

APPENDIX

This is an edited version of a paper I had posted to Urantia Internet Discussion groups in September, 1999. I do not repeat arguments I covered in earlier parts of this book, except to keep this presentation coherent.

Unusual Spiritual Experiences Part I The Role of the Teaching Mission

In July, 1998 Lamar Zabielski removed me from his UBTalk list because of a report and discussion I had on a personal experience of “glassy” eyes. Actually, “glowing” is a more proper term. Three young men had approached me while I was sitting on the patio in the evening at a Summer Study session in Lake Forest, Illinois in the early 1990’s. (It was still full light.) Two of those were sons of Thern Blackburn from Woods Cross, Utah. (Thern has since died.) They approached me to discuss my opposition to the Teaching Mission. They tried to convince me that it was a valid spiritual phenomenon. Only two of the men exhibited that strange light effect in their eyes.

At the time I wrote my post I compared the experience to the TV and book illustrations of the eyes of zombies. I expressed the belief that the media illustrations are founded on actual phenomena, that they did not just derive out of some person’s fanciful imagination.

I had an opportunity to discuss this with Kurt Cira at the recent conference in Vancouver. He once again confirmed my witness. He also saw this strange phenomenon at Lake Forest. He reported to me that Susan Meyers also had the same experience.

I have greatly puzzled over this experience. It has not happened again although, I can assure you, I have looked for it in the eyes of the channelers at several conferences.

And then, as I was walking from one meeting to another at Vancouver, it occurred to me why this was so unusual, and why I did not have a repeat of that experience.

I believe Susan, Kurt and myself were permitted to witness this phenomenon. I believe it was an unusual presentation. I believe the midwayers altered our vision to permit us to see the glow within the eyes of those men. I believe they extended our vision, for that brief period, in order that we have convincing demonstration of the permanent alterations that take place in the neurological systems of those who give themselves to Caligastia.

As we well know, human vision range is limited, but can be extended.

P.865 - The 1,111 loyal secondary midwayers . . . exist just outside the range of mortal vision and possess sufficient latitude of adaptation to make, at will, physical contact with what humans call "material things." These unique creatures have certain definite powers over the things of time and space, not excepting the beasts of the realm.

The experience was a mighty boost in my belief of the permanent effect which takes place in the members of the Teaching Mission who have unalterably entered into a pact with the Devil. Once the channelers sell their soul there is no escape. Many have debated this with me. They ask, "Is there no retreat from that compact?" My answer is no. There is no rehabilitation of those people, and they forever lose their Thought Adjusters.

I repeat: I believe this extended vision took place for the purpose of confirming my estimates of the Teaching Mission. Since I am the only person who has spoken so openly, so adamantly, and so vigorously in opposition to that movement, it may be that I serve to alert other members of the community to that spiritual danger. Perhaps I was permitted to observe this phenomenon because I serve in a role to help crystallize the spiritual decisions now unfolding.

Some may argue that the experience was imaginary or psychological, that it derived from my intense interest in denouncing the Teaching Mission. But such argument denies the experience of Kurt and Susan.

It also denies the reality of malevolent Spirit Beings who can enter human mind, and reduces our relationship with true living spiritual realities to mere "spiritual" feelings and notions. We should ever keep in mind: the members of the Teaching Mission speak of the Spirits who talk to them in their heads, and give them feelings of love and peace and joy.

Are we then to reduce all spiritual phenomena to mere feelings, human psychology, or imagination? If the members of the Teaching Mission so strongly testify to their "spiritual" experiences, and we assign that phenomena to mere psychological disturbance, what does such assignment say about our grasp of spiritual realities?

Others may argue that members of the Teaching Mission carry on ordinary lives, and otherwise conduct themselves sanely in the world. Why would we say they are psychologically disturbed in their relationships with God? Is their testimony not real? After all, they are nice people.

On the other hand, if we permit such psychologically disturbed people to participate in Urantia affairs and offer voting power to them, how much have we jeopardized the conduct of group policies?

The danger is not in their psychological disturbance but in their betrayal of God and the Revelation.

Of course, these thoughts have become academic. The influence of members of the Teaching Mission, and their sympathizers, upon the Urantia community have now effectively undermined more traditional approaches to group policies.

This shift in policy should not be taken lightly. It should be viewed in the worst possible potentials for betrayal of God and the Revelation.

The fact that such spiritual phenomena would appear at the end of the age was revealed to us, but those revelations were suppressed. Modern generations do not seriously believe in them. By suppressing those revelations we effectively removed all warnings given to us by Jesus. Little did we realize the ominous and shocking spiritual forces we would let loose upon the land.

For example, we see one of those warnings in the Gospel of John 16:1-4. This warning appears explicitly in the Urantia Papers.

P.1951 - After Peter, James, John, and Matthew had asked the Master numerous questions, he continued his farewell discourse by saying: "And I am telling you about all this before I leave you in order that you may be so prepared for what is coming upon you that you will not stumble into serious error. The authorities will not be content with merely putting you out of the synagogues; I warn you the hour draws near when they who kill you will think they are doing a service to God. And all of these things they will do to you and to those whom you lead into the kingdom of heaven because they do not know the Father. They have refused to know the Father by refusing to receive me; and they refuse to receive me when they reject you, provided you have kept my new commandment that you love one another even as I have loved you. I am telling you in advance about these things so that, when your hour comes, as mine now has, you may be strengthened in the knowledge that all was known to me, and that my spirit shall be with you in all your sufferings for my sake and the gospel's. It was for this purpose that I have been talking so plainly to you from the very beginning. I have even warned you that a man's foes may be those of his own household. Although this gospel of the kingdom never fails to bring great peace to the soul of the individual believer, it will not bring peace on earth until man is willing to believe my teaching wholeheartedly and to establish the practice of doing the Father's will as the chief purpose in living the mortal life."

Indeed, that is exactly what is going on. The impending terrors were also foretold elsewhere in the gospels.

Matt 10:21 Brother will deliver brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and put them to death.

Matt 24:9 Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

Mark 13:12 And brother will deliver brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and put them to death.

Luke 21:16 You will be betrayed by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

Compare this with the remarks recorded in the Urantia Papers: "I have even warned you that a man's foes may be those of his own household."

Therefore we can deduce that bitter persecutions will come at some future hour, and from members of the Teaching Mission, those who have given themselves to unclean spirits, to evil spirit personalities.

We well know how members of the Teaching Mission believe they are serving God. But they do not know the Father, and they do not know Jesus. They know Caligastia pretending to be the Father and Michael, and providing spiritual feelings compatible with their belief. When their hour comes, now shortly upon us, they will kill us in the belief they are serving God.

Two deductions can be made from the experience of Susan Meyers, Kurt Cira, and myself. Since one of those young men did not exhibit that glow it must mean that he had not entered into a compact with the Devil. Although he supported that movement, and participated, he had not yet sold his soul. He could still be retrieved from that danger.

This is crucially important to many members of the Teaching Mission. It means that they still can be rehabilitated. Those who have not received a "spirit guide" should consider themselves extremely fortunate. They still have an opportunity for eternity.

Even more, it may mean that many of them will be retrieved as the actions of those Devil agents come down upon us. Certainly, they will have deep regrets for the betrayal of their brothers and sisters.

The second deduction concerns the discernment of the midwayers, the seraphim, and other personalities who are not curtailed by mortal limitations. All celestial personalities can easily recognize those who have permanently sold their souls to the Devil, and those who have not. If they can make those "spiritual phenomena" visible to us, they certainly can easily "see" such phenomena at their level. In other words, celestial personalities have means for recognizing the fact that Caligastia has taken up residence within the mind of a human mortal.

In many Internet discussions, and in my papers, I have elaborated on the voluntary decisions made by those in the Teaching Mission. They make two primary, and unalterable choices: They place their personality in the hands of that Spirit, and they give their will to that Spirit.

(Remember, when they invite the Spirits to enter their minds they cannot specify which Spirit will come. They open their minds to any Spirit who wishes to take advantage of that invitation. Since Caligastia is the only personality who can now invade the sanctity of human mind, he is the only one to exercise that opportunity.)

Two personalities cannot be independently co-resident within human mind. One must dominate the other. Since Caligastia is the higher personality, when he enters human mind the human mortal must relinquish his personality to that "Spirit."

We have revelation concerning these matters, but most do not recognize it.

P.37 - "In any universe contest between actual levels of reality, the personality of the higher level will ultimately triumph over the personality of the lower level. . . . Undiluted evil, complete error, willful sin, and unmitigated iniquity are inherently and automatically suicidal."

If those human personalities chose to affiliate with the Evil One, regardless how ignorantly they did so, through that act they chose to associate with undiluted evil, complete error, willful sin, and unmitigated iniquity. Such choice is inherently and automatically suicidal.

Those people believe they gave their personalities and their will to the Father. It is their will to do the Father's will. Unfortunately, the Father in this case is Caligastia pretending to other Spirit Personifications.

Furthermore, as I have argued, A Spirit cannot enter human mind unless the human personality relinquishes his will. Just as two personalities cannot be co-resident within human mind, two wills also cannot be co-resident within human mind. Therefore, the human mortal has given over the two attributes which are exclusively his: personality and will. Such people are no longer "human" in a spiritual sense. They are mechanisms that still operate in the world, using their minds, but have lost all ability to anymore be candidates for eternity.

P.1229 - 1. Spiritual (soul) death. If and when mortal man has finally rejected survival, when he has been pronounced spiritually insolvent, morontially bankrupt, in the conjoint opinion of the Adjuster and the surviving seraphim, when such co-ordinate advice has been recorded on Uversa, and after the Censors and their reflective associates have verified these findings, thereupon do the rulers of Orvonton order the immediate release of the indwelling Monitor. But this release of the Adjuster in no way affects the duties of the personal or group seraphim concerned with that Adjuster-abandoned individual. This kind of death is final in its significance irrespective of the temporary continuation of the living energies of the physical and mind mechanisms. From the cosmic standpoint the mortal is already dead; the continuing life merely indicates the persistence of the material momentum of cosmic energies.

Mortal men do not make a conscious decision to reject survival. Their real choices are not conscious. When they invite a Spirit to enter their minds they make such choice within the depths of their hearts. To do so they were already spiritually insolvent. They were already morontially bankrupt. They were already uninterested in preserving their personality and their will intact. They did not mind giving themselves over to the Spirit. At that time the Adjuster and the guardian seraphim came to a conjoint opinion concerning that human mortal. This was immediately recorded on Uversa, and verified. At that point the indwelling Monitor departed. The Monitor departed because the human mortal manifested a desire to be cursed with the wicked presence of Caligastia. That was an eternal decision.

Some of us have an instinctive reaction against inviting spirits into our minds. We know that there is something spiritually repugnant about it. We do not engage in such practices. On the other hand, those who engaged in those practices did not have those instincts. Something undefinable is inherent in human mortals to make such choices. Since celestial personalities can view us with their extended vision they probably know which human mortals fall on which side of this spiritual coin. So does Caligastia. He does not waste his time on those who will not invite him in. On the other hand, he knows which human mortals may invite him in.