

God and the Human Condition: Source of Mind and Spirit, and Overcontroller of Civilization



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God and the Human Condition



- Humans have always struggled to understand the relationship between God and the troubles of life. Many have concluded that the existence of pain and suffering proves that there is no God. Others believe that it demonstrates God's indifference or anger.
- One of the great truths of the revelation is that we are not merely material in nature, but are encircuited with mindal and spiritual energy from God.
- Another great truth is that God directly engages our civilization, overcontrolling its conduct and destiny.

Source of Mind and Spirit



- The entire “universe is mind made and personality managed.” (1:6.7) All life is designed and initiated, and its evolution is overcontrolled.
- The properties of material substance do not vary, but the nature of life is its variability. Living matter has the potential of variability as a product of both its design and the presence of *life animation* in that matter. Life animation is an activation, from God, of properly organized matter. It gives that matter both *living vitality* and the *reproductive spark*.

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- All living matter is engaged by mind energy. Mind is a ubiquitous, hierarchical energy system that is a direct expression of the presence of God in space.
- Mind dominates matter; so mind encircuitment can and does add a new potential to living matter, adaptability (organismal response)—to other organisms, and to the environment.
- Both plants and animals are engaged by the lowest phase of mind, *mechanical mind*, which regulates the physical system and is nonteachable energy.

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- In addition to mechanical mind, animals also have teachable mind—*adjutant mind*. There are seven phases of adjutant mind. Merely animals are engaged by up to the first five, humans by all seven. Encircuitment of the first six is superanimal, but subhuman, and is not a long-term stable system.
- The seven phases engaged the evolving animal life in hierarchical order, from single-celled animals up to humans; and the level and degree of adjutant mind is still a distinguishing characteristic of animal species.

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- The designations for the seven phases indicate the full nature of each as a facet of human mind. The energy nature of each phase is also shown below.
- 1. *spirit of intuition* (energy of instinct)
- 2. *spirit of understanding* (energy of rationalization)
- 3. *spirit of courage* (energy of loyalty)
- 4. *spirit of knowledge* (energy of ideology)
- 5. *spirit of counsel* (energy of socialization)
- 6. *spirit of worship* (energy of zeal)
- 7. *spirit of wisdom* (energy of symmetry)

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- From conception and through birth, the adjutants sequentially engage a developing child, until finally the seventh adjutant can connect at approximately six years of age. This energy of symmetry is the means by which spirit can directly engage the child's mind. Mind energy now bridges the entire gap between matter and spirit substance.
- Spirit dominates mind and adds a new type of potential to the energy system, progressability. Now a progressing mind can direct the adapting life.

Source of Mind and Spirit



- The foundation of the spirit energy that engages human mind is the *Holy Spirit*. It is the direct spirit presence and personal ministry of the Creative Mother Spirit who fills the space and defines the boundaries of our local universe of Nebadon.
- Encircuitment in the Holy Spirit gives a human access to the objective consciousness of the three cosmic intuitions—*logical acumen, moral discrimination, and spiritual insight*. This reality response supplements the subjective adjutant mind.

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- The Universal Father bestows a *personality*, an individuation of will, an absolutely unique spirit pattern, upon each spirit-encircuited mind of will dignity. This personality adds a still greater type of potential, perfectibility—which is the purpose of life.
- Growth is the perfecting spirit of a true human mind. This truth, your righteousness, is predicated on a twofold choice to consecrate your will to the perfect will of God the Father, and to consecrate your mind to the cosmic harmony of God the Mother.

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- Ever since our Creator Son became a Master Son at the time of Pentecost, his personal spirit ministry, the *Spirit of Truth*, has also engaged our minds, poured out upon the ubiquitous spirit substrate of the Creative Mother Spirit.
- As the name indicates, the Spirit of Truth fosters our personal relationship with truth, complementing the Holy Spirit—the *Spirit of Fact*. Additionally, it is the *Spirit of Unification*, bridging the gap between our immature minds and the Thought Adjusters.

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- After the simultaneous encirclement of the spirit of wisdom, the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of Truth, a *Thought Adjuster* (a prepersonal fragment of the Father, from the Isle of Paradise) comes to dwell, not above your mind, but actually within your mind.
- This *Spirit of Goodness* comes with a specific plan for your intellectual and spiritual development. It arouses a true perfection hunger and a deep curiosity about God, neither of which can be fully satisfied until you stand before the Father on Paradise.

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- Upon reflection about your true nature as a human being—a child of God—the age-old questions about God’s concern for your troubles, or whether he is angry and has abandoned you, should all melt away.
- Everything that you are comes from God; if God left you, you would not be. A fragment of the absolute and infinite Father indwells your mind, and you have all of the mental faculties and spiritual strength that you could ever require to overcome any possible trouble which might beset you in this earthly life.

Overcontroller of Civilization



- The revelation not only explains in great detail how we are “mind made”, but it also gives an extensive description of how our civilization is “personality managed”. But why would God choose to overcontrol human civilization?
- True civilization is the socialized expression of the objective consciousness that is founded on the three cosmic intuitions (cf., 16:6.11 and 16:9.4-5). Hence, true civilization is a personal choice to manifest cosmic reality; and God upholds that which is *real*.

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- ***The Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men.***
- In speaking to the people about the corrupt Jewish leaders, Jesus said: “I admonish you that these scribes and Pharisees still sit in Moses’ seat, and therefore, until the Most Highs who rule in the kingdoms of men shall finally overthrow this nation and destroy the place of these rulers, I bid you co-operate with these elders in Israel.” (175:1.8)
- Clearly, the Constellation Fathers very directly engage human civilization, when they see fit.

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- “The rule of the Most Highs, the overcontrollers of political evolution, is a rule designed to foster the greatest good to the greatest number of *all* men and for the greatest length of time.” (134:5.4)
- Since the time of the planetary rebellion, this rule has been in the immediate hands of a Vorondadek Son who is stationed on our world. In a planetary emergency, this Most High observer can seize the planetary government as the Most High regent, with unquestioned authority over nonspiritual matters.

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- As the Most High regent, a Vorondadek (which means *the very father-like expression*) exercises the absolute authority of the Universal Father.
- This fact was demonstrated when, during one of the past thirty-three regencies on our world, three Personalized Adjusters joined forces with the Vorondadek Son. Personalized Adjusters are direct, omnipersonal agents of the Universal Father; their actions in time express the fullness of the eternal past, the eternal present, and the eternal future.

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- The Most High observer has a staff of associates and assistants; and he also works directly with the other members of the planetary government, especially the *angels of nation life*, one of the twelve corps of the master seraphim of planetary supervision. These “angels of the trumpets” (114:6.8) are the directors of the political performances of the nations and the overcontrollers of international relations.
- In emergencies, the Most High regent also utilizes the destiny reservists assigned to this corps of angels.

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- Fear not the political machinations of men.
- “The Father rules through his Sons; on down through the universe organization there is an unbroken chain of rulers ending with the Planetary Princes, who direct the destinies of the evolutionary spheres of the Father’s vast domains. It is no mere poetic expression that exclaims: ‘The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.’ ‘He removes kings and sets up kings.’ ‘The Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men.’” (3:5.2)