following of God's personalized will for our lives and destinies.

These guardian angels also perform other important, critical functions in our lives. One of these responsibilities is to effect "a personal co-ordination of the numerous impersonal spirit influences which indwell, surround, and impinge upon the mind and soul of the evolving creature." [UB 113:3:1 (1244:2)] The guardians act to personalize both impersonal and prepersonal ministries provided for us in our lives. They will act to spiritually co-ordinate and unify the leadings of the prepersonal Thought Adjuster in a fashion that better directs these urgings to our highly material and discretely personal minds. Intellectually, they will enhance the correlation of mind and morontia, so important to nurturing the growth of our souls, in ways that will make us more appreciable to the expanding moral nature of the evolving human personality. Remember that "spiritual reason, soul intelligence, is the endowment of the Holy Spirit, the Creative Spirit's gift to man." [UB 101:3:2 (1108:1)] As the ministering daughters of this Creative Mother Spirit, our guardian angels are well prepared to interact with the adjutant mind-spirits for the purpose of correlating mind and morontia.

### **Guardian Ministry**

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>Personalize impersonal / prepersonal ministries</b>	<b>Co-ordinators</b>
<b>Intellectual</b>	<b>Correlate mind and morontia</b>	<b>Interpreters</b>
<b>Physical</b>	<b>Manipulate terrestrial environment for cosmic insight</b>	<b>Augmentors</b>

These specialized functions of the seraphic guardians on the spiritual, intellectual, and material levels of mortal ministry help explain why they are so ideally suited to become the personal custodians of the mind patterns, memory formulas, and soul realities of the

surviving mortal during that period of time elapsed between physical death and morontia resurrection.

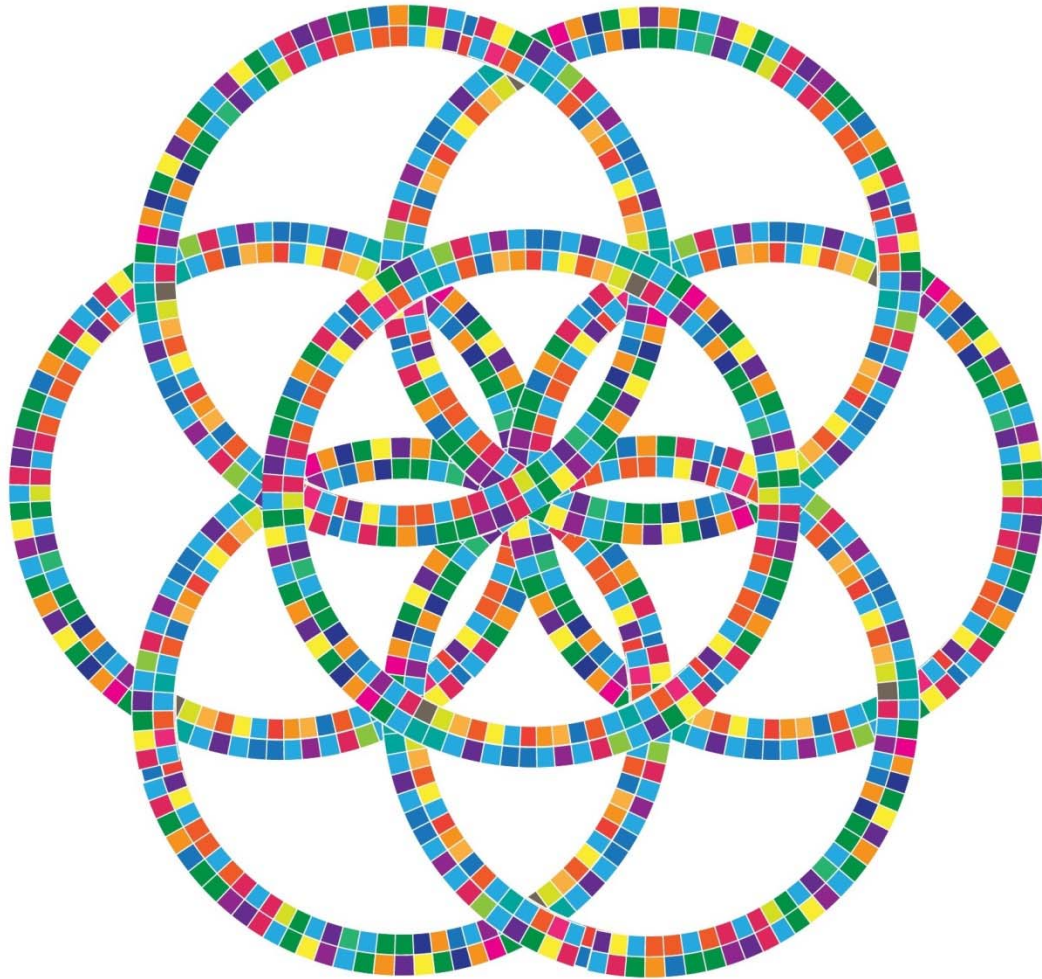


As the custodians of creature identity and personal integrity, seraphic guardians are functionally replete to initiate the transit sleep of mortal survivor transport, that unconscious slumber while in the state of being enseraphimed.

## **Circle Attainment**

Self-realization and mind-attainment are the supernal and divine goals that the Universal Father sets before his mortal children. The psychic circles have to do with the harmonious functioning of the entire mortal personality with regard to personality status, mind attainment, soul growth, and Adjuster attunement. A human being progressively strives to attain ever-higher levels of associated intellectual, social, spiritual, and cosmic insight values, and this evolution of a primarily material creature into the mature human of immortal potentiality is measured by the successive attainment and mastery of seven cosmic circles of mortal progression. These circles are attained from the outermost seventh and inward to the first. The embryonic spirit nature of an initial seventh circler gradually emerges and manifests into the emerging morontia nature of a local universe citizen.

*Seraphim are mind stimulators; they continually seek to promote circle-making decisions in human mind. They do this, not as does the Adjuster, operating from within and through the soul, but rather from the outside inward, working through the social, ethical, and moral environment of human beings. [UB 113:4:1 (1245:1)]*



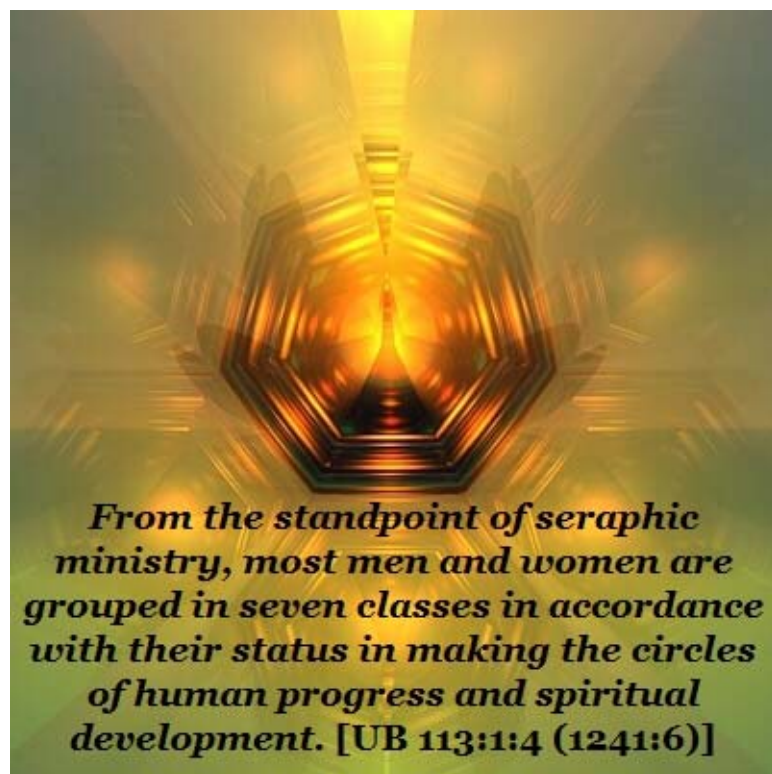
**The Seven Circles of Human Progress**

CIRCLE	DESTINY SERAPHIC PAIR	CHERUBIM	MORTALS
7th	1	1 Company*	1000
6th	1	1 Company	500
5th	1	1 Group	100
4th	1	1 Company	10
3rd	1	-----	1
2nd	1	-----	1
1st	1	-----	1

\* Counting Angels (from the largest to the smallest ensembles):  
Seraphic Army > Host > Legion > Unit > Battalion > Group > Number



The mortal progression through the seven psychic circles brings about a growing sense of cosmic consciousness and a greater kinship of the evolutionary soul with the emerging Supreme Being. As the mortal progresses to the soul-level of morontia consciousness, he becomes better able to grasp universe meanings and to realize divine values. These accomplishments provide such a mortal a greater awareness of his true universe citizenship and his ensuing promise of local universe progression. In the premorontia universe career of an ascending mortal, the ascension candidate begins to recognize with ever-increasing clarity and comprehension the true nature of God as this nature is revealed in the aspects of universal truth, beauty, and goodness. The ministry of the seven adjutant mind-spirits, as unified under the directing influence of the spirit of wisdom, assists the mortal creature in the completion of the seven circles of premorontia attainment.

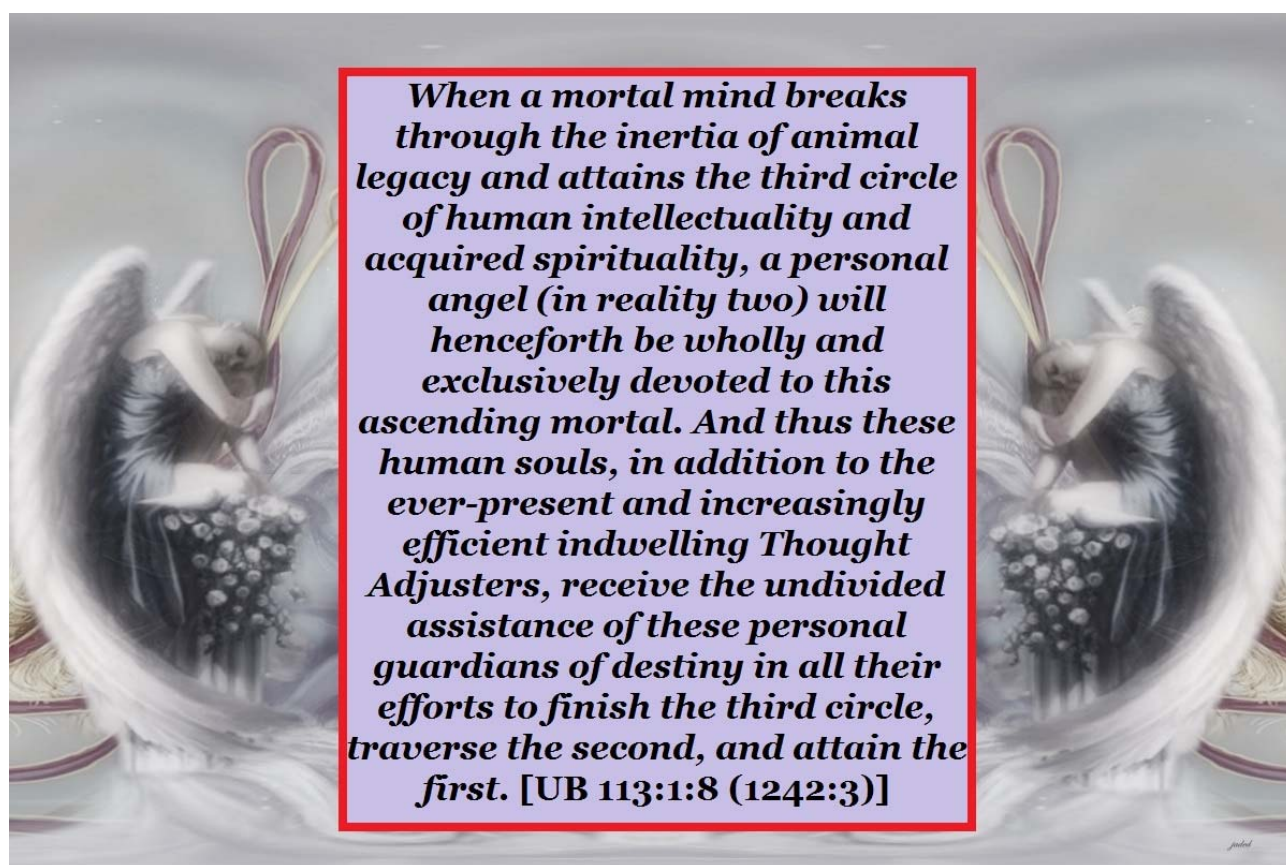


***From the standpoint of seraphic ministry, most men and women are grouped in seven classes in accordance with their status in making the circles of human progress and spiritual development. [UB 113:1:4 (1241:6)]***

The developed personality characteristics that provides for successful entry into the seventh outermost circle signify the united functioning of all seven adjutant mind-spirits under the direction of the spirit of wisdom:

- **The powers of personal choice.**
- **Individual decision capability.**
- **Moral responsibility.**
- **The capacity for attainment of spiritual individuality.**

On the inward attainment of the third circle of human intellectuality and acquired spirituality, the mortal mind finally breaks through the inertia of animal legacy, and it is here where the indwelling Adjuster begins to more effectively morontiaize the mind of man for the remainder of his natural life-span. This event also marks the individual assignment of a pair of personal guardians of destiny who will henceforth be wholly and exclusively devoted to only this ascending mortal. Third circle mortals have earned the right to "receive the undivided assistance of these personal guardians of destiny in all their efforts to finish the third circle, traverse the second, and attain the first" [UB 113:1:8 (1242:3)], and they can expect to be repersonalized after mortal death into the morontia life without delay, independent of dispensational or other adjudications.



Mastery of the first and innermost cosmic circle, the final cosmic level of creature mastery, signals the well-earned attainment of premorontia mind maturity. This achievement effectively terminates the collective ministry of the adjutant mind-spirits as the sole and exclusive influence of mind-activity in the human personality. Beyond the first circle, mortal mind becomes increasingly akin to the intelligence of the morontia stage of identity evolution. It becomes increasingly sensitive to the superimposition of the endowment of morontia mind upon adjutant mind. This new mind begins to enjoy the ministry of a superadjutant endowment of the local universe Mother Spirit, an endowment of mind more harmonious in alignment with cosmic mind.



*The seven circles embrace mortal experience extending from the highest purely animal level to the lowest actual contactual morontia level of self-consciousness as a personality experience. The mastery of the first cosmic circle signalsizes the attainment of premorontia mortal maturity and marks the termination of the conjoint ministry of the adjutant mind- spirits as an exclusive influence of mind action in the human personality.*

*Beyond the first circle, mind becomes increasingly akin to the intelligence of the morontia stage of evolution, the conjoined ministry of the cosmic mind and the superadjutant endowment of the Creative Spirit of a local universe.*

**[UB 110:6:21 (1211:6)]**

## Soul Guardianship



*Great is the dignity of souls, so great indeed  
that each of them has an angel assigned for  
its protection from the moment it is born.*  
[Saint Jerome's "In Matt 18, 10"]

It is at the conception of the soul, that moment when the creature mind of moral status is indwelt by the Father fragment, that the morontia life of an ascender is really initiated on the inhabited worlds. During the mortal life in the flesh, this conceived soul is essentially of embryonic estate, though it does show an enigmatic capacity for supermortal function for the recognition of the higher levels of morontia reality. It is enabled to reinforce the supermaterial decisions of its associated mortal mind, and it can make final decisions of cosmic importance provided that "this material mind delegates such authority freely and willingly to such a morontia soul of associated function." [UB 111:3:2 (1219:1)]

As the life of a mortal being unfolds, that individual is increasingly urged to identify with its future morontia self. This gradual birthing of a soul emerges jointly as the offspring of the adjutant mind, as dominated by the God-craving human will, in concert with the "spiritual forces of the universe which are under the overcontrol of an actual fragment of the very God of all creation--the Mystery Monitor." [UB 111:2:10 (1218:8)]

The mortal will, being the personality power of decision-choice resident in the material mind circuits, initiates this transference of its seat of identity from the temporal material intellect system to the higher morontia-soul system. Thus, in accordance with the influence of our angelic helpers' continuing struggle in conjunction with the Thought Adjuster, the embryonic soul transforms itself into the future morontia vehicle of personality identity.





***Mortal man, subject to Adjuster leading, is also amenable to seraphic guidance. The Adjuster is the essence of man's eternal nature; the seraphim is the teacher of man's evolving nature--in this life the mortal mind, in the next the morontia soul. On the mansion worlds you will be conscious and aware of seraphic instructors, but in the first life men are usually unaware of them.***  
**[UB 113:4:2 (1245:2)]**

There exists a mysterious, but nevertheless very real, relationship between the ministry of the personal seraphic guardians and the ministry of the Adjusters. They both appear to effect their mutual ministries in perfect harmony and exquisite accord, without the apparent benefit of any direct communication. Each respective ministration to the mortal being takes on a most active role precisely when the other is least active, and this superb co-operation can hardly be viewed as either accidental or incidental.

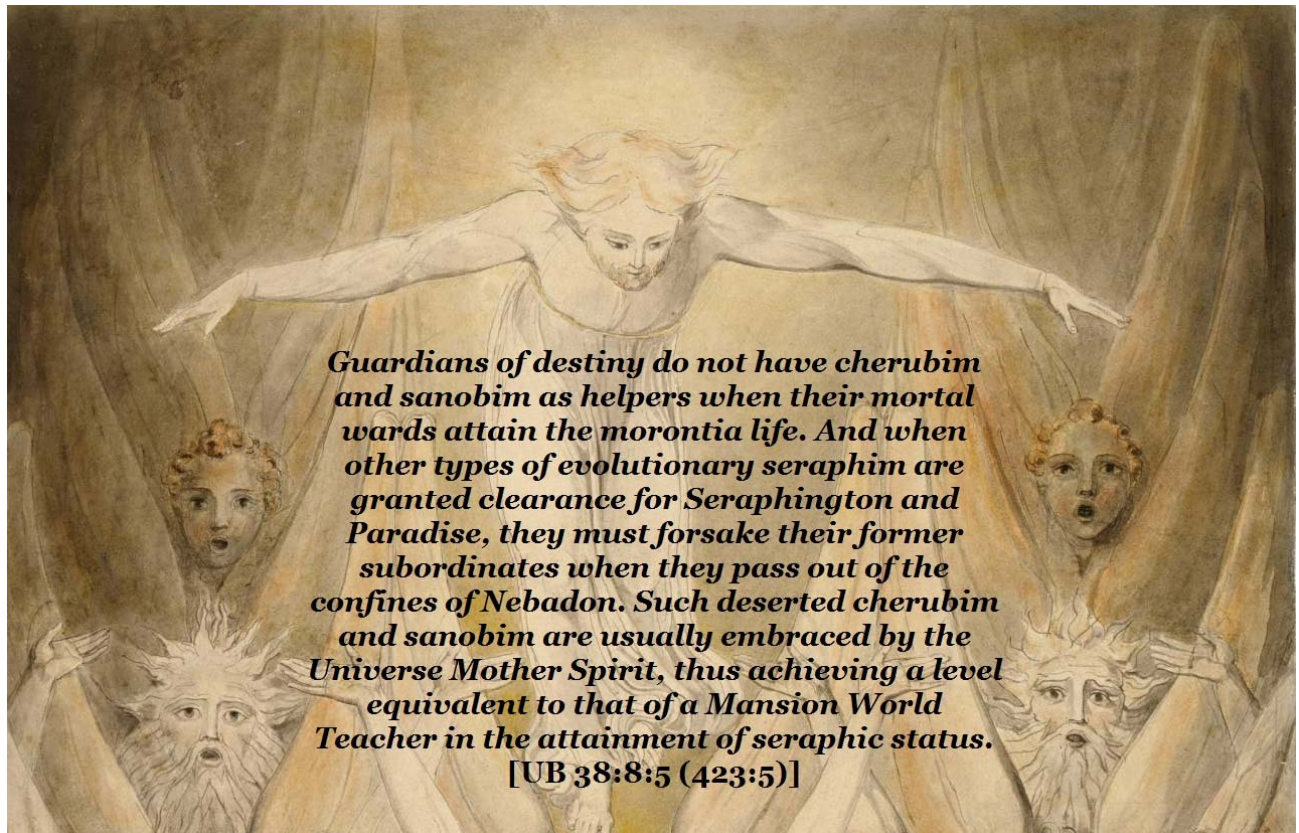
Cherubim and sanobim are evolving spirit beings and the most senior of these may begin their attainment of the heights of universal seraphic service by being attached to the seraphic guardians of destiny in the roles as record keepers. They gain valuable experience at those special times when they are allowed to temporarily function as acting recorders during the absence of one or the other of the seraphic guardian pair.

Sometimes, a child of time with an undeveloped soul may pass away on an evolutionary world of space before the acquirement of individual status in the universe records (as signified by the reception of an indwelling Adjuster). Where either or both of such a child's parents have survived the mortal transition to the mansion worlds, "the guardian of destiny deputizes her associated cherubim as the custodian of the child's potential identity, charging the cherubim with the responsibility of delivering this undeveloped soul into the hands of the Mansion World Teachers on the probationary nurseries of the morontia worlds." [UB 47:2:1 (531:5)] In many ways, this undeveloped soul may be seen as analogous to a pre-fertilized ovum in its potent state of potentiality, waiting for the initiating act of conception.

## SOUL MASS

ADVANCING SOUL LEVELS	WATCHCARE
Undeveloped Soul (Pre-Adjuster)	Deputized Associate Cherubim
7 <sup>th</sup> Psychic Circler (Post-Adjuster)	Group Seraphic Guardian
3 <sup>rd</sup> Psychic Circler	Personal Seraphic Guardian

Cherubim and sanobim are able assistants to the guardian seraphim in the carrying out of their responsibilities on the worlds of mortal existence. Nevertheless, this association is usually temporal, lasting up to that moment when the seraphim's mortal ward is delivered from the bonds of the flesh in preparation for the ascendant career. The guardians of destiny have no need for cherubim as helpers when their mortal wards attain the morontia life on the mansion worlds. When decommissioned by their seraphic seniors, these cherubim are duly placed in direct line for spirit ministry advancement.



With growing experience and advancement in this capacity as faithful servants on the mansion worlds, these once-embraced senior cherubim and sanobim are periodically summoned in groups of seven thousand for the honorable administration of the oath of personality administration and are then re-embraced by the Universe Mother Spirit, emerging as full-fledged seraphim. These twice-embraced cherubim and sanobim "may be assigned as guardians of destiny to some mortal being, and if that mortal ward attains survival, then do they become eligible for advancement to Seraphington and the seven circles of seraphic attainment, even to Paradise and the Corps of The Finality." [UB 38:8:6 (423:6)]

## **Soul Rebirth**

The phenomenon of mortal death, that transaction on the borderland of the physical and morontia realms, remains in many aspects a supernal mystery to humankind. The revelators of truth have been plainly restricted by the celestial governing authorities of Urantia from disclosing to us its full exposition in The Urantia Book: "There are many interesting details which might be presented, but I withhold them upon the advice of your immediate planetary supervisors." [UB 112:5:11 (1234:0)]

Various orders of seraphim are capable of enveloping within their spirit forms nonmaterial personalities and to transport them across the vast expanses of cosmic space. These angels cannot carry combustible bodies (such as our mortal bodies of flesh and blood). This process of enseraphiming results in the experience of transit slumber for the passenger personality who remains fully unconscious during the passage. Upon our mortal death, our destiny guardians transport our surviving souls to the Mansion Worlds for resurrection (for those individuals who have a personal pair of guardian seraphim when they have achieved the third, second, or first circle of psychic attainment). The guardian seraphim are essential to terrestrial escape. The spiritual values and eternal realities of the newly evolved and immortal souls of the sleeping survivors are held as a sacred trust by these guardian seraphim. After man's spirit has been released from the tabernacles of the flesh, the soul is summarily escorted to the heavenly mansion worlds.



*“Also are these angels very much concerned with the means whereby man’s spirit is released from the tabernacles of the flesh and his soul escorted to the mansions in heaven. Angels are the sure and heavenly guides of the soul of man during that uncharted and indefinite period of time which intervenes between the death of the flesh and the new life in the spirit abodes.” [UB 167:7:6]*



It is here where your records, identity, specifications, and the morontia entity of the human soul are faithfully conserved by the destiny seraphim. This entails everything that constitutes the real you except for the Adjuster entrusted identity of continuing existence and the actuality of your eternally unique personality. All surviving mortals in the custody of personal guardians can expect to be repersonalized on the mansion worlds on the “third period”. Otherwise, such surviving souls that have failed to attain the requisite level of intelligence mastery and spirituality endowment must “rest in unconscious sleep until the judgment day of a new epoch, a new dispensation, the coming of a Son of God to call the rolls of the age and adjudicate the realm, and this is the general practice throughout all Nebadon.” [UB 30:4:11 (341:1)] These sleeping survivors are entrusted to group guardians who may become custodians of thousands upon thousands of slumbering souls, encompassing age after planetary age.



***Group guardians may serve on a planet age after age and eventually become custodians of the slumbering souls of thousands upon thousands of sleeping survivors. They can so serve on many different worlds in a given system since the resurrection response occurs on the mansion worlds.***

**[UB 113:6:9 (1247:7)]**

In those instances where there is no immortal spirit within the mortal watch care present to function with the group guardians of destiny, these associated creature personalities are considered nonsalvable and this constitutes cessation of individualized existence. The assigned guardian angel must then be adjudicated regarding these failures of survival. She must then be vindicated as to the faithful execution of her trust, but "Thought Adjusters are not thus subjected to examination when their subjects fail to survive." [UB 108:5:10 (1192:5)] If their human wards fail to survive, these guardians will often repeat their ministries in similar capacities on the same planet where they were once stationed.





The reassembly of a surviving being takes place in the resurrection hall of the first mansion world that serves as the rendezvous point for the seraphic destiny guardians, the Thought Adjusters, the archangels of the resurrection, and the Life Carriers. The first step in the reassembly of the constituent parts of a onetime material personality begins with the fabrication of a suitable form, a morontia energy pattern, which the seraphim of assignment “provides” as the new life vehicle for the immortal soul and for the indwelling of the returning Adjuster. The attending seraphim actually provides, with the assistance of the Morontia Power Supervisors, the undifferentiated morontia material wherewith the new morontia life can be initiated. It is within this suitable morontia form, as projected by the guardian of destiny, that the new survivor can “make contact with nonspiritual reality, and within which the morontia variant of the cosmic mind can be encircuited.” [UB 112:5:16 (1234:5)] This morontia mind individualizes the morontia form for all mortal survivors, being of the same creature mind-matrix and passive potentials of identity that were entrusted to the keeping of the seraphic destiny guardians.

When you thus awaken, when you are thus reconsciousized, you will then see for the first time your long-loved and ever-present angelic companions of your days on Urantia. You will also become keenly aware of the identity and presence of your divine Father fragment who so long indwelt the mind of your mortal existence. This is a true rebirth in all respects, a true spiritual transformation of such magnitude that it is only by the close and loving presence of your destiny guardians and your Thought Adjuster that you will be able to effectively

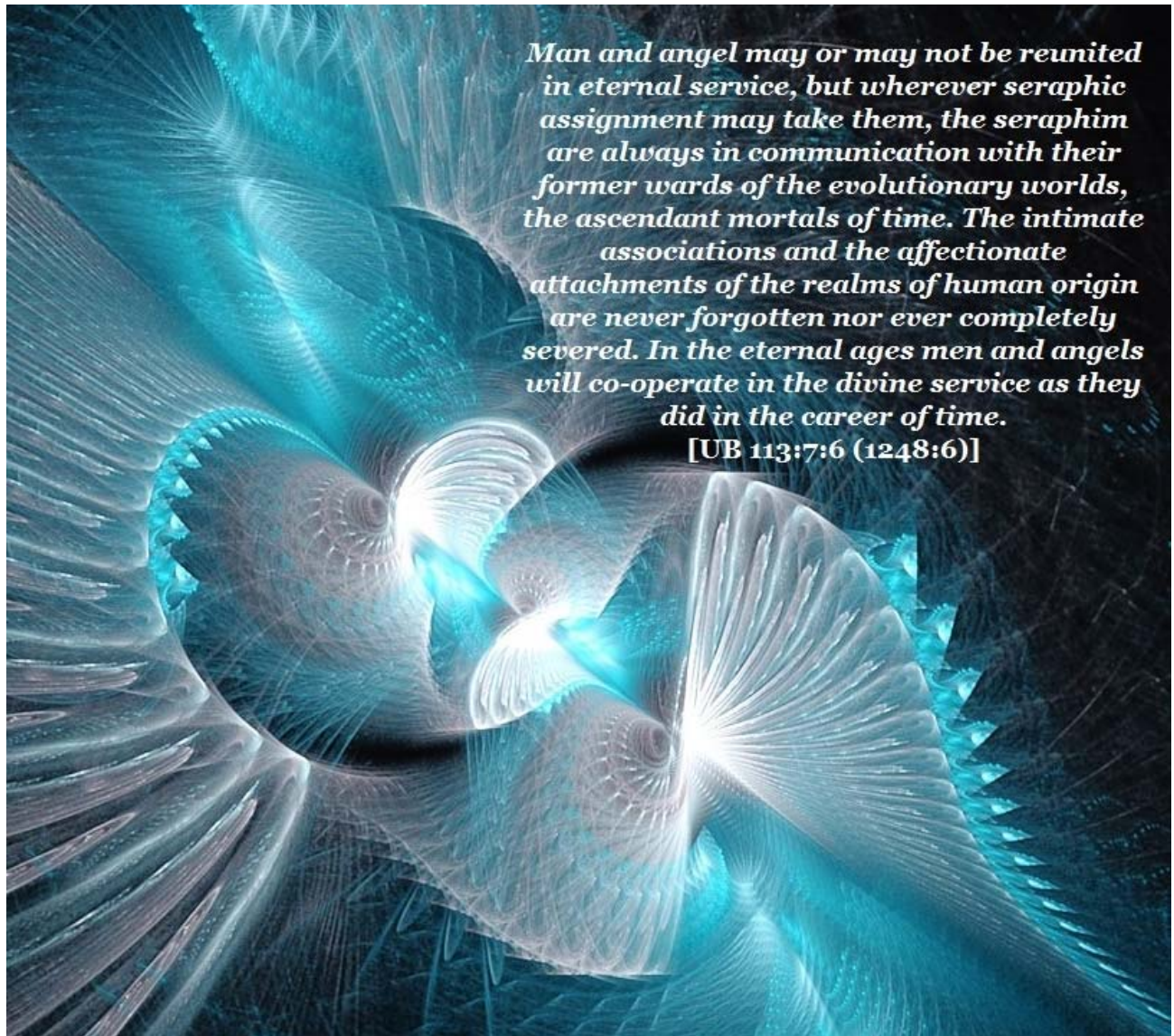
connect your new morontia consciousness with the reviving memory of your previous identity.



*It is indeed an epoch in the career of an ascending mortal, this first awakening on the shores of the mansion world; there, for the first time, actually to see your long-loved and ever-present angelic companions of earth days; there also to become truly conscious of the identity and presence of the divine Monitor who so long indwelt your mind on earth. Such an experience constitutes a glorious awakening, a real resurrection. [UB 113:7:1 (1248:1)]*



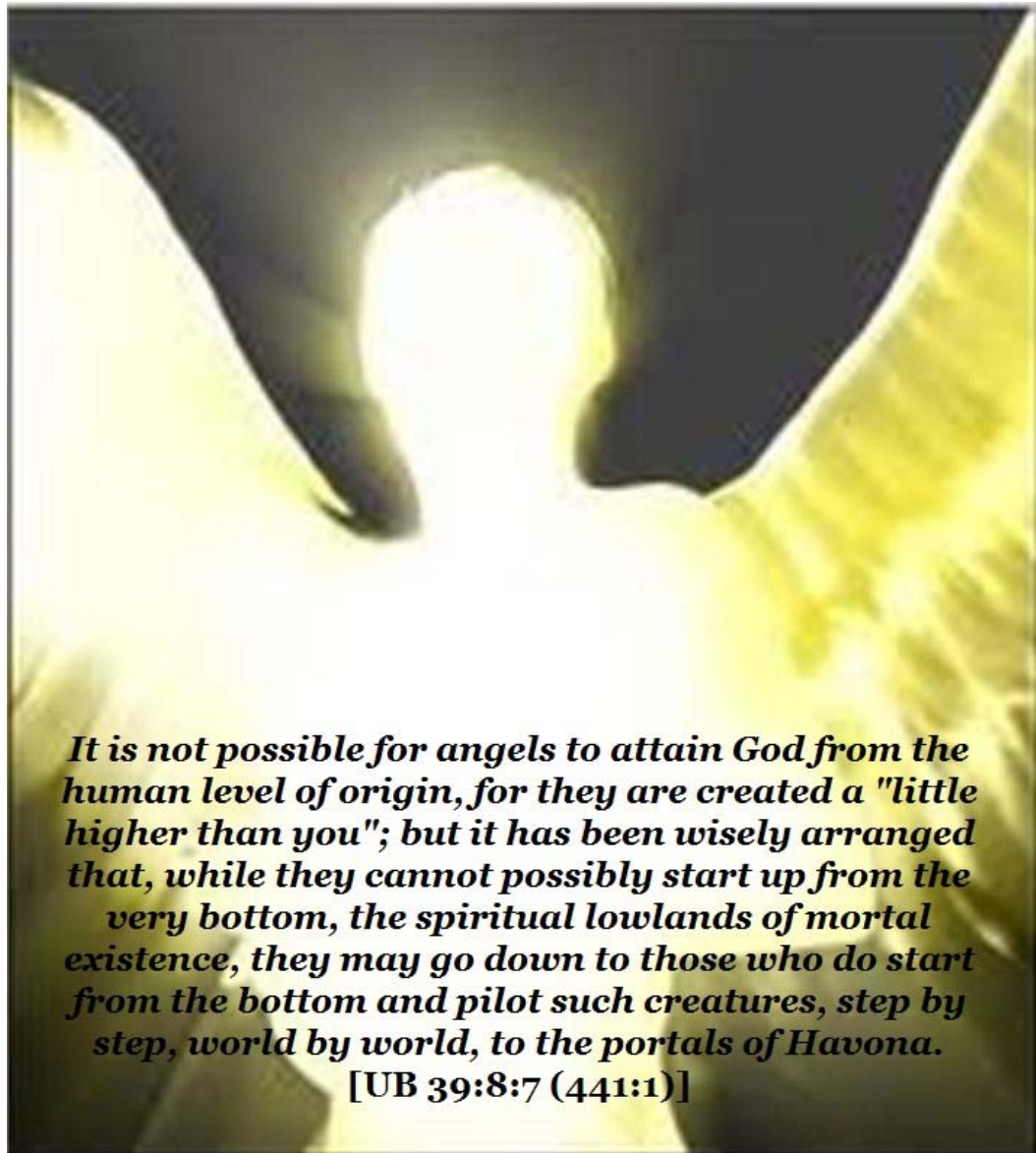
## Seraphic Destiny



Seraphim candidates for the ascension career yearn to attain the heights of universal seraphic service with the exalted goal of being sometime granted clearance for Seraphington and Paradise. Their most assured path for attaining a career of finality is by the supreme choice for the post of guardian angel. As the personal guides along the paths of divine destiny for the children of time, these angels are also determining their own high destiny for achieving the Paradise Deities. Their success as destiny guardians, the most highly prized of all seraphic duties, practically assures them access to Paradise by the progressive path of evolutionary ascent, the highest possible level of experiential destiny. Their ministry to their mortal wards of time and space will continue for many an age, and this



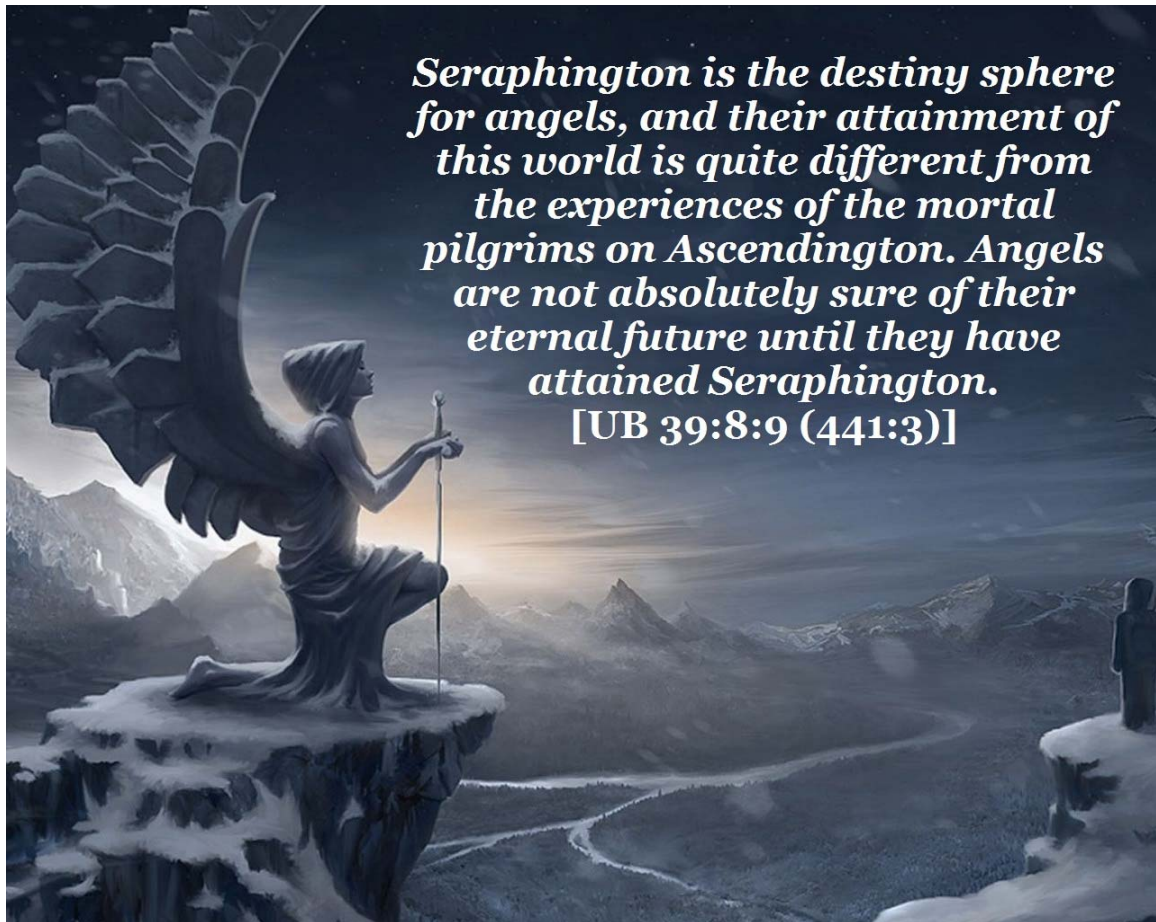
provides them a wonderful and educational introduction to their future work and personality association.



***It is not possible for angels to attain God from the human level of origin, for they are created a "little higher than you"; but it has been wisely arranged that, while they cannot possibly start up from the very bottom, the spiritual lowlands of mortal existence, they may go down to those who do start from the bottom and pilot such creatures, step by step, world by world, to the portals of Havona.***

**[UB 39:8:7 (441:1)]**

As we proceed with our mortal ascendancy careers, many of our faithful seraphic guardians will join us in their quest to become our finaliter associates in eternity as children of the Supreme and perfected sons of the Paradise Father. [UB 113:7:9 (1249:3)] Seraphington is the primary goal for such seraphic pairs who are engaging in the supreme adventure of identity at-oneness. Seraphington is the destiny sphere for all angels, and their attainment of this world is quite different from the experiences of the mortal pilgrims on Ascendington.

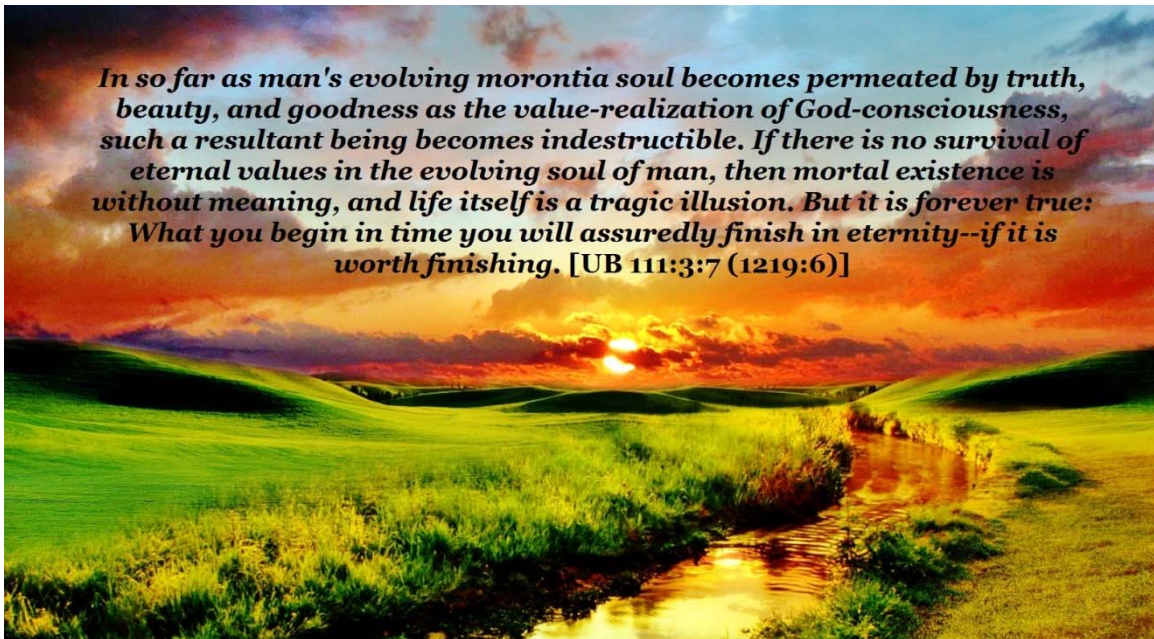


It is on Seraphington where these angels will undergo a process of spiritual bi-unification whereby their respective complemental natures achieve ultimate spirit unification. In the selective case of the destiny guardians, this transition of two-into-oneness is followed by fusion with a non-Adjuster fragment of the Paradise Father, thus securing their longed for eternal status of sonship and subsequent mustering into the Corps of Mortal Finality.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN: SURVIVAL

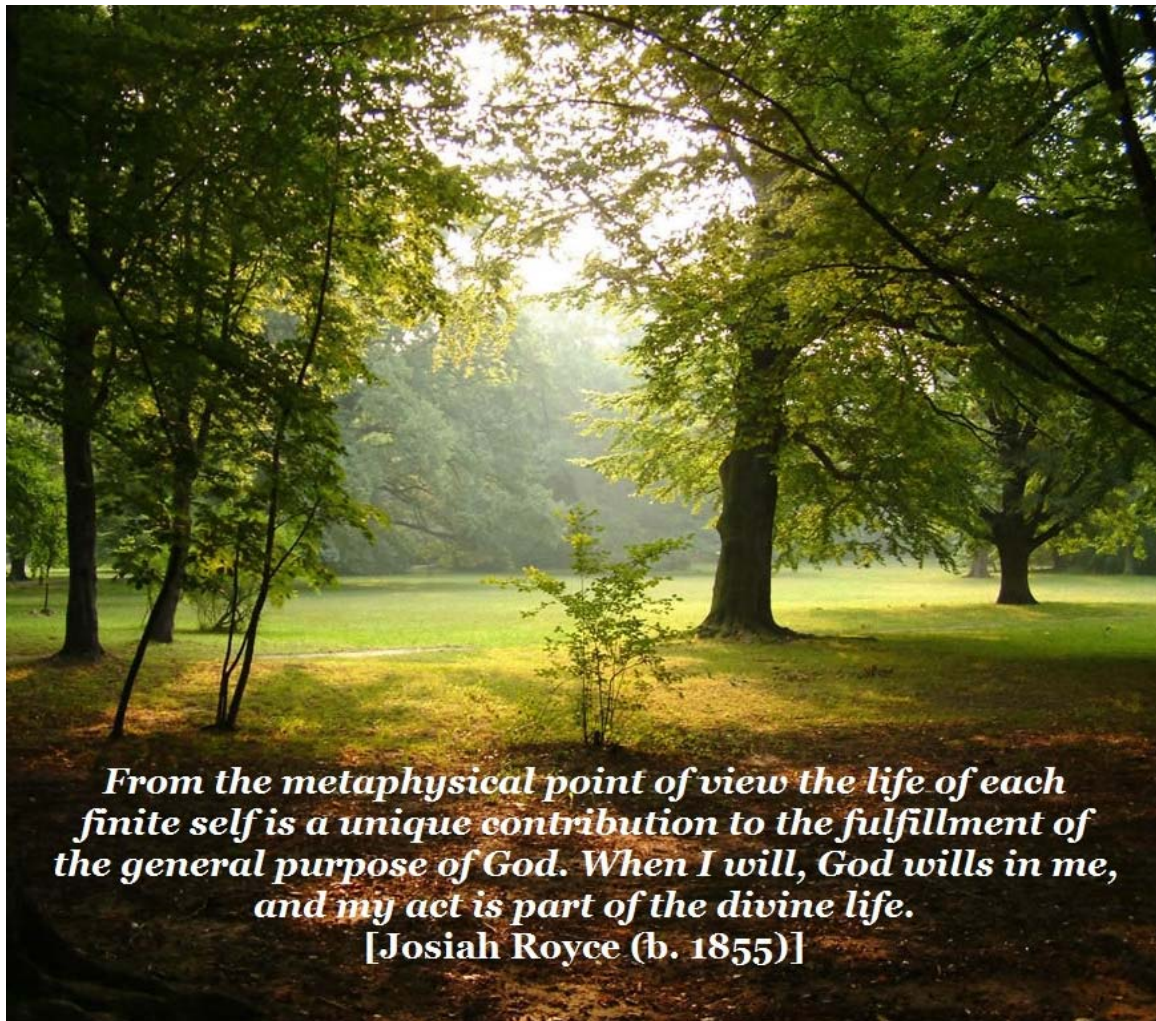
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### The Nature and Consequences of Free-Will Choice



Our creature personalities unify the identity of our material, mindal, and spiritual natures into one unity of being, and our personal wills are relatively free in the determination of our volitional actions. Our creative and determinative free will is relatively independent of all other universal influence. In fact, there are local universe policies enforced to protect against the infringement of the moral free will of personal creatures.



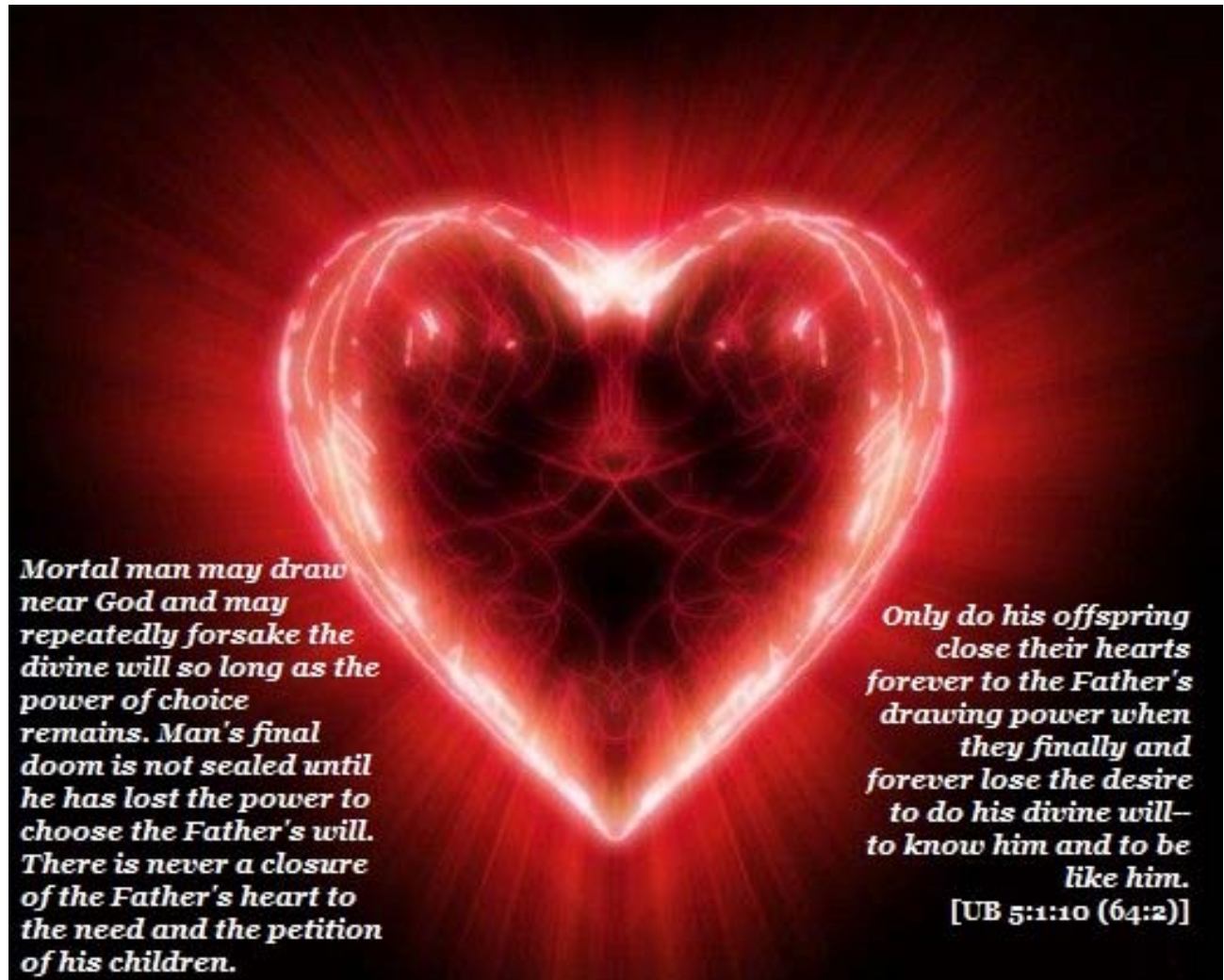


*From the metaphysical point of view the life of each finite self is a unique contribution to the fulfillment of the general purpose of God. When I will, God wills in me, and my act is part of the divine life.*  
[Josiah Royce (b. 1855)]

The Paradise Father has ordained this liberty of choice as determined by the exercise of creature will and intelligent decision-making. In doing so, we are granted the supernal gift of experiencing the contribution of some cosmic value to the time-space creations that is both personal and unique (even as we are personal and unique). We become freewill participants "in the long evolutionary struggle to attain the status of light and life both individually and collectively." [UB 54:2:3 (614:8)] Sharing our natures with the Father of free will, all children of the Universal Father are endowed with a measure of divine spontaneity of freewill action. By seeking to carry out the Father's will, we become partners with the Creator Sons of time and space in the adventurous endeavor for the attainment of supreme perfection.

Mortal freewill choice for the doing of the Father's will and thus embarking on a path to eternal life is the supreme mandate of time and space. Nothing in all of creation can abrogate against this liberty of personal choice. We can align our will to the Father's will, or we can turn aside and proceed with our lives solely determined by our own free will. It is our choice to make. If we choose to forsake the living presence of our Paradise Father's spirit

within the deepest part of our mortal being, this we can choose. However, this personal choice of turning our face from the Father's presence means that we have refused the greatest gift that can be offered a mortal being of free will - we abandon our deepest friend and loving Father. Meanwhile, the Father waits patiently.



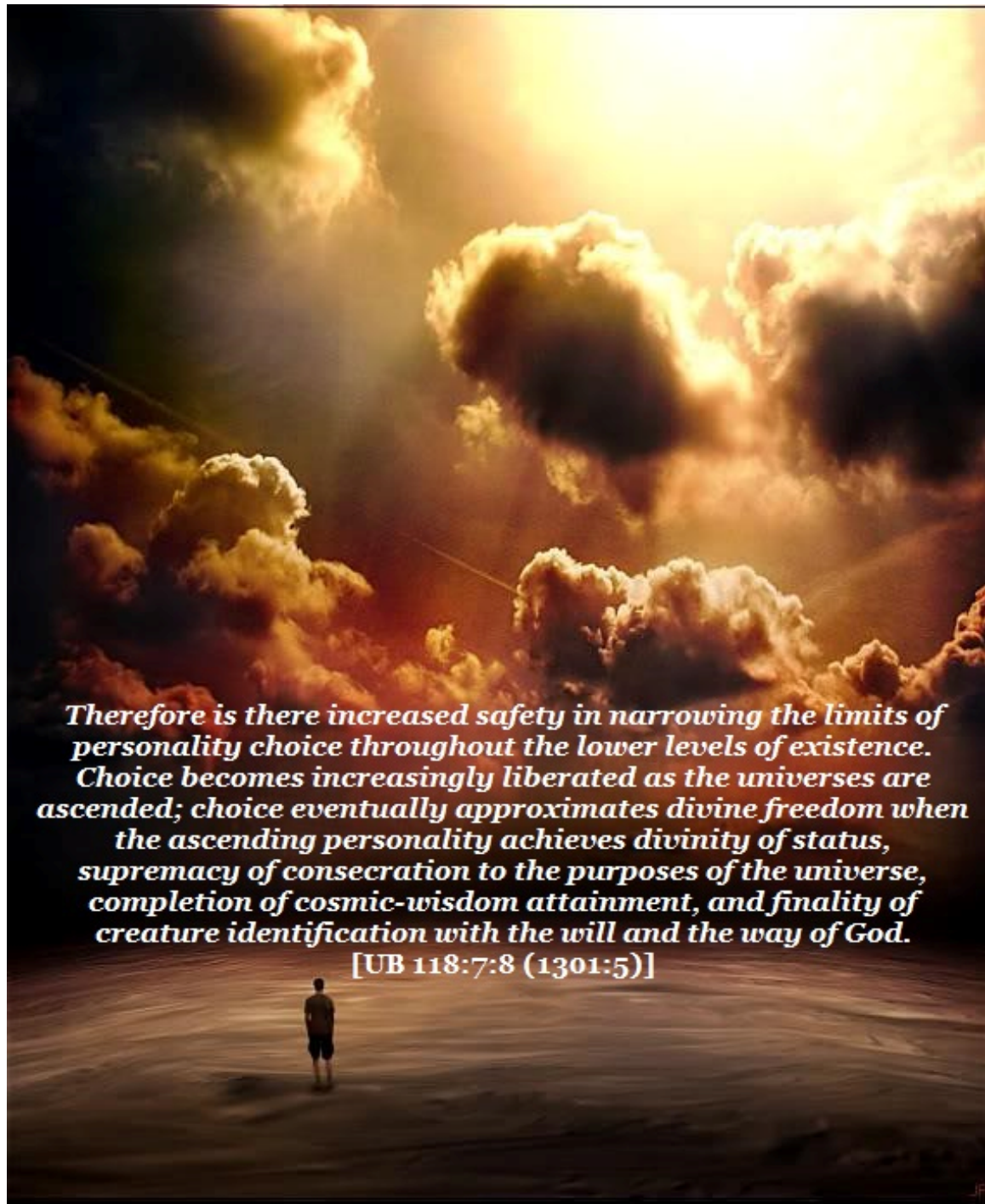
On the other hand, when it concerns the scope of our far-reaching future and path of personal growth, we are somewhat limited in our self-determination. These restrictions and limits are intended to constrain our actions from hurting our fellows and ourselves. The laws and mandates of creation set predetermined restraints, controls, and limits on the far-reaching ramifications of the unfettered creature free will. Still, given these necessary considerations, we may choose freely within these relative restrictions that have been determined to be in our best interests, and these choices are relatively final on the finite level.

Relative free will is operative on seven levels of human consciousness: [UB 16:8:8-14 (194:8-14)]

- 1. Moral decision, highest wisdom.**
- 2. Spiritual choice, truth discernment.**
- 3. Unselfish love, brotherhood service.**
- 4. Purposeful co-operation, group loyalty.**
- 5. Cosmic insight, the grasp of universe meanings.**
- 6. Personality dedication, wholehearted devotion to doing the Father's will.**
- 7. Worship, the sincere pursuit of divine values and the wholehearted love of the divine Value-Giver.**

Because the imperfect creature can exercise free will in the choosing of good or evil, the possibility and even the probability of error and sin arises. This possibility is inevitable if creature will is to be truly free. Giving free license to mortal will within time-conditioned space is tantamount to providing for the very real possibility of sin, and sin results when the spiritually immature freewill creature takes full liberty of this freedom of choice while at the same time failing to pay reverence to his supreme duties and cosmic responsibilities.





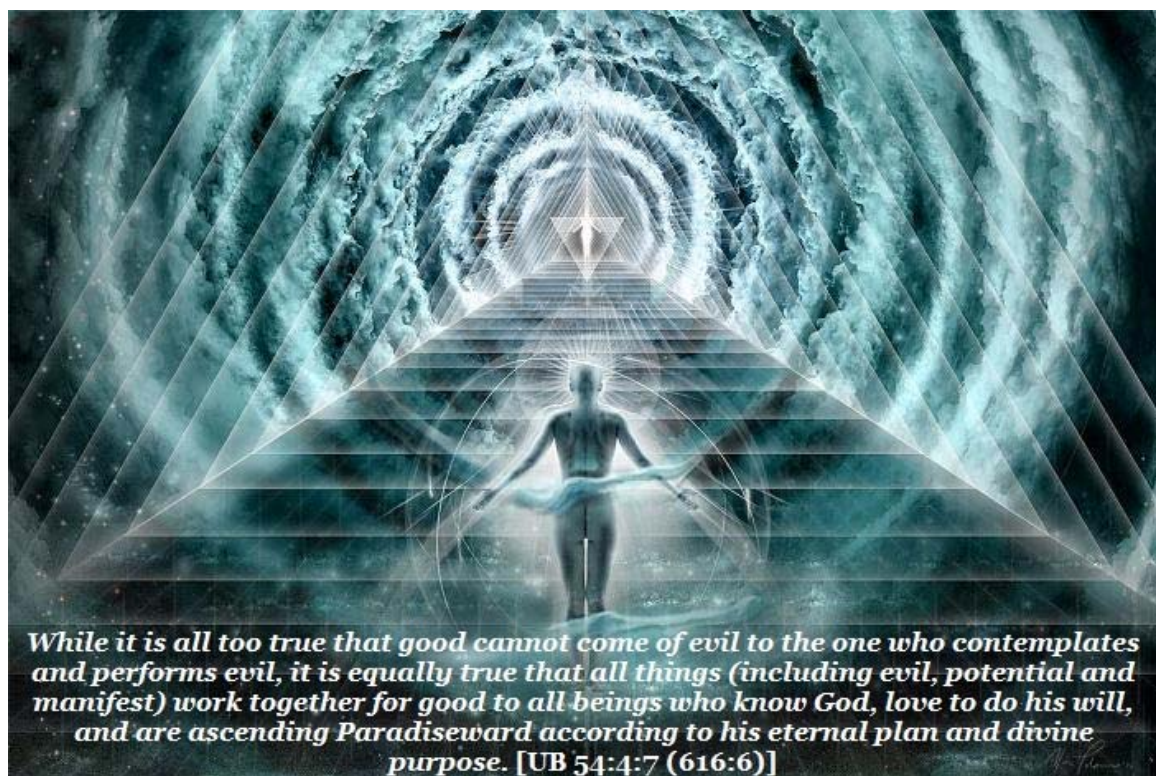
The reality of sin, however, does not affect in any way a creature's freewill choice for undertaking the ascendancy career. This choice would remain unaffected in its critical importance and impact, even if all such choices were to be made in a perfect world free of sin and error. However, do not believe that unfortunate life circumstances and environment can ever hurt our chances to make an honest and real choice for accepting the adventure of

mortal ascendancy. We contain deep within our being the divine spirit of our Paradise Father, and this presence insures that all mortal souls will have the same fair chance to accept the gift of salvation. The Father's indwelling spirit is the offered guarantee of personality survival. This divine spirit reveals to the mortal of indwelling the true meanings and values of living, and these elevated spiritual standards facilitate the proper personal life choices between good and evil. A seemingly poor deal of the cards in life can have no impact on our opportunity to become perfect even as the Father is perfect.

### **NON-IMPACTING LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE ON SURVIVAL-CHOICE** **[UB 5:5:13 (69:8)]**

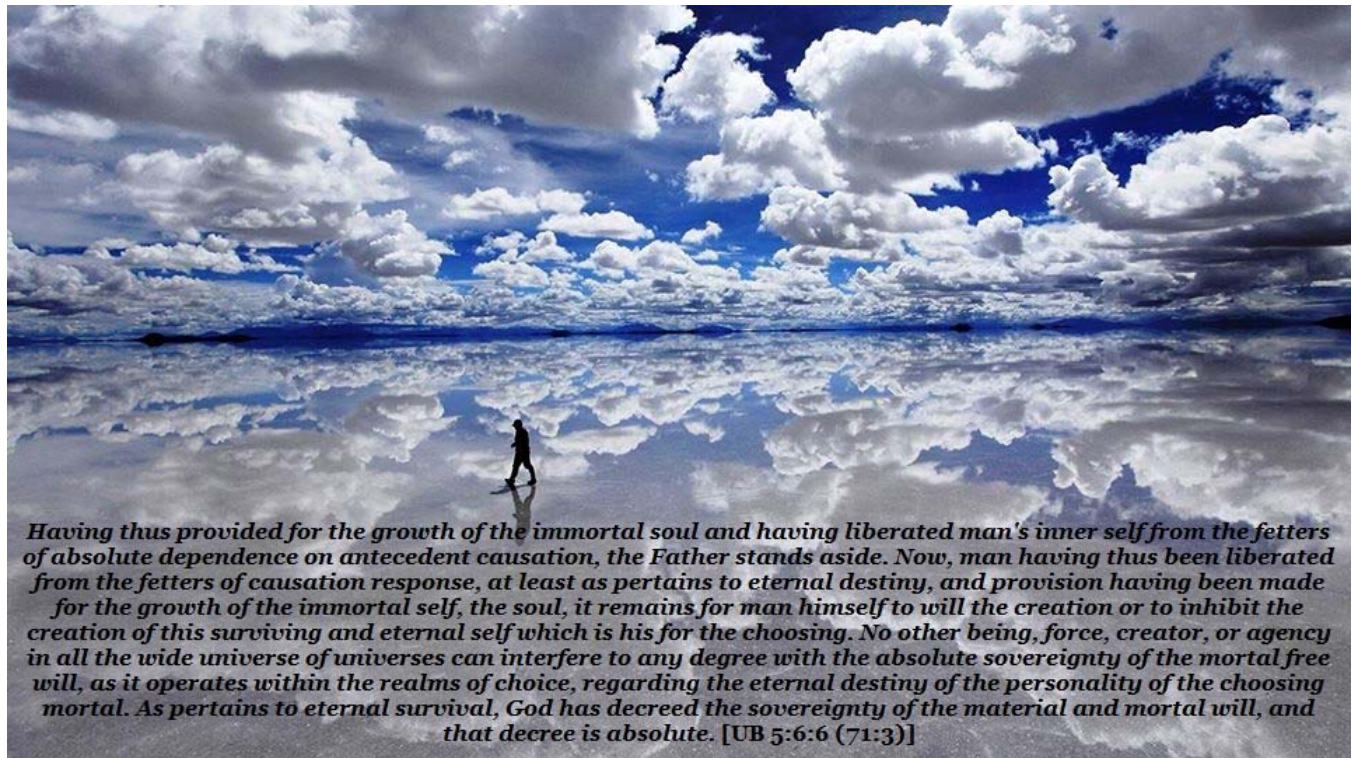
- **Limitations of intellect.**
- **Curtailement of education.**
- **Deprivation of culture.**
- **Impoverishment of social status.**
- **Inferiority of the human standards of morality.**

By allowing for the possibility of sin in the world, a stark contrast is provided to highlight the ultimate benefits of goodness, considering that the overall effect of sin and evil is to accentuate even more clearly the consummate good that results on the whole. Our spiritual growth relies on the maturing of our voluntary choices of goodness thus diminishing the possibilities for evil.





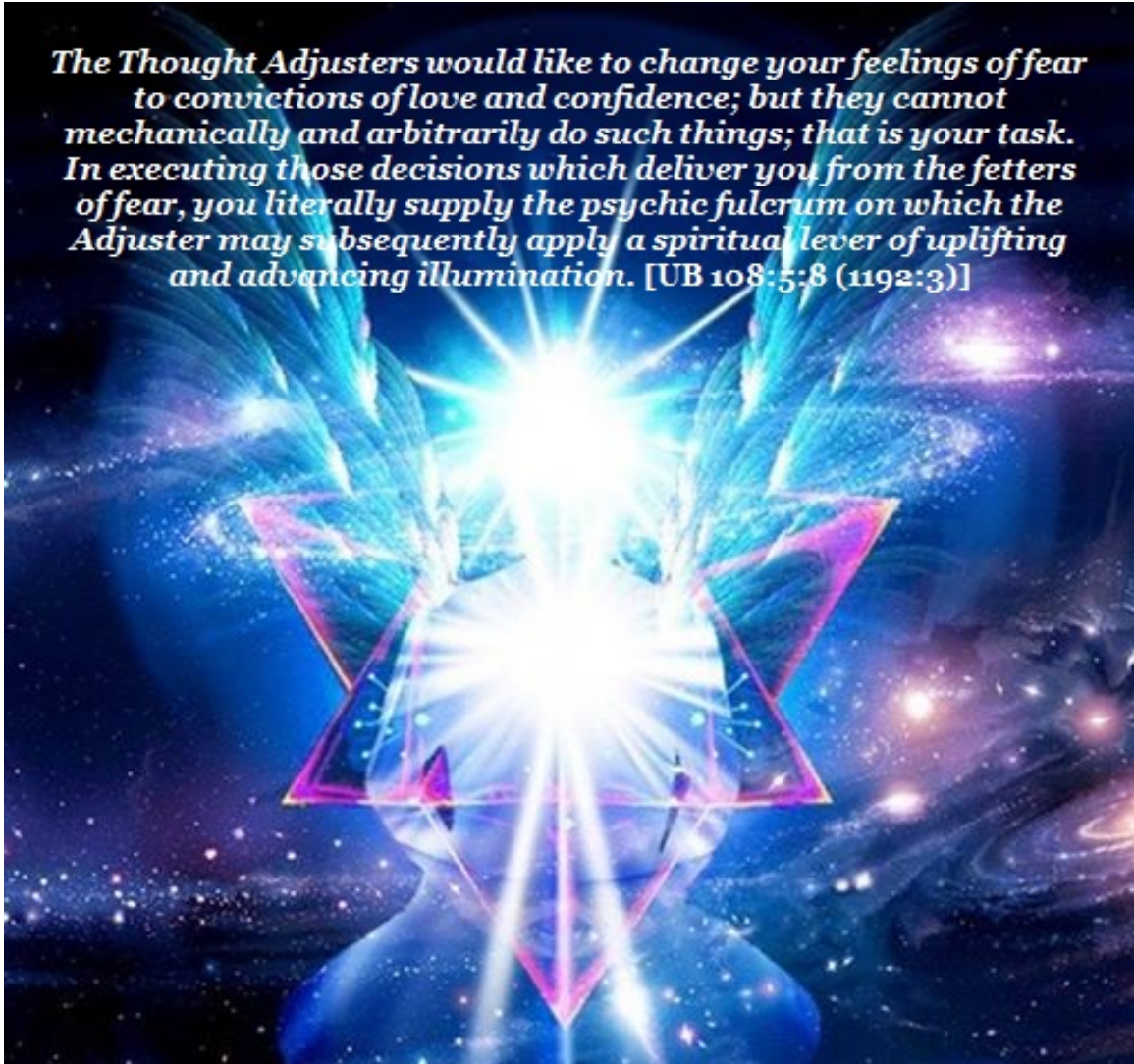
Regarding the creature choice for eternal survival, the material and mortal free will is absolutely sovereign. It is man's spiritual heritage to possess sovereign free will for shaping his eternal destiny. We are true and creative architects of our destinies. Our choices are not predestined or foreordained. We may exercise the powers of our own self-creation or self-destruction. We are sovereign in the determination of our own destiny.



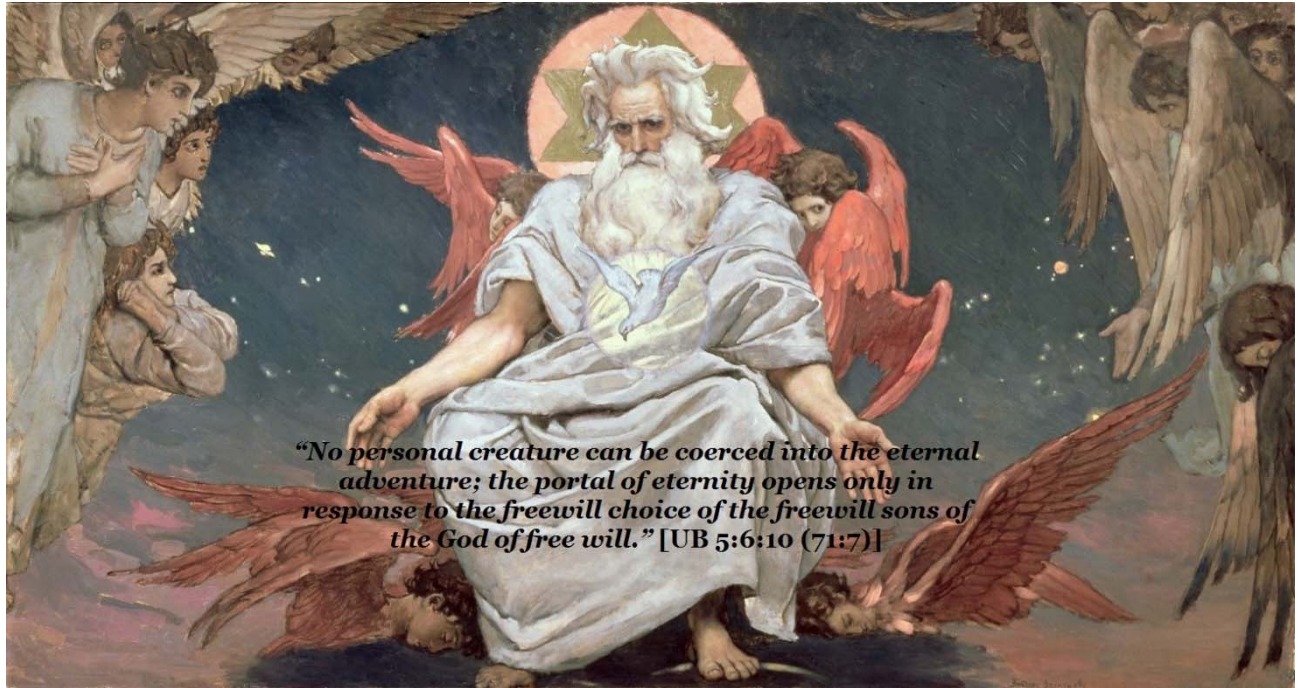
When we enact a freewill judgment for making a moral choice, this process of decision-making creates a religious experience that reveals the true value and ideal of living. Religious insights can arise only out of inevitable personal conflict and perplexity. The determined choosing and adopting of elevated values begins to reveal superior meanings, and this habitual process develops healthier, more spiritual patterns of thought and lifestyle. These new standards of values are indicative of spiritual attainment and personality alignment. On the other hand, an avoidance of making difficult life-choices puts us in jeopardy of spiritual stagnation.



*The Thought Adjusters would like to change your feelings of fear to convictions of love and confidence; but they cannot mechanically and arbitrarily do such things; that is your task. In executing those decisions which deliver you from the fetters of fear, you literally supply the psychic fulcrum on which the Adjuster may subsequently apply a spiritual lever of uplifting and advancing illumination. [UB 108:5:8 (1192:3)]*

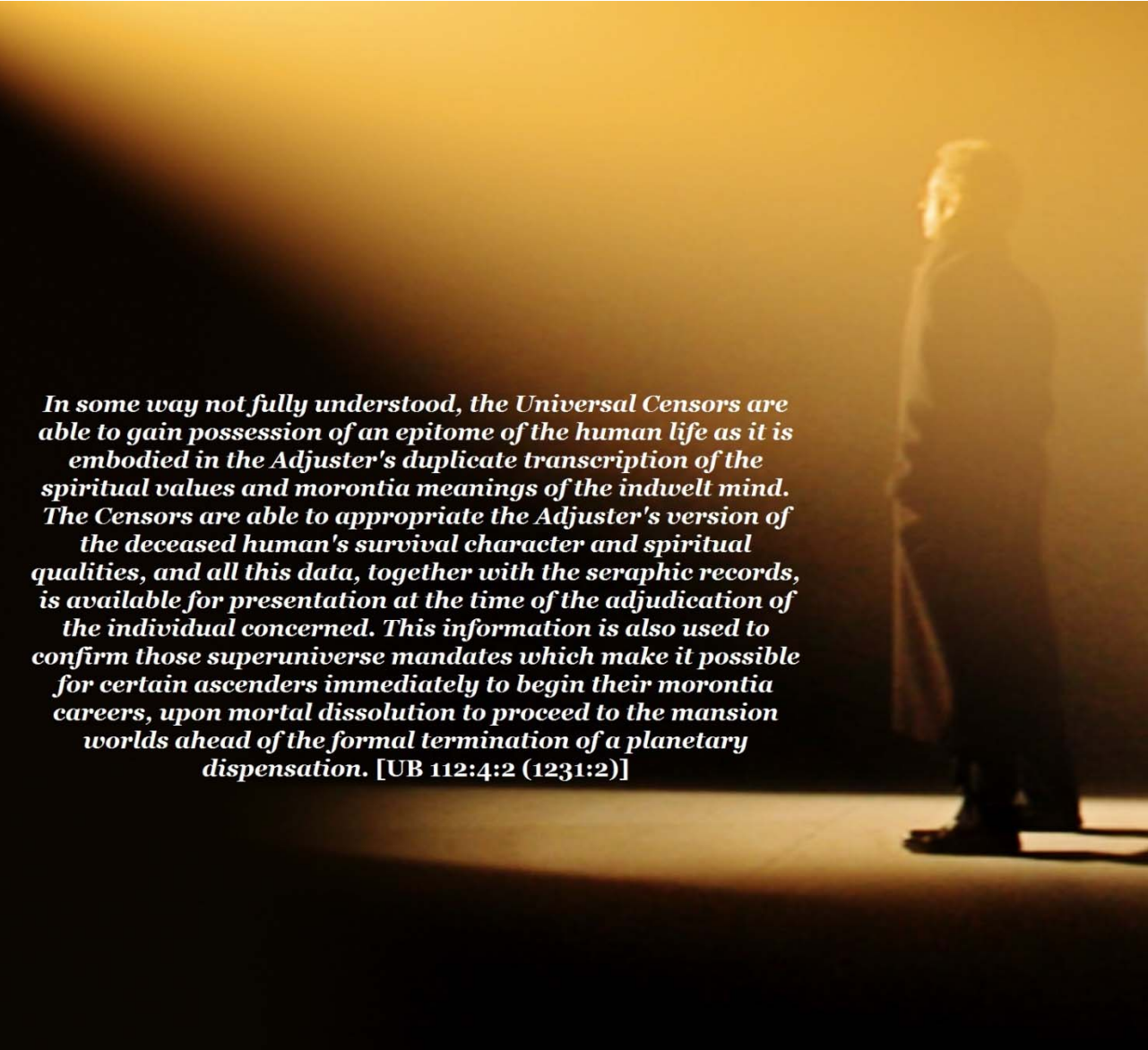


All true personalities who have their origin in the Universal Father are provided with the sovereign choice for seeking the eternal adventure of participating in the Father's purposes and plans. Neither threats nor force can truly alter personal free will for desiring to do the Father's will. The indwelling Thought Adjuster may offer an assortment of elevated spirit-values for possible mortal choosing. Nevertheless, this spirit-value sorter will never coerce freewill choosing. This indwelling interpreter and unifier "refuses to compel man to think a single thought or to perform a single act against the choosing of man's own will." [UB 66:8:6 (753:2)]



Upon the termination of our mortal life in the flesh, there will be a certain and sure reckoning of our life endowments and stewardships on the mansion worlds. The sovereign Judges of the time-space creations are mandated to make sure that only an act of eternal choice status can influence the opportunity for mortal survival. Only when a mortal candidate for ascension reveals his true intents and purposes can the decree of judgment be made. Universal Censors are special celestial beings who provide a perfect reflection of the innermost attitude of such an ascension candidate.

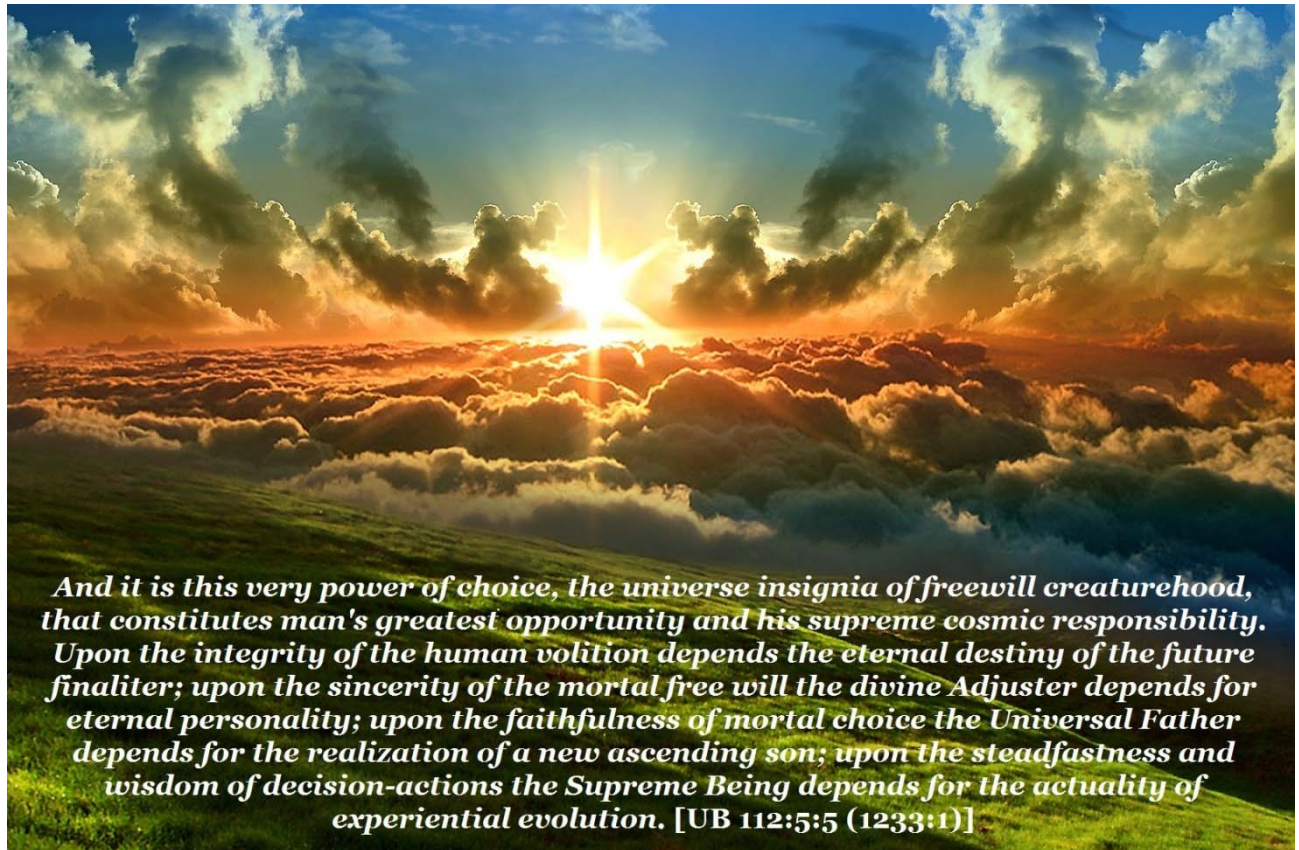




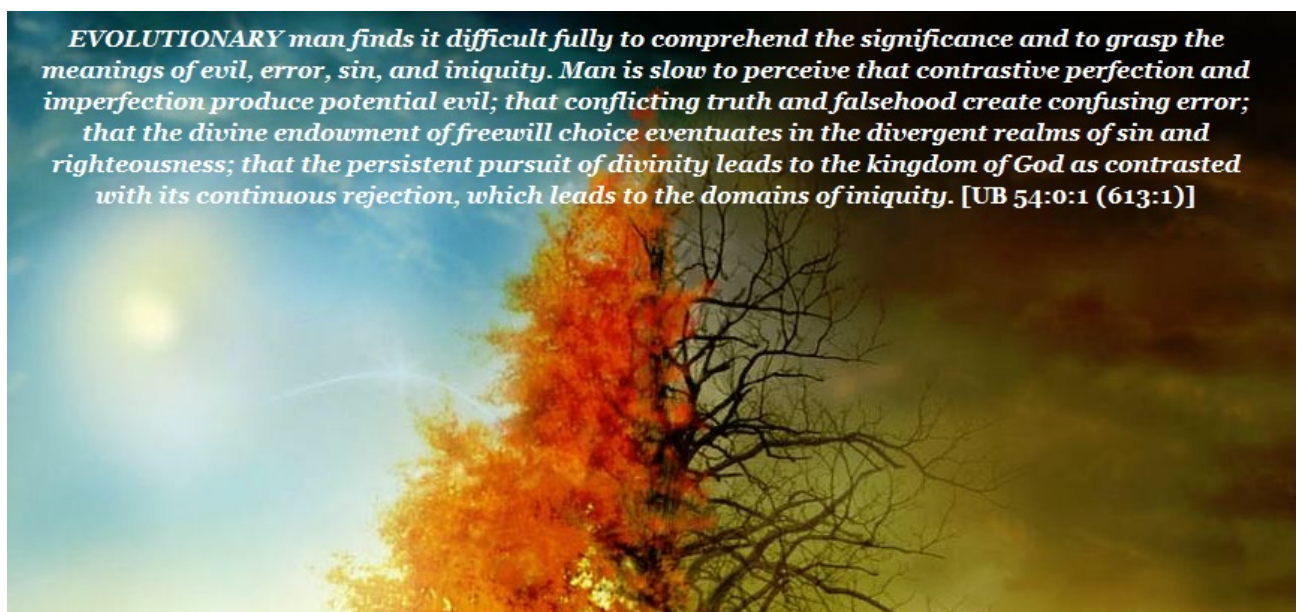
*In some way not fully understood, the Universal Censors are able to gain possession of an epitome of the human life as it is embodied in the Adjuster's duplicate transcription of the spiritual values and morontia meanings of the indwelt mind. The Censors are able to appropriate the Adjuster's version of the deceased human's survival character and spiritual qualities, and all this data, together with the seraphic records, is available for presentation at the time of the adjudication of the individual concerned. This information is also used to confirm those superuniverse mandates which make it possible for certain ascenders immediately to begin their morontia careers, upon mortal dissolution to proceed to the mansion worlds ahead of the formal termination of a planetary dispensation. [UB 112:4:2 (1231:2)]*

The greatest gift we can give back to our loving Father in heaven is to make our freewill and wholehearted choice to carry out his will. This gift of ours is of greater importance and value than we can ever realize. By giving the Father our full and dedicated services, we automatically become his front-line ambassadors. We become his nearest and by far most effective servants to ministering to all of his personal children, and in ministering to our brothers and sisters, we are serving at the same time God the Father. We positively alter the odds for bringing the Father's creation to light and life. We accelerate the flow of all cosmic reality to the carrying out of his eternal purposes. In addition, we do all of this uniquely and originally within his divine plan. We do this in a way that ultimately shatters any hint of mechanistic cosmic determinism.





## Error, Evil, Sin, and Iniquity



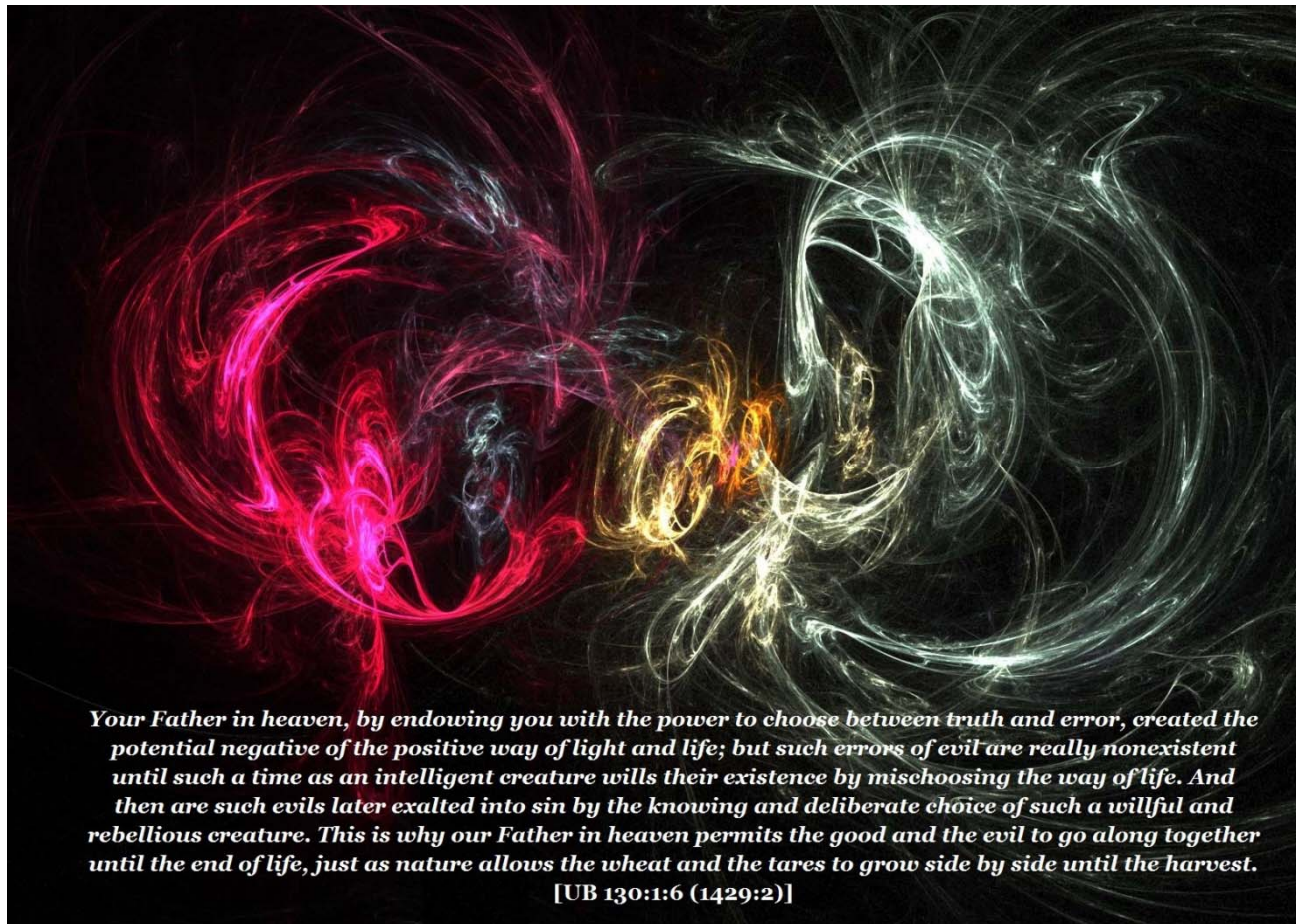
Without the trials and errors of human experience, mankind is challenged to stimulate the growth of human wisdom; thus there is presented a cosmic “scheme of progressing from the partial and temporal to the complete and eternal, from the relative and imperfect to the final and perfected.” [UB 130:4:11 (1436:3)] The very nature of mortal free will entails the possibility of error and hopefully this provides valuable life lessons to learn from. Choosing between truth and untruth, fact and falsehood, creates the possibility for error. Errors in judgment are always possible because evolutionary man is inherently fallible. Living a life filled with error leads to disappointment and sorrow. Such a life filled with error and evil also affects all those around us: it contributes to the tribulation of everyone connected.

### **ERROR**

- **A misconception or distortion of reality.**
- **A lack of intellectual keenness.**
- **An act involving an unintentional deviation from truth.**

Mistakes in mortal judgment and errors in human conduct are built into our finite and imperfect nature. But we can be confident that, although they may hinder and retard the evolution of the human soul, our freewill consent for the possession of the Father’s living spirit within us has assured our hopes for eternal survival. Although our finite imperfect being is tied to nature, we have full freedom of spiritual choice and action. We are told to become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect and this means that we must resist the temptation for decisional errors, potential evil and for developing a life-killing arrogance towards committing sin.





*Your Father in heaven, by endowing you with the power to choose between truth and error, created the potential negative of the positive way of light and life; but such errors of evil are really nonexistent until such a time as an intelligent creature wills their existence by mischoosing the way of life. And then are such evils later exalted into sin by the knowing and deliberate choice of such a willful and rebellious creature. This is why our Father in heaven permits the good and the evil to go along together until the end of life, just as nature allows the wheat and the tares to grow side by side until the harvest.*  
[UB 130:1:6 (1429:2)]

The exercise of man's moral nature is rewarded by his growing virtue of choosing good over evil, but man's persistence in ignorance, immaturity, and delusion may still result in his distorted choosing of the lesser in place of the greater. Potential evil is subject to the limitations of human nature. Moral misadaptation is a repercussion of "the inaccuracies of mind and the immaturity of the evolving self." [UB 130:4:11 (1435:3)] The error of imperfection can lead to a penalty of evil. Potential evil signifies a remoteness from the ideals of divinity.

### **EVIL**

- **The unconscious or unintended transgression of the divine law, the Father's will.**
- **The measure of the imperfectness of obedience to the Father's will.**
- **A partial realization of, or maladjustment to, universe realities.**
- **The misadaptation of plans and the maladjustment of techniques resulting in disharmony and confusion.**
- **Resistance to goodness, rejectfulness of beauty, disloyalty to truth.**



- **A deficiency in spiritual reasoning for rectifying the disharmonies of augmenting error.**
- **The distorted choosing of the lesser in place of the greater.**
- **A partiality of creativity which tends toward disintegration and eventual destruction.**

God does not create evil in this world. The possibility of evil arises because our universe creation of time and space is one of finite imperfection “embracing differential levels of perfection meanings and values.” [UB 54:0:1] The infinite goodness of God affords a natural contrast with comparative evil in the finite creations. All expressions of goodness stand out in stark contrast to the relative imperfections of time and space.

Spiritual insight guides us to choose good over evil, truth over error, the spiritual over the material. If we reject the leadings of our spirit insight, then we are aligning ourselves with darkness, error and eventual death. A perverse and self-seeking human will twists and distorts the mortal mind rendering it evil and ugly.

Evil results from a deficiency in spiritual reasoning for rectifying the disharmonies of augmenting error. Although human nature tends toward evil, it is not inherently sinful. As long as free-willed man can choose between good and evil, the potential for sin exists: “Potential evil is inherent in the necessary incompleteness of the revelation of God as a time-space-limited expression of infinity and eternity.” [UB 2:2:7 (36:5)]

Unrestrained evil can evolve into deliberate and willful sin. Evil practices lead to immorality and sin when they are consciously and deliberately embraced. Sin constitutes a deliberate choice for evil. All the way on our ascent through the worlds of space we will entertain error and experience evil though our experience of evil will diminish as we gravitate towards truth and goodness. It is not until we achieve final soul-spirit identification that we will be free of these pre-cursors toward sin.

Upon the establishment of a pattern of error and evil, there dangerously arises a growing urge towards embracing sin. This embrace signifies an over focus on self and unreserved liberty; it is a self-deception that gives one a sense of power over others while ignoring one’s obligations to a fraternal society. Sin becomes real when the human will consciously and deliberately endorses an immoral judgment (evil).

## **SIN**

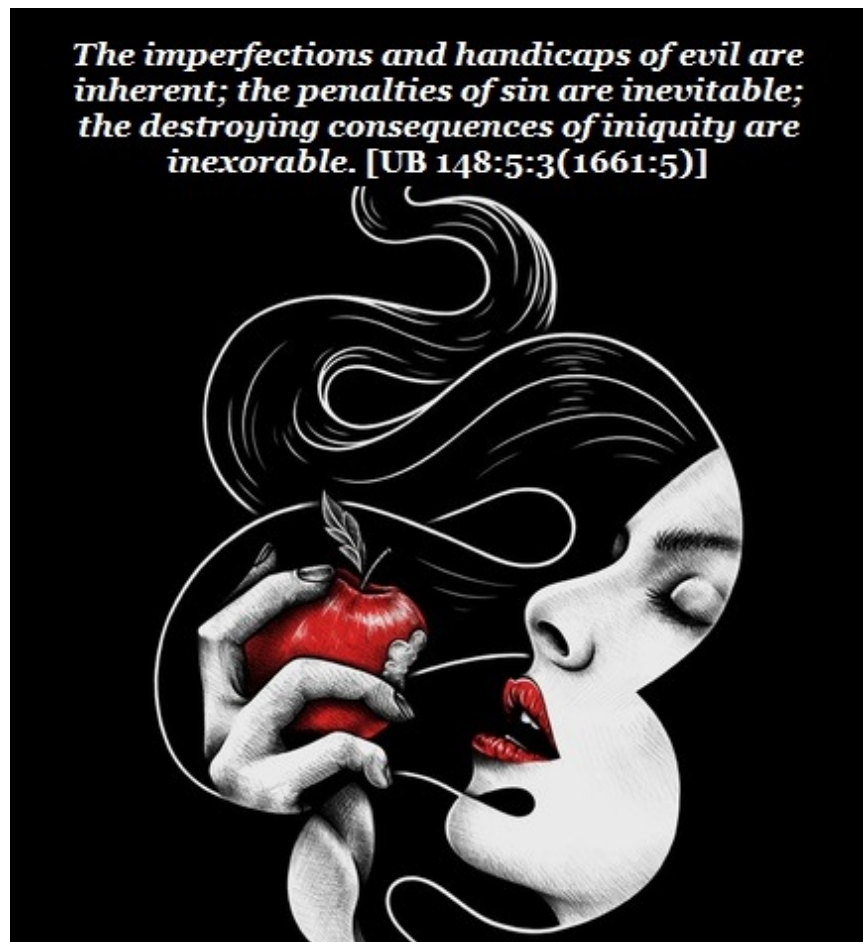
- **The conscious, knowing, and deliberate transgression of the divine law, the Father’s will – deliberate disloyalty to Deity.**
- **The measure of unwillingness to be divinely led and spiritually directed.**
- **Deliberately embraced evil.**
- **A purposeful resistance to divine reality—a conscious choosing to oppose spiritual progress.**

- **Abject spiritual poverty.**

The enticement towards sin greatly retards intellectual development, moral growth, social progress and spiritual attainment. The actuality of sin in time and space is a condition of the temporal liberty of the finite mortal will that fails to perceive supreme obligations and responsibilities of being a cosmic citizen. While being subservient to material nature, on spiritual levels man can triumph over nature and rise above “all things temporal and finite” [UB 111:6:2].

By confessing one’s sins, one seeks to renew one’s loyalty to Deity and thereby to reestablish personal religious growth and spiritual progress. The sought after forgiveness from God has only to be faithfully received for reestablishing loyalty relations between creature and Creator, for “the love of God saves the sinner; the law of God destroys the sin” [UB 2:6:8]

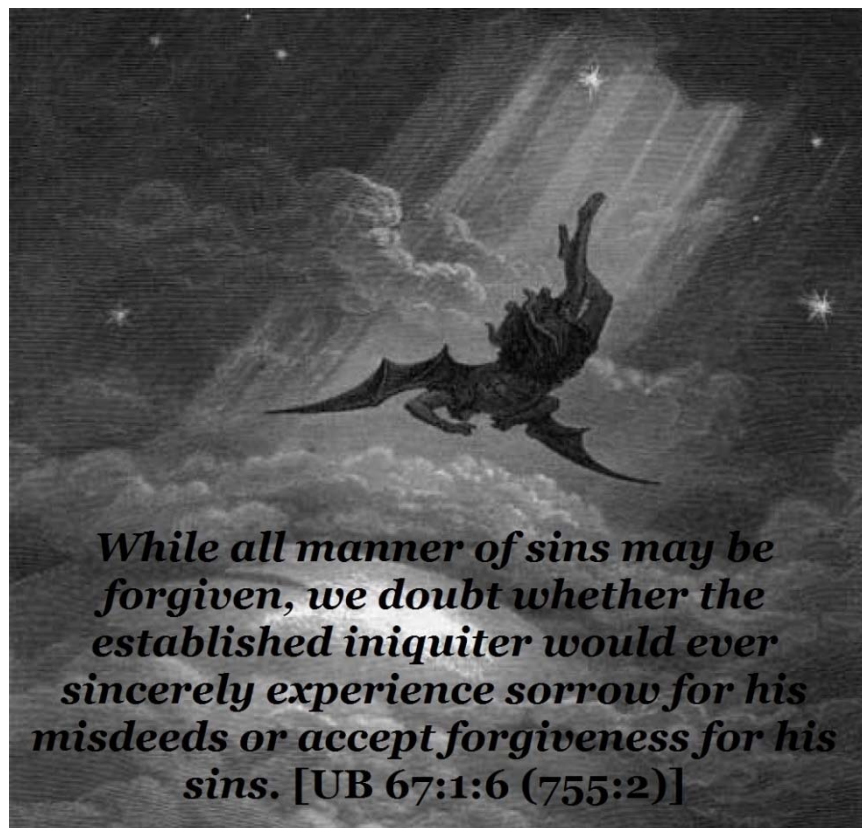
The mortal’s willful and persistent rejection of God’s divine light leads to a soul-destroying harvest of iniquity. A sin-identified individual, having embraced iniquity, destroys himself by becoming wholly unspiritual in nature. He will become personally unreal, unrecognizable to a personal God.



### **INIQUITY**

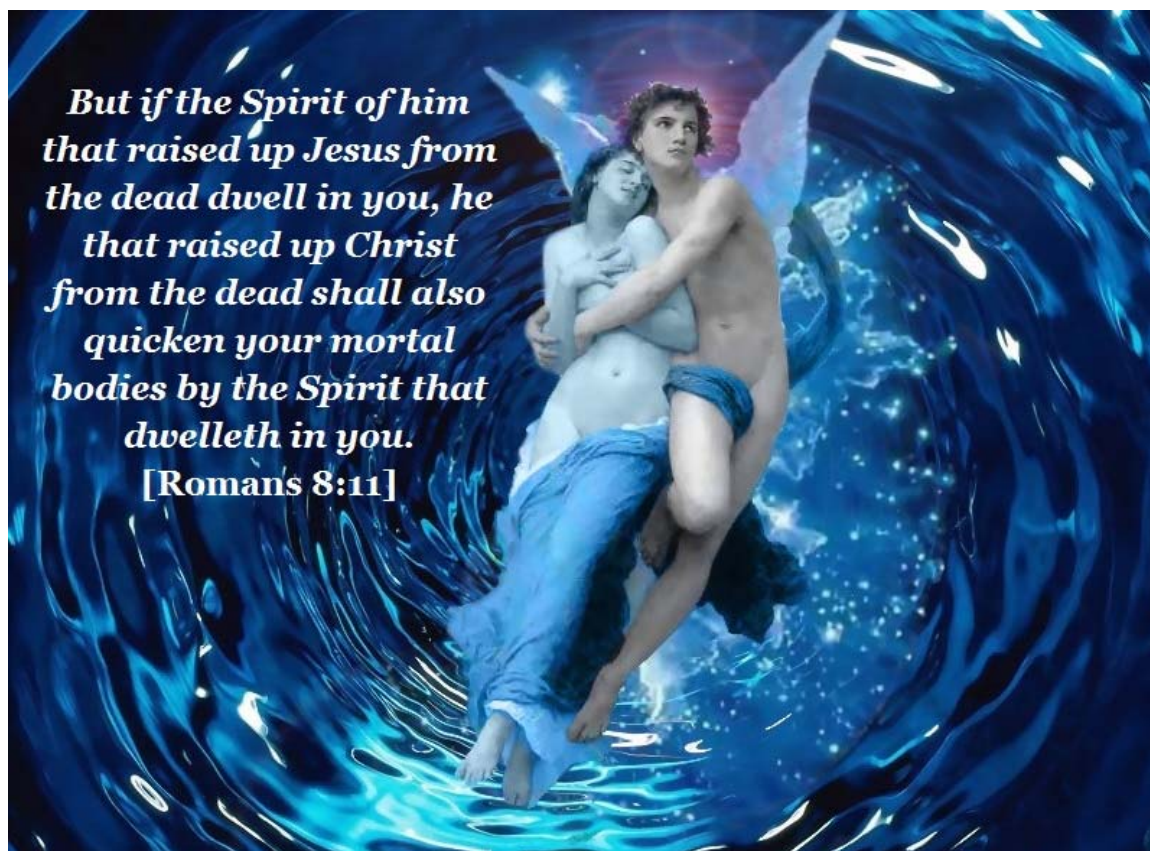
- **The willful, determined, and persistent transgression of the divine law, the Father's will.**
- **The measure of the continued rejection of the Father's loving plan of personality survival and the Sons' merciful ministry of salvation.**
- **The wholehearted pursuit of sin and error.**
- **An open and persistent defiance of recognized reality signifying such a degree of personality disintegration as to border on cosmic insanity.**
- **Habitual sinning, sinners becoming wholehearted rebels against the universe and all of its divine realities.**

The sovereign law of God is the cosmic force that seeks to destroy all sin; therefore "undiluted evil, complete error, willful sin, and unmitigated iniquity are inherently and automatically suicidal." [UB 2:3:5 (37:3)] Wholehearted sin is iniquity, the result of which is eventual personal annihilation. By the final judgment and sentence of annihilation, the iniquiter will undergo extinction of being. He will become as though he had never existed; eternal obliteration. His vital factors of self-identity become resolved back into "the cosmic potentials whence they once emerged" [UB 2:3:4], and his personality is absorbed into the Supreme oversoul of creation.





## Death and Resurrection



*But if the Spirit of him  
that raised up Jesus from  
the dead dwell in you, he  
that raised up Christ  
from the dead shall also  
quicken your mortal  
bodies by the Spirit that  
dwellleth in you.  
[Romans 8:11]*

Upon the physical death of the mortal creature, the Thought Adjuster takes protective custody of only those memories and experiences that are essential to the subsequent universe career of such a surviving ascender. The Seraphic Guardian, in turn, "becomes the personal custodian of the mind patterns, memory formulas, and soul realities of the mortal survivor during that interval between physical death and morontia resurrection." [UB 113:3:4 (1244:5)] The Destiny Guardian faithfully conserves for the mortal survivor these identity specifications in preparation for the resurrection of a faithful morontia entity of this human soul. Those mortal memories completely void of any spiritual meaning or morontia value will perish with the passing away of the material brain. In the case of the creature memories of interassociation and relationships with other living personalities, these memories always entail some level of cosmic value, and these will persist.

The mortal mind transcripts and active creature memory patterns are spiritualized from material-to-spirit levels by the Thought Adjusters who, upon mortal death, take possession of these as a solemn trust. The creature mind-matrix and the passive potentials of identity are entrusted to the seraphic destiny guardians as these are present in the morontia soul of such a mortal being. The destiny guardians faithfully conserve for the mortal survivor:

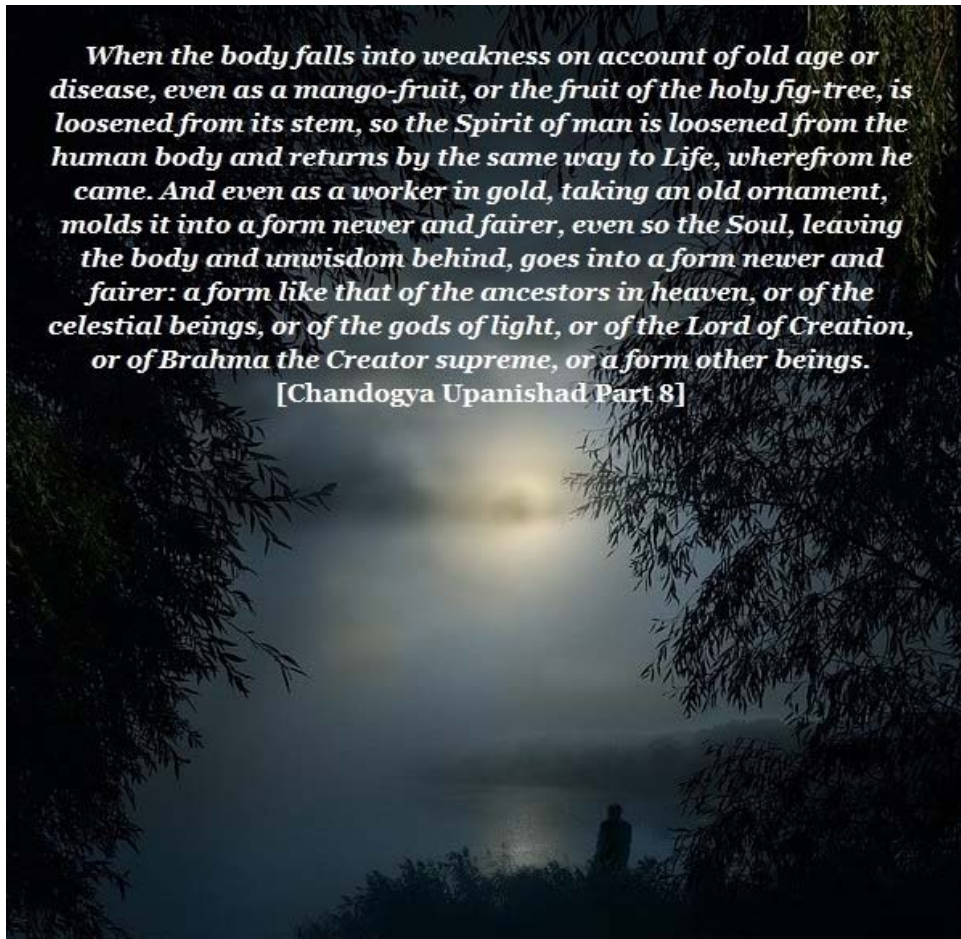
- **Records**
- **Identity specifications**
- **Morontia entity of the human soul**

From this mortal life to the next level of mansion world experience and even beyond, the mind of the committed ascender must pass from matter identification through the various phases of morontia identity to the supreme universe status of spirit identification. The intuitive instincts of material mind that provided for the reasoned knowledge of mortal experience gives way to the intuitive insights of the spirit.



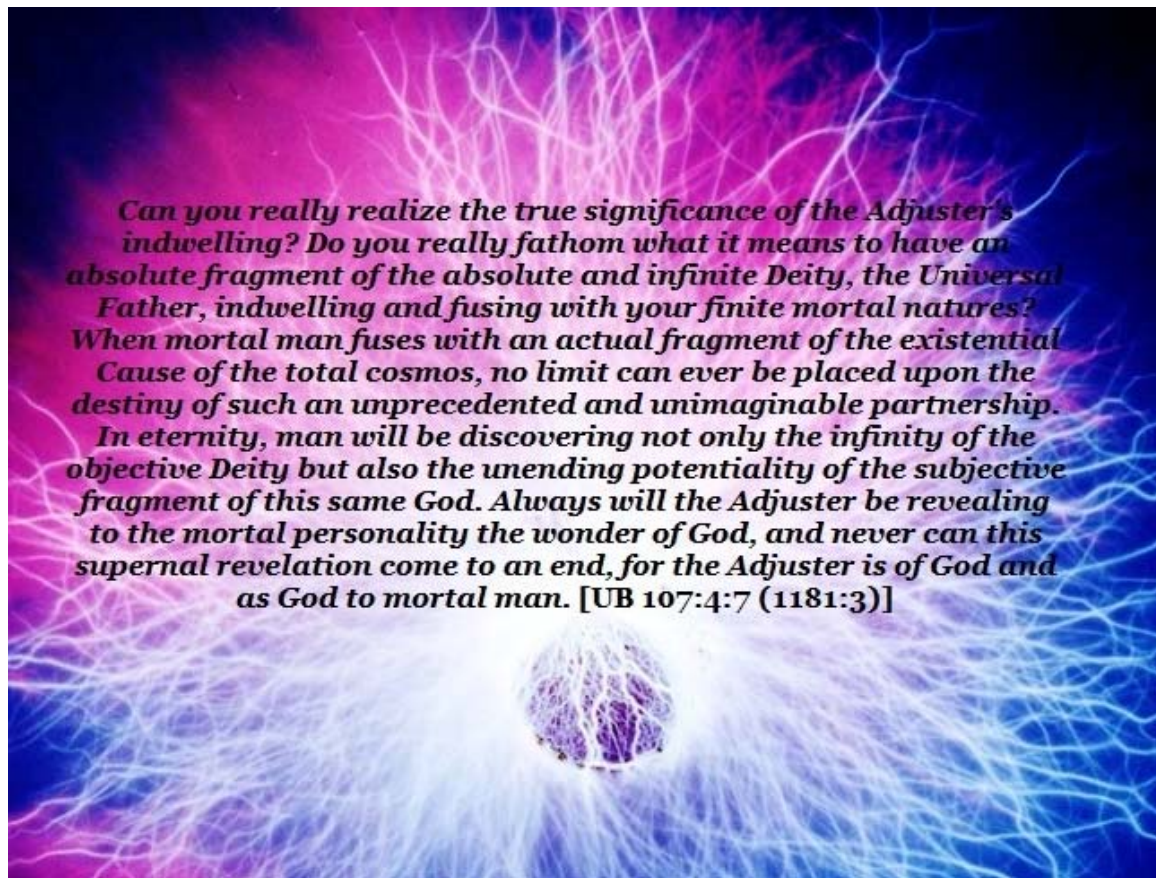
*When the body falls into weakness on account of old age or disease, even as a mango-fruit, or the fruit of the holy fig-tree, is loosened from its stem, so the Spirit of man is loosened from the human body and returns by the same way to Life, wherefrom he came. And even as a worker in gold, taking an old ornament, molds it into a form newer and fairer, even so the Soul, leaving the body and unwisdom behind, goes into a form newer and fairer: a form like that of the ancestors in heaven, or of the celestial beings, or of the gods of light, or of the Lord of Creation, or of Brahma the Creator supreme, or a form other beings.*

**[Chandogya Upanishad Part 8]**





## Fusion



*Can you really realize the true significance of the Adjuster's indwelling? Do you really fathom what it means to have an absolute fragment of the absolute and infinite Deity, the Universal Father, indwelling and fusing with your finite mortal natures? When mortal man fuses with an actual fragment of the existential Cause of the total cosmos, no limit can ever be placed upon the destiny of such an unprecedented and unimaginable partnership. In eternity, man will be discovering not only the infinity of the objective Deity but also the unending potentiality of the subjective fragment of this same God. Always will the Adjuster be revealing to the mortal personality the wonder of God, and never can this supernal revelation come to an end, for the Adjuster is of God and as God to mortal man. [UB 107:4:7 (1181:3)]*

The indwelling of Adjusters in the minds of man is a great mystery of the Paradise Father. How can the Father fragment the most primal and absolute part of his Deity nature, and how can these immortal spirit presences of the Father join in eternal union with the soul of the fused mortal?

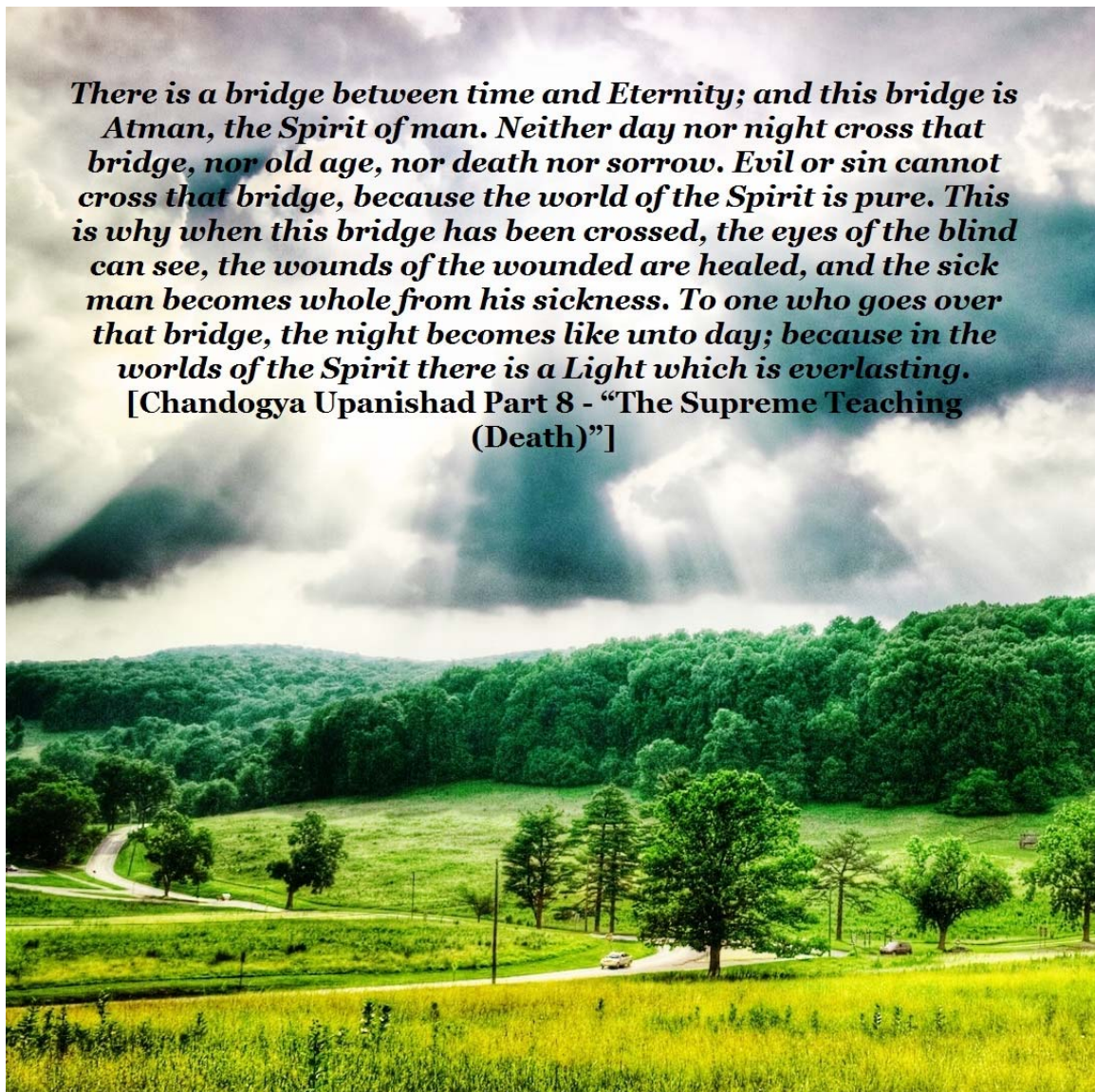
There are three stages in the relationships of Adjusters with their human subjects:

1. **Mortal entry into the third psychic circle of cosmic achievement:**
  - **Insures Adjuster's self-determination and increased functioning.**
2. **Mortal attainment of the first and innermost psychic circle:**
  - **Opens up lines of intercommunication.**
3. **Final and eternal fusion:**
  - **Eternal union with God.**

Fusion commences when the mortal being of indwelling makes a final and irrevocable choice for doing the Father's will and embarking on the Paradise ascension adventure. Upon the eternal fusion of the evolving mortal soul and the divine Adjuster, the differential



natures of finite personal creature and the divine prepersonal fragment of the Universal Father become forever as one. Each now shares in full with the other their complementary qualities of being. Each shares all of the experience and values of the other. Each now shares in potential the eternal past with the eternal future. Everything that was once human in the evolving soul and everything that was divine in the Adjuster is now unified in this new ascending personality. They are eternally fused, and no amount of time all the way to eternity will ever separate them again.



The prepersonal Thought Adjuster gains from the personal mortal creature the experience of personality reality, though the mortal takes priority in all instances of personality interaction. The Adjuster gains from the ancestral mortal mind and the fully developed morontia soul the experiential memory of survival. The Adjuster also is given the opportunity to liberate a channel to the universe of universes for revealing the divine and infinite nature

of Deity. The mortal creature immediately gains all of the experiential memory of the Adjuster's previous indwellings. Together, this eternal union of divine spirit with the mind and soul of mortal personality produces a new unity of being for these fusion partners that never again can be distinguished apart from one another.

As the potential mortal finaliter ascends inward on his spiritualizing path to Paradise, he will gradually assimilate all of the "meanings and values which the divine Monitor carries forward from the eternity of the past." [UB 110:7:5 (1212:7)] The Adjuster will endlessly disclose eternal actualities to the mortal ascender that were only potential in the pre-fusion mortal creature. The Adjuster will progressively disclose new values and meanings to the maturing spirit ascender at each elevated step in the long pathway to Paradise. Because the Adjuster is of origin in eternity, the potential for an endless ongoing process of spiritual disclosure will be never-ending.



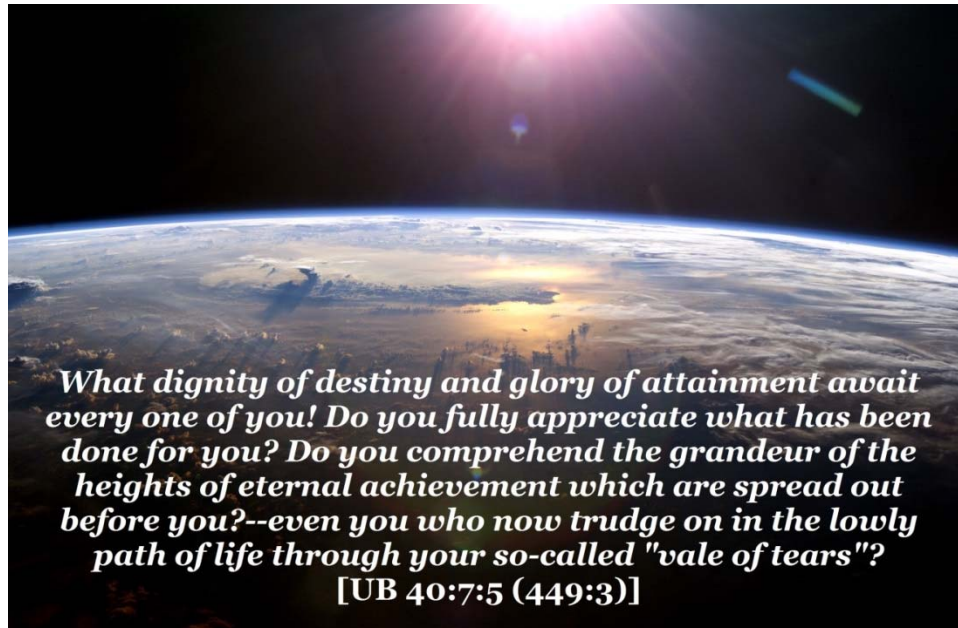
<p><b>SHARED NATURES OF ADJUSTER/MORTAL FUSION PARTNERS</b> [UB 110:1:6 (1204:4)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morontia Oneness</li> <li>• Supernal Harmony</li> <li>• Cosmic Co-ordination</li> <li>• Divine Attunement</li> <li>• Celestial Fusion</li> <li>• Never-Ending Blending of Identity</li> <li>• Oneness of Being</li> </ul>	<p><b>NATURES IMPARTED TO THE MORTAL FUSION PARTNER</b> [UB 112:7:1 (1237:4)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixation of Divinity Quality</li> <li>• Past Eternity Experience and Memory</li> <li>• Immortality, A Phase of Qualified Potential Absoluteness</li> <li>• Future and Full Spiritualization Stabilization</li> </ul>
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*Today you are passing through the period of the courtship of your Adjuster; and if you only prove faithful to the trust reposed in you by the divine spirit who seeks your mind and soul in eternal union, there will eventually ensue that morontia oneness, that supernal harmony, that cosmic co-ordination, that divine attunement, that celestial fusion, that never-ending blending of identity, that oneness of being which is so perfect and final that even the most experienced personalities can never segregate or recognize as separate identities the fusion partners — mortal man and divine Adjuster.[UB 110:1:6 (1204:4)]*

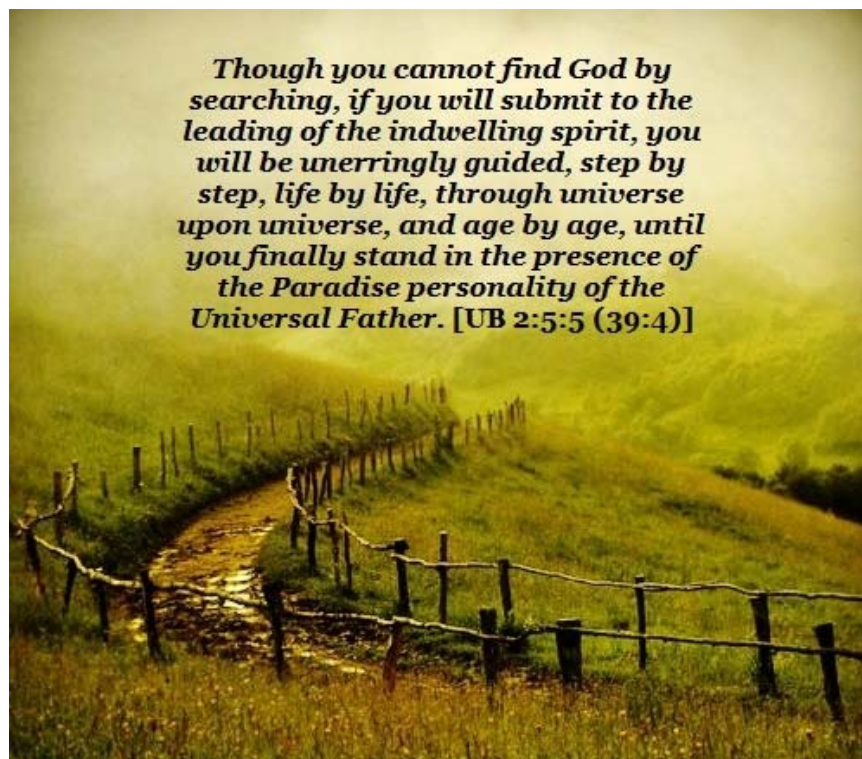
The actualization of mortal-Adjuster fusion is a confirmation of that ascension candidate's attaining Paradise. Although this attainment will require passage of time to accomplish, from



the perspective of eternity the mortal ascender is accorded this recognition by virtue of the fusion act.

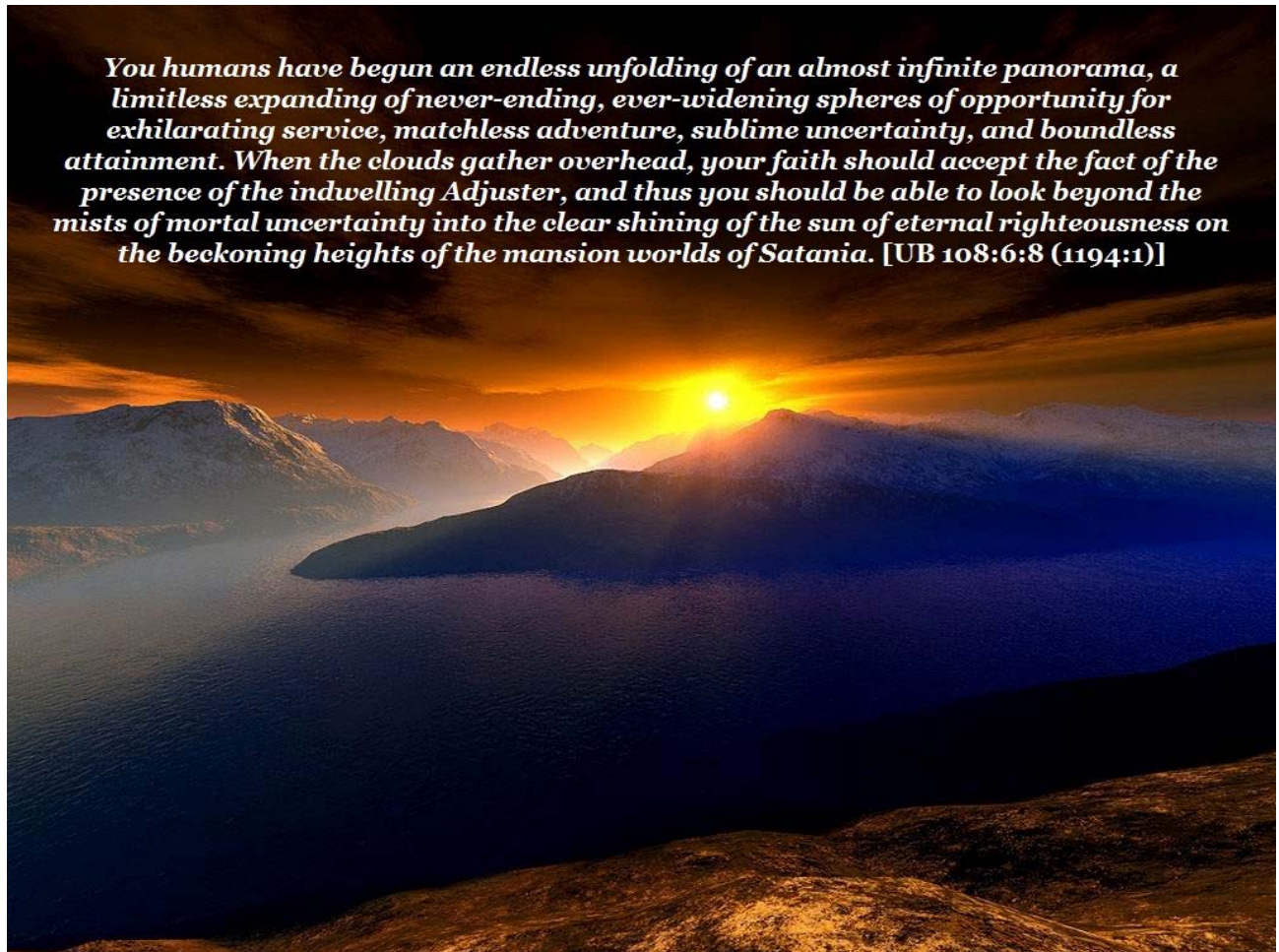


## Paradise Ascension

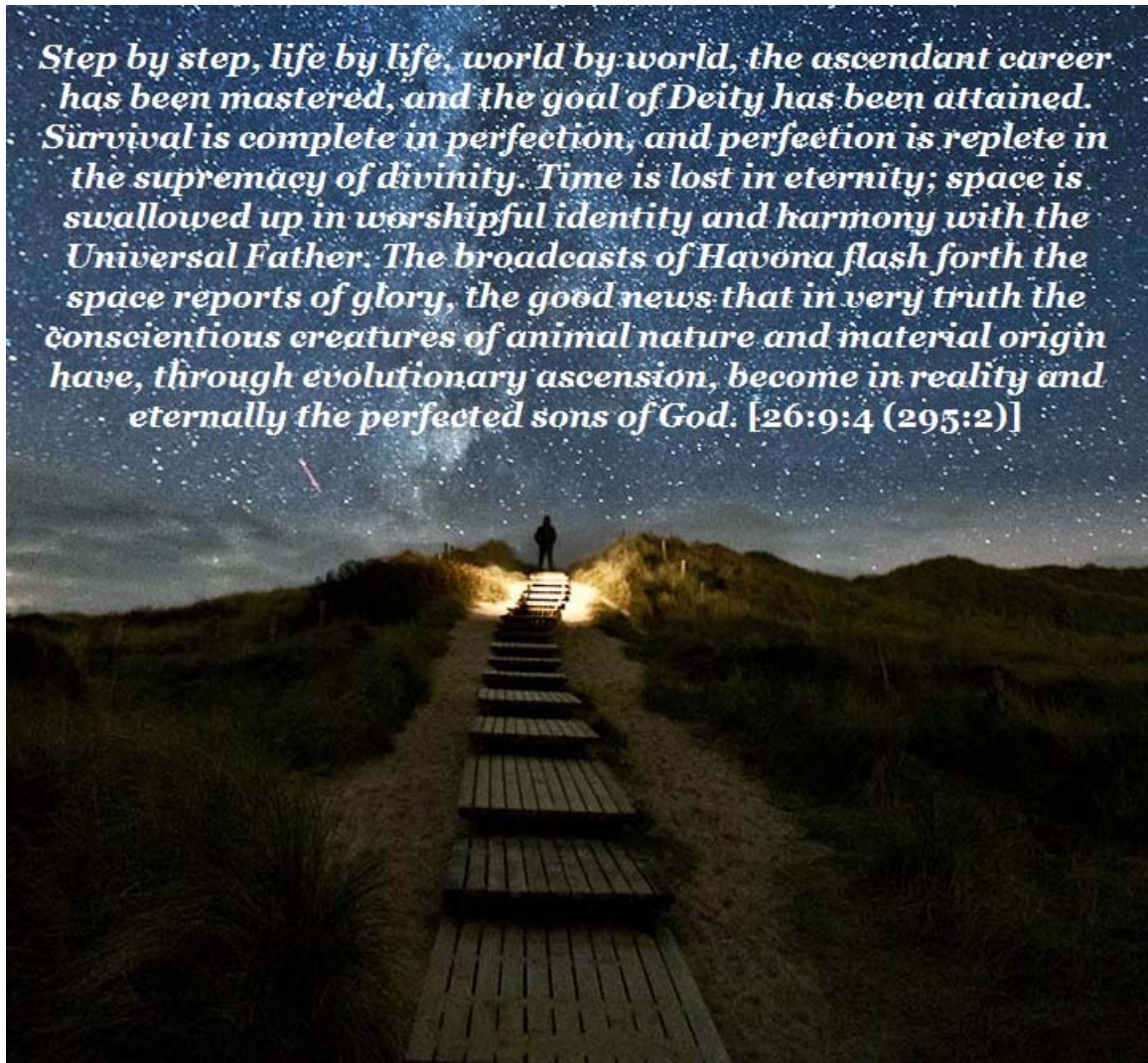




One day in the future of our long pilgrimage to Paradise in search of our heavenly Father, we will gaze backward along the traveled path of our spiritual journey and we will fondly reminisce on our previous worlds of achievement. Ahead lies our fresh path of ascendancy to Paradise in search of the Father. Every step we take on the path to perfection augments our personal being. We grow in our appreciation for truth, beauty, and goodness. We gain enhanced recognition for divine meanings and spiritual values.



We are told we will always be able to look back and appreciate with joy the earlier stages of our former existence. Our task has always been to become perfect in our personal identity just as the Paradise Father is absolutely perfect in his. In our own perfection, we will be able to find God. Having found God, we will have attained the supreme progression of spirit realization. We will experience the fullness of worshipful delight and richness of ministering desire.



Our Father in heaven has created us for a purpose, and in accordance with his boundless love and infinite wisdom, he has laid out a plan for our lives and our destinies. He has indwelt the deepest part of our personal beings with a fragment of his most primal being, and this indwelling is the Father's promise and assurance that perfection attainment is ours for the taking. This gift of life and purpose is of unqualified value, and all we have to do to earn this gift is to receive it gladly. The drawing power of the Father's love has taken us from our beginnings of mortal existence and calls us to the Deity embrace. We have participated in doing the Father's will and we have contributed to carrying out his universal plans and divine purposes. We have been made important participants in this enormous undertaking. We have gained a divine sense of cosmic consciousness. We have become universe minded. We now begin to sense that a glorious destiny awaits us in our progressive Paradise ascension, and we become once again spiritually rejuvenated in our enthusiasm for the opportunities of advancement that lie ahead.

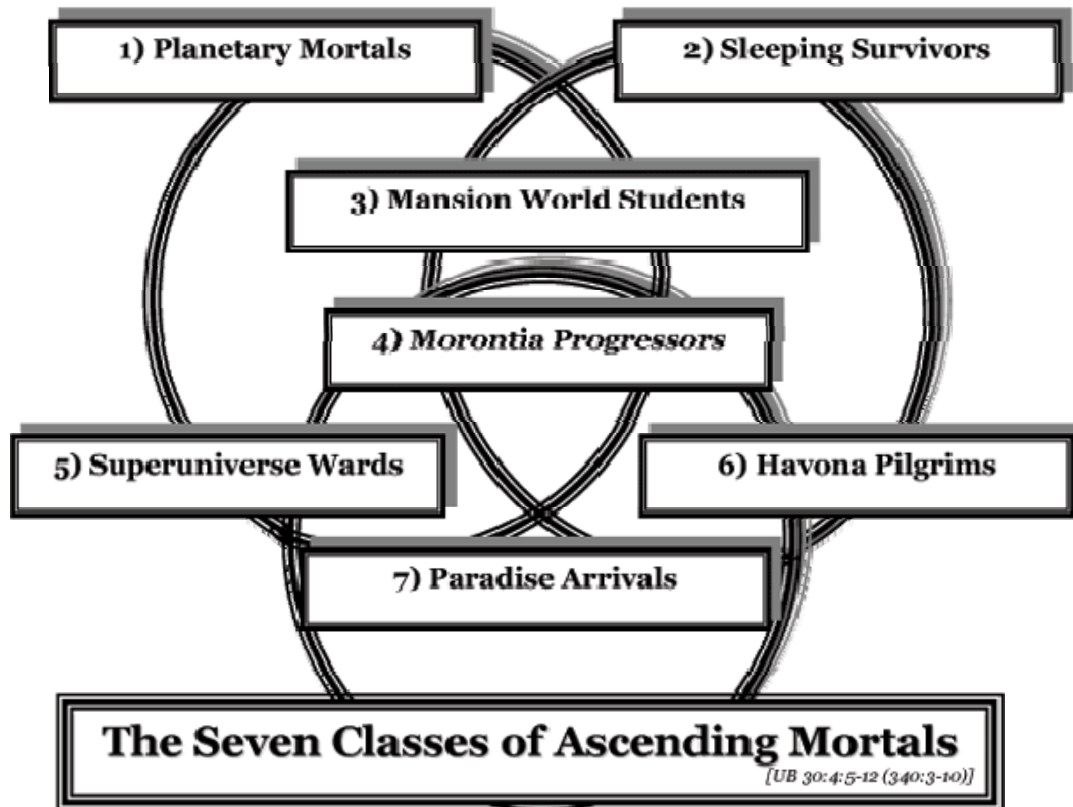


*The goal of eternity is ahead! The adventure of divinity attainment lies before you! The race for perfection is on! whosoever will may enter, and certain victory will crown the efforts of every human being who will run the race of faith and trust, depending every step of the way on the leading of the indwelling Adjuster and on the guidance of that good spirit of the Universe Son, which so freely has been poured out upon all flesh. [UB 32:5:8 (365:4)]*



The ascendant mortal is enabled to attain Deity, to achieve Paradise, and to know the Father through the dual ministry of the mind gravity of the Infinite Spirit and the spirit gravity of the Eternal Son. Upon the attainment of Paradise, the ascending mortal personality has become perfectly identified with the true spirit values of "the light of life" and the supreme qualities of truth, beauty, and goodness. The inherent goodness of such a spiritualized personality has become divinely complete and spiritually replete through the progressive experience of spiritual consciousness. Eternity of life and divinity of status are now so fully realized that "there remains no possibility that such a righteous spirit would cast any negative shadow of potential evil when exposed to the searching luminosity of the divine light of the infinite Rulers of Paradise." [UB 132:2:9 (1458:6)] These children of God can at last rejoice in their triumphant struggles against the partial shadows of existence.





In our effort to understand the nature of God, it might be instructive to learn that we will eventually and progressively learn to recognize seven fathers along our ascension pilgrimage to find the Paradise Father [UB 51:6:7-13 (587:5-11)]:

1. The biologic father — the father in the flesh.
2. The father of the realm — the Planetary Adam.
3. The father of the spheres — the System Sovereign.
4. The Most High Father — the Constellation Father.
5. The universe Father — the Creator Son and supreme ruler of the local creations.
6. The super-Fathers — the Ancients of Days who govern the superuniverse.
7. The spirit or Havona Father — the Universal Father, who dwells on Paradise and bestows his spirit to live and work in the minds of the lowly creatures who inhabit the universe of universes.