

Question

In The Urantia Book, absonite things and beings are not referred to as being "created", but rather "eventuated". What is eventuation?

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The revelators used the word "eventuated" to directly associate the act of bringing an absonite being into existence with the "eventual" completion of evolution. Finite beings are created and then evolve; the finite age is evolutionary; the absonite age will be transevolutionary.

However, there are already existent absonite beings, who are expressions of the "antecedent following" (see 106:0.5). These "Transcendentals" are required for "the prefinite genesis of finite beginnings" (ibid.). All transcendentals (the absonite) can be understood, from the eternity viewpoint, as an "anticipation of the finite" (105:7.1)--even "causal" (105:5.3) in relation to the finite, on "ultimate levels of personality activity" (30:1.15).

From the time viewpoint, the absonite results from and is built upon the finite. That which we call evolutionary is incorporated into the initial nature of an eventuated being: the experiential development of such beings is built upon a completed-finite-like foundation. Each of us is also, in part, an eventuated being. A measure of the entire evolution of the finite was incorporated into your creation. Very immediately, the prior 550 million years of biologic evolution on this planet was bottled up into your conception. You may have heard the old expression "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny". In particular, the first years of your development were an epitome of the evolution of the engagement of adjutant mind to the animals of this world.

From the individuality viewpoint, eventuation is "supersummative" (see 104:2.4). The absonite is more than the sum of all, fully evolved finite things and beings; it is also more than simply the transcendent extrapolation--"supremacization"--of each finite individuation and the subsequent sum of such. Plus, as indicated above, eventuation and the absonite are not only about the next universe age. From the unity viewpoint, the Paradise Trinity is seen as the absolute center-source of the totality attitude that is inherent in eventuation (ibid.). This individuality of the whole of infinity is down-stepped to every

subinfinite level of reality as the hierarchical fact of "the Mother". Consider the nature of the cosmos, as it is constituted around our universal, cosmic Mother:

"Relationships exist between two objects, but three or more objects eventuate a 'system', and such a system is much more than just an enlarged or complex relationship. This distinction is vital, for in a cosmic system the individual members are not connected with each other except in relation to the whole and through the individuality of the whole." (112:1.17)