

Personal Selfhood and Deity

Consider the following paragraph from "The Urantia Book":

"The bestowal of life renders material-energy systems capable of self-perpetuation, self-propagation, and self-adaptation. The bestowal of personality imparts to living organisms the further prerogatives of self-determination, self-evolution, and self-identification with a fusion spirit of Deity." (118:7.6)

This statement refers to the parallel between the abilities of a personalized self and the self-ability facets of Deity in the seven functional levels of total Deity, specifically:

life animation--the Infinite (self-existent Deity)

self-perpetuation--the Infinite Capacity (self-projected Deity)

self-propagation--the Universal Creator (self-distributive Deity)

self-adaptation--the Infinite Upholder (self-experiential Deity)

personality--the Infinite One (self-willed Deity)

self-determination--the Infinite Potential (self-purposive Deity)

self-evolution--the Universal Controller (self-expansive Deity)

self-identification--the Universal Father (self-personalized Deity)

The bestowal of life animation, as a direct expression of the Infinite, originates from the Universal One of Infinity (self-contained Deity), functioning as the Paradise Trinity; and the bestowal of personality, as a direct expression of the Infinite One (the First Source), originates from the Universal One of Infinity functioning as the First Center.

The bestowal of living vitality (the first phase of life animation) is an inherent action of God the Mother; however, the bestowal of the reproductive spark (the second phase of life animation) is in coordination with the Creativity of Deity, specifically, by the Spirit and the Mother, together as one.

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