ANTHROPOLOGY

Section 1. Elements and Attributes of Urantia Mortals

Point I. Dominion of Reason over Matter

Point A. Cosmic Intelligence
Point 1. Source of Cosmic Intelligence
(16:6.1) The Master Spirits represent the sevenfold source of cosmic intelligence, the intellectual potential of the great universe. This cosmic mind is a sub-absolute manifestation of the mind of the Third Source and Center; it has some functional connection with the mind forming in the Supreme Being.

Point 2. Influence of the Chief Spirits on the Affairs of Men
(16:6.2) In a Urantia-like world we do not find the direct influence of the Seven Master Spirits upon choral affairs. You live under the immediate influence of the Creative Spirit of Nebadon. Yet it is the Master Spirits who determine the basic reactions of the mind of every creature, for they are the actual sources of intellectual and spiritual potentials which are specialized in the local universes for functioning in the lives of the individuals inhabiting the evolutionary worlds of time and space.

Point 3. Cosmic intelligence responds to three levels of universal realities:
(16:6.5) Cosmic intelligence invariably reacts [is aware of the reaction] of the three levels of universal reality. These reactions are obvious to the clear and deep mind. These levels of reality are:
(16:6.6) 1. Causality - the realm of reality including physical feelings, logically uniform realms of science, the demarcation of factual and non-factual, inferences based on cosmic reaction. This is the mathematical form of cosmic insight.
(16:6.7) 2. Duty - the area from the reality of mortals to the philosophical reality, the place of action of reason; the understanding of relative good and evil. It is this form of cosmic insight that rests on common sense.
(16:6.8) 3. Worship - the domain of spiritual reality, including religious experience, the personal realization of divine brotherhood, the recognition of spiritual values, confidence in eternal existence, the rise from the position of God's servant to the joy and freedom of God's children. This is the higher penetration of cosmic intelligence, a respectful and reverent form of cosmic insight.

Point 4. These kinds of scientific, moral, and spiritual insight, these cosmic reactions, are inherent in the cosmic intelligence that all volitional creatures receive.
(16:6.9) Life experience invariably develops these three forms of cosmic intuition; they are an inalienable part of the reflection inherent in self-awareness. But we are saddened to note that few people on Urantia find pleasure in cultivating these qualities of bold and independent cosmic thinking.

Point 5. The creative mind is dominant and always present in seven directions
(42:12.1) The evolution of mechanisms presupposes and signifies the hidden presence and dominion of creative intelligence. The ability of mortal intelligence to conceive, design and create automatic mechanisms demonstrates the superiority, creativity and purposefulness of the human mind as the dominant influence on the planet. The mind always strives to achieve the following goals:
(42:12.2) 1. Creation of material mechanisms..
(42:12.3) 2. Uncovering hidden secrets.
(42:12.4) 3. Study of distant objects and situations.
(42:12.5) 4. Development of thought systems.
(42:12.6) 5. Acquisition of wisdom.
(42:12.7) 6. Attainment of spiritual levels.
(42:12.8) 7. Fulfillment of divine purposes-supreme, ultimate, and absolute.

Point 6. The function of the creative mind shapes the mechanism of individuality.
(42:12.9) Creativity is always inherent in reason. The intellectual faculties of an individual animal, mortal creature, morontia creature, spiritual ascendant, or finisher are always sufficient to form a suitable and comfortable body necessary for a living creature. But the phenomenon of the presence of a personality or structure of individuality as such is not a manifestation of either physical, intellectual, or spiritual energy. The form of personality is a structural aspect of the living being; by it is meant a configuration of energy, and this, together with life and motion, constitutes the mechanism of the creature's existence.

Point 7. Four realizations of universal reality are inherent in man's self-awareness:
(16:9.9) In its essence, self-awareness is an awareness of communion: God and man, Father and son, Creator and creature. For the hidden form of man's self-awareness, four realizations of the universal reality are inherent:
(16:9.10) 1. The search for knowledge, the logic of science.
(16:9.11) 2. The search for moral values, the sense of duty.
(16:9.12) 3. The search for spiritual values, the religious experience.
(16:9.13) 4. The search for personal values, the ability to perceive the reality of God as a person, and a parallel awareness of our fraternal ties with other persons.

Point 8. The union of the cosmic mind and the auxiliary spirits of mind creates an adequate physical vessel for the developing man.
(42:12.11) Thus the morontia mind individualizes the morontia form for all saved mortals. As the mortal body is personal and typical of each man, so the morontia form will be highly individual and equally typical of the creative intelligence ruling it. Any two morontia forms are no more alike than any two human bodies. The administrators of Morontia Energy provide - and the attendant seraphim provide - undifferentiated morontia material suitable for morontia life. And after the morontia life it will turn out that the spiritual forms are also so diverse and characteristic of the beings who fill these forms and possess spiritual intelligence.

Point B. The Seven Auxiliary Spirits of Reason
Point 1. The seven auxiliary spirits of reason determine the direction of organic evolution
(36:5.1) It is the presence in the primitive worlds of the seven subsidiary spirits of reason that determines the direction of organic evolution; this explains its purposefulness and regularity. These auxiliary spirits embody that mind-serving function performed by the Infinite Spirit, which - thanks to the Mother Spirit of the local universe - extends over the lower orders of intelligent life. The helping spirits, children of the Universal Mother Spirit, are Spirit's personal assistance to the material mind. Any manifestation of such intelligence testifies to the activity of these diverse spirits.

Point 2. Ni-va of reason in evolutionary worlds
(36:5.15) As the living mind acquires the ability to learn from experience, it comes under the tutelage of the Chief Physical Regulators. As long as the ability to perceive divinity and worship the Deity has arisen in the mind of the creature, it is referred to the exclusive sphere of influence of the auxiliary spirits. As soon as the creature's mind detects a spiritual response, it becomes a carrier of super-intelligence, as it is instantly embraced by the spiritual cycles of the Mother Spirit of the local universe.

Point 3. The Sons of God are able to construct the forms of life, but it is the Spirit of God that brings the very spark of life
(36:6.4) After the Life Carriers have prepared the life prototypes and after the energy systems have been created, another phenomenon must occur: the "breath of life" must be breathed into these life forms. The Sons of God are able to construct the forms of life, but it is the Spirit of God that brings the very spark of life. And when the life thus bestowed comes to an end, the remaining material body becomes dead matter again. When the consecrated life is over, the body returns to the bowels of the material universe from which it was once borrowed by the Life-Bearers as a temporary sheath for life, giving such a visible combination of energy and matter.

Point II. Personality

Item A. Function of Personality on Urantia
(16:8.3) Personality is a unique and unadulterated gift; its existence is independent of and predates the consecration of the Consciousness Adjuster. But the presence of an Adjuster increases the qualitative manifestation of the personality. Leaving the Father, the Adjusters of Consciousness are identical in nature, and the personalities are diverse, unadulterated and unique; moreover, the manifestation of personalities is conditioned and determined by the nature and properties of the collective material, mental and spiritual energies forming the organism as a vehicle - the shell for the manifestation of the personality.

Point 2. Personality is that side of the individual which is his identity
(16:8.4) The personalities may be similar, but they are never repeated. Personal beings of a particular genus, type, category, or pattern may resemble and resemble one another, but they are never identical. Personality is that side of an individual which is known to us and which will enable us to know such a being in the future, whatever may be the nature and degree of modification of his form, mind, or spirit. Personality is that part of each individual which enables us to perceive and confidently recognize him as a being with whom we have already been acquainted,

however much he may have been modified by the modification of the means of expression and manifestation of his personality.

Item 3. Personality of Creatures
(16:8.5) Creature personality is characterized by two self-manifesting and typical phenomena of reactive mortal behavior: self-consciousness and its relative free will.

Point 4. Definition and range of self-awareness
(16:8.6) Self-awareness consists in the awareness of the fact of the existence of the personality and includes the ability to be aware of the reality of other personalities. It indicates the possibility of gaining individual experience in and with cosmic realities, which is tantamount to gaining individual status in personal relationships in the universe. Self-awareness also means perceiving the actuality of serving reason and realizing the relative independence of creative and determining free will.

Point 5. Personality bestows the greatness of cosmic citizenship and creates responses to the three basic cosmic realities of reason
(16:8.15) The human personality of the Urantian type may be regarded as functioning in the physical mechanism which is a planetary modification of the organism of a non-Badonic type, pertaining to the electrochemical type of life activation, and endowed with a non-Badonic variety of cosmic intelligence for the Orvonton series about heterosexual reproductive creatures. Consecration of the divine gift of personality to such a consciousness-endowed mortal mechanism endows the mortal being with the grandeur of cosmic citizenship, which immediately creates the prerequisites for the formation of reactions ensuring the principled perception of the three basic cosmic realities of reason:
(16:8.16) 1. The mathematical or logical perception of the uniformity of physical causation.
(16:8.17) 2. The reasonable perception of the obligation of moral conduct.
(16:8.18) 3. The insight of faith gained in sympathetic worship of the Deity, in conjunction with the loving service of man.

Point 6. Presence of personality is the beginning of awareness of divine kinship and responds to the contour of personal gravity of the Heavenly Father
(16:8.19) Full functioning of such a personality is the beginning of awareness of divine kinship. The individuality endowed with a particle of personality from God the Father is in its essence a true spiritual son of God. Such a person not only finds the ability to receive the gift of the divine presence, but also responds to the influence of the personal gravity circle of the Heavenly Father of all persons.

Point B. Attributes of persons
Point 1. Mortals at high spiritual levels and some types of beings are able to see the reality of creatures from both the spiritual and material worlds
(44:0.17) There are certain types of beings capable of seeing the reality of creatures from both the spiritual and material worlds. To this class belong the so-called fourth creatures of the number of the Havon Servitals, and the fourth creatures of the category of peacemakers. The angels of time and space are endowed with the ability to see both spiritual and material beings; such ability is also possessed by ascending mortals after release from life in the flesh. After attaining higher spiritual levels, ascended beings acquire the ability to perceive material, morontia, and spiritual realities.

Point 2. Ascended personalities are capable of knowing their companions from a previous existence
(44:0.18) Also here with me is the Mighty Ambassador of the Uversa - an ascended being merged with his Adjuster, formerly a mortal being. He perceives you as you are, and at the same time sees the One Messenger, the super-naphim, and other heavenly beings present. Throughout your ascension journey, you will never lose the ability to perceive your past life partners. Throughout the ascent to the center on the steps of life you will always be able to know and communicate with your fellows of past life and lower levels of your experience. Each new conversion or resurrection will widen your field of vision to yet another group of spirit beings, not in the least depriving you of the ability to know your comrades and friends by past states.

Point III. Lordship of the Spirit

Point A. Relationship of physical, spiritual and intellectual energy
Point 1. Each type of energy dominates in different situations

(42:12.13) Physical, spiritual, and intellectual energy, as such and in pure form, do not fully interact as actual entities of the physical universes. In Paradise, all three energies are equal, in Havona - coordinated, while on the universal levels of ultimate activity, an encounter with all variants of material, intellectual and spiritual domination must inevitably take place. In the impersonal situations of time and space the physical energy seems to predominate, but at the same time it seems that the nearer the function of the spiritual mind is to the divinity of design and supreme action, the greater becomes the predominance of the spiritual aspect, and that in the extreme level the dominance of the spiritual mind can become almost complete. At the absolute level, spirit undoubtedly dominates. Beginning at this level and moving outward through the universes of time and space, wherever divine spiritual reality exists, wherever true spiritual intelligence operates, there is the tendency to create a material or physical duplicate of that spiritual reality.

Point 2. Spirit is the creative reality
(42:12.14) Spirit is the creative reality; the physical duplicate is the spatio-temporal reflection of spiritual reality, the physical echo of the creative action of spirit-mind.

Point 3. Reason dominates matter, but it submits to spirit
(42:12.15) Mind everywhere dominates matter just as it, in turn, submits to the ultimate over-rule of spirit. As for mortal man, only such a mind as voluntarily submits itself to the guidance of the spirit can hope to survive mortal space-time existence as an immortal child of the eternal spirit world of the Supreme, the Ultimate and the Absolute: the Infinite.

Point 4. Spiritual individuality, merging with the Adjusters is the secret of salvation and reaching Heaven
(40:5.4) Spiritual individuality contains within itself the secret of personal salvation and determines the goal of spiritual ascent.
(107:0.5) It is the Adjuster who awakens in man an insatiable desire and constant striving to become like God, to attain Heaven, where in the actual presence of the Deity man will be able to worship the infinite source of divine gift. The Adjuster is the living presence that immediately unites the mortal son with his Heavenly Father, drawing him closer and closer to the Father. By being present within us, the Adjuster compensates, equalizes the colossal tension of the universe created by the distance separating man from God, and also the degree of partiality of man compared to the universality of the eternal Father.

(107:0.6) The Adjuster is an absolute essence of an infinite being locked into the mind of a finite creature-an essence which, depending on the choice of such mortal, is capable ultimately of completing this temporary union between God and man, and indeed creating a new type beings for endless universal service. The Adjuster is a divine universal reality, a factual expression of the truth that God is the Father of man. The Adjuster is man's flawless cosmic compass, invariably and unerringly turning the soul to God.