

# Our Universal Parents: God the Father and God the Mother

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*The fifth epochal revelation gives mankind the fifth and most extensive elucidation of the nature of God the Father, but it is also the first major revelation of the nature of God the Mother. Finally, we can begin to recognize, realize, and appreciate our true characters—children of a spiritual Father and a cosmic Mother.*

Just as God the Father directly engages each of us, much about his nature is directly stated in the revelation; but each individual only relates to God the Mother through the whole, so most of her nature is only apparent through the lens of the whole revelation (see e.g., 112:1.17 and 117:6.21,22). The Deity facets which are *the Father* and *the Mother* have many expressions. One of the aspects of God the Father is *the Infinite Upholder* (self-experiential Deity), and we personally know God the Father as *the Universal Father* of all personalities. The personal-purposive nature of God the Supreme is the expression of God the Mother to the total finite. Finally, it has been revealed that the Supreme is the evolving womb of finite creation: *the Finite Upholder* (evolutionary-experiential Deity) and *the Universal Mother* of all finite evolutionary creatures (see e.g., 112:7.19 and 117:6.2,5,8) [For further elaboration of these and other facets of Deity, see my paper entitled *Total Deity*, available as a PDF file on the website <<http://www.perfectinghorizons.org/>>.]

*Through our common relationship with God the Father, we can experience spiritual unity; and through our common relationship with God the Mother, we can achieve intellectual harmony. We need both our Father and our Mother to become a united Urantia family.*

God is our spiritual Father; we are spiritual brothers and sisters; all humanity is a Urantia family. However, mankind is far from united (see 103:1.1). So how can we remedy our philosophical disease? From God the Father, we each hear the voice of the I AM; then from God the Mother, together we hear the voice of the ALL ARE. “But it is sad to record that so few persons on Urantia take delight in cultivating” their relationship with God the Mother (16:6.9). Each of us is connected to our cosmic Mother through the three cosmic intuitions in the Holy Spirit—*logical acumen*, *moral discrimination*, and *spiritual insight*. Philosophic harmony is achievable, because the three cosmic intuitions can give us a common objective consciousness, through which we can transcend our differences of subjective consciousness (see 16:6.3).

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*Because of our initial discord of ideas, it is almost impossible to translate an experience of the unity of ideals into a lasting expression of human brotherhood. God the Father gives us the potential for the collective recognition of spiritual ideals; but only from the potential for greater wisdom and insight, given to us by God the Mother, are we able to realize a harmonious system of ideas which can link us together as brothers and sisters in the flesh. We can love one another in spirit, but our fruits of loving service are ministered in the flesh.*

Ascending relationship with God the Mother is indicated by the psychic circles of human growth, which are “*cosmic levels*—actual meaning grasps and value realizations of progressive approach to the morontia consciousness of initial relationship of the evolutionary soul with the emerging Supreme Being.” (110:6.16) “The motivation of faith makes experiential the full realization of man’s sonship with God, but *action*, completion of decisions, is essential to the evolutionary attainment of consciousness of progressive kinship with the *cosmic actuality* of the Supreme Being. Faith transmutes potentials to actuals in the spiritual world, but potentials become actuals in the finite realms of the Supreme only by and through the realization of choice-experience.” (110:6.17)

Each of us must realize a twofold choice to consecrate our wills to the perfect will of God the Father, and to consecrate our minds to the cosmic harmony of God the Mother. Consider the following two statements by the revelators, reminding us that this twofold consecration is essential: “The technique of survival is embraced in those adjustments of the human will and those transformations in the mortal mind whereby such a God-conscious intellect gradually becomes spirit taught and eventually spirit led.” (1:3.7) “But let me warn you against the folly of undertaking to surmount temptation by the effort of supplanting one desire by another and supposedly superior desire through the mere force of the human will. If you would be truly triumphant over the temptations of the lesser and lower nature, you must come to that place of spiritual advantage where you have really and truly developed an actual interest in, and love for, those higher and more idealistic forms of conduct which your mind is desirous of substituting for these lower and less idealistic habits of behavior that you recognize as temptation.” (156:5.5)

To actualize the desire for the spiritual Urantia brotherhood to also be a united material family requires the cosmic character of God the Mother. “Purely spiritual development may have little to do with planetary material prosperity, but circle attainment always augments the potential of human success and mortal achievement.” (110:6.19) “The fruits of the spirit are the substance of the Supreme as he is realizable in human experience.” (117:6.17)