

Qualified Humanness

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Relative to the nature of normal humans (as the basis), one can consider a complex, precise, contrasting system of qualified humanness:

nonhuman	[non- = not (and indicates fundamental conceptual contrast)]
subhuman	[sub- = below (i.e., an animal; so, maximally 5th adjutant)]
prehuman	[used in reference to truth; factually ==> sub- or infra-]
human	["up from the" humus, because -an = of (viz., derived from)]
dehuman	[+(-ized): de- = away from, or down (i.e., no 7th adjutant)]
unhuman	[un- = not, and removal of (i.e., no 6th and 7th adjutants)]
posthuman	[de- or un- ==> post-; also used for the postfusion Jesus]

inhuman	[in- = no, not <== non-, sub-, pre-, de-, un-, or post-]
mishuman	[mis- = wrong(ly) (i.e., evil) ==> antihuman (==> down)]
dishuman	[dis- = actively the opposite of (i.e., wicked) ==> anti-]
(a/ab)human	[a- = not, without (i.e., iniquitous); a:ab :: fact:truth]
infrahuman	[infra- = lit. under ==> a "fancy" animal (pre- or de-)]
superhuman	[super- = lit. above, or over (unless only supra- = over)]
ultrahuman	[ultra- = beyond (see note* below for contrast to super-)]
transhuman	[trans- = over (viz., across a boundary; hence, not cis-)]
metahuman	[meta- = "trans-", after, along with, other than, changed]
extrahuman	[extra- = outside; but could optionally use "preterhuman"]
quasi-human	[quasi = seemingly, partly (cf., "humanlike", "humanoid")]
semihuman	[semi- = half; optionally, demi- = lesser ==> demihuman]
hemihuman	[G. hemi- = L. semi-; hence, also "partly" (cf., "quasi")]
hypohuman	[G. hypo- = L. sub-; also used for "less than the normal"]
hyperhuman	[G. hyper- = L. super-; otherwise, "more than the normal"]

* Note: "over and above" and "above and beyond" (2nd word > 1st word)

So, consider the hierarchy: ultrahuman / superhuman / suprahuman. Since the word "human" indicates "upward", the ascension phase of a posthuman (viz., after morontia resurrection) career is an extension, in truth, of being human. Consequently, such individuals are not "ultrahuman" (i.e., "beyond ascension") until they are finaliters; however, they will remain ultrahumans for as long as they are sixth-stage spirits. When the grand universe is settled in light and life and the finaliters are upstepped to the status of seventh-stage spirits, they will then be "transhuman"; because they will have crossed "over" the absonite-finite boundary.

A prefinaliter posthuman is superhuman; however, any being (Creator or

creature) who is "above humans" also is "superhuman". Examples of some near-human superhumans are: the senior corporeal staff of the Planetary Prince (even as degraded rebels), the primary midwayers, Adam and Eve, and the secondary midwayers. All midwayers are superadditive in origin. The primary ones had only "a well-nigh superhuman origin" (TUB 77:6.1), because the liaisons of the senior staff were "supposedly nonsexual and nonmaterial" (TUB 66:4.10). However, the superadditive process yielded superhuman beings who "resemble angels more than mortals" (TUB 38:9.8).

Suprahumans are under the superhuman but "over" the human, for example: the junior corporeal staff (until degraded), Adam and Eve (as degraded), the predefault first-generation Adamites, the pure-line descendants of the degraded senior staff, and the sixteen progenitors of the secondary midwayers. Thus, as temporal actualities, Adamson and Ratta were only suprahumans; but as eternal realities, they "were really superhuman" (TUB 77:5.6). This is why, via "the peculiar progenitors" (TUB 77:6.2), they could give origin to superhuman beings--the secondary midwayers.

A prehuman or a posthuman (excluding iniquity), with six adjutants, is supraanimal and infrahuman; such a posthuman is dehumanized. With five adjutants, a prehuman is factually subhuman; but a posthuman is unhuman. A fully dishuman individual, who has realized iniquity (i.e., "spiritual death" [TUB 112:3.2]) but still has seven adjutants, is as such abhuman. Subsequently, when "the aberrations of intellect" [TUB 112:3.3] (of "cosmic insanity" [TUB 67:1.4]) have caused intellectual death, then the individual is factually ahuman--in contrast to infrahuman (dehumanized), unhuman, or subhuman--regardless of the number of remaining adjutants.

On the human level, there is a normal distribution (bell curve), ranging from the very dysgenetic (but still human) to the very eugenetic (see TUB 68:6.11). Such subnormal humans are hypohuman, and the contrasting supernormal humans are hyperhuman. This distinction between "subnormal" and "supernormal" is orthogonal to the chief of seraphim's use of these terms in TUB section 113:1, where: the "subnormal minded" are actually subhuman or infrahuman--in other words, inhuman; those who have the "normal type of human mind" are sevenfold in cosmic nature, relative to the seven psychic circles; and post-first circlers (but prefusion), plus the "members of the various reserve corps of destiny", are the so-called "supernormal minded". Because of the direct interplay with the Thought Adjusters and superhuman celestials (viz., personal seraphic guardians, and numerous others); properly, the third class is actually suprahuman.

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