

Cosmic Citizenship

Personality

Personality is the miracle of being an experiencing self. It is a gift from God.

The love of the Father individualizes each one of us. This is a continuing act of creation. The relationship of love shared by the Father with each personality continuously sustains your existence and will continue to do so throughout eternity. It is cultivated through love and friendship.

Personality comes with free will which makes personality creative. Every interaction you have with another person forever changes both the actual and the potential of the cosmos.

You should appreciate the significance of aligning your will with the will of the Father. This is how you eventually become one with Deity. You maintain your individual identity while merging with a mighty creative will which has a divine singleness of eternal purpose.

Personality and Relationship

It's within the structure of personal associations that you discover the kingdom Jesus told us could be found there.

Personality is relational. Your life is experienced and lived in a context of relationality – your relationship with God and your relationships with each other.

Eternal life involves a discovery and exploration of the co-creational potentials of personality association.

From the relationships between members of the Paradise Trinity down to the relationships you sustain in your family everything that comes into existence does so as a repercussion of interactions between persons.

This is a new paradigm of thinking and living. It's a relational model of reality that Jesus tried to communicate to his followers using social terms such as “brethren,” “communion,” “family,” “fellowship,” “kingdom.” He portrayed the source of reality itself as a loving father.

The spiritual life portrayed and taught by Jesus is all about communion between personalities. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul, and your neighbor as yourself.” This is the heart of his relational theology, the religion of personal religious experience.

The Dynamics of Personal Religious Experience

Being created as a personality initiates an evolutionary process of soul development. The soul is not a pre-existing entity waiting to be discovered. It's not something you consciously create. It

evolves around a cluster of values, an accumulating matrix of spiritualized character qualities which can survive mortal life as personality attributes, if you choose eternal life before you die.

It's important to remember that the human mind does not create values. All the human mind can do is to discover, recognize, interpret and choose.

Spiritual values reside in a morontial¹ environment just outside the range of your consciousness. The Thought Adjuster² makes them accessible to your mortal mind, illuminates them for you, but you have to choose between the spiritual values being illuminated by the Thought Adjuster or the natural inclinations of the mortal self.

As the Thought Adjuster-illuminated spiritual values are chosen and implemented into your behavior, they transform your character and identity. This is what survives mortal life along with your personality as a nucleus for further experiential growth in the universe.

¹ MORONTIA DEFINED:

Morontia is the realm between the material and the spiritual. Morontia bridges the gulf between mortal origin and spiritual status.

"Morontia is a term designating a vast level intervening between the material and the spiritual. It may designate personal or impersonal realities, living or nonliving energies. The warp of morontia is spiritual; its woof is physical." (9.2) 0:5.12

"Much of the reality of the spiritual worlds is of the morontia order, a phase of universe reality wholly unknown on Urantia. The goal of personality existence is spiritual, but the morontia creations always intervene, bridging the gulf between the material realms of mortal origin and the superuniverse spheres of advancing spiritual status. It is in this realm that the Master Spirits make their great contribution to the plan of man's Paradise ascension." (189.7) 16:4.6

² THOUGHT ADJUSTER DEFINED:

Living within the mind of all humans is a divine undiluted fragment of the Infinite God—the missing piece of the puzzle for which men have searched for and sages pointed to with upraised hands. Yet for all our searching, our writings on ancient scrolls, our telescopes pointed up to the heavens, the elusive God has always been here within. Through the ages, this Indwelling Spirit of the Infinite God has been called many things: the Higher-self, the Over-soul, the Indwelling Spirit, the Father's Presence, the Ka, the Atman, Thought Adjuster, and others. This Divine Presence of the Infinite God is our direct link and unbroken connection to the deity of Primal Cause, the Universal Father.

This is the personal presence of God in man and so does this Divine "Monitor" function in many ways to secure the desire of the Infinite God to attain "all experience." This perfect presence of divinity within the mind of man is the Master Operator which subtly directs creature consciousness toward the goal of vibrational unity with the Universal Father. This direction is conditional upon the free will of the creature to accept or reject, in part or in whole, the plan for eternal survival—to lead the creature consciousness through a process of "ascension" where the continuity of consciousness and continued creature experience can contribute co-creatively to the relative perfection of the entire finite universe to bring all things to completion and to the end of an era.

From the Urantia book:

(1176.1) 107:0.1 ALTHOUGH the Universal Father is personally resident on Paradise, at the very center of the universes, he is also actually present on the worlds of space in the minds of his countless children of time, for he indwells them as the Mystery Monitors. The eternal Father is at one and the same time farthest removed from, and most intimately associated with, his planetary mortal sons.

(1176.2) 107:0.2 The Adjusters are the actuality of the Father's love incarnate in the souls of men; they are the veritable promise of man's eternal career imprisoned within the mortal mind; they are the essence of man's perfected finaliter personality, which he can foretaste in time as he progressively masters the divine technique of achieving the living of the Father's will, step by step, through the ascension of universe upon universe until he actually attains the divine presence of his Paradise Father.

(1176.3) 107:0.3 God, having commanded man to be perfect, even as he is perfect, has descended as the Adjuster to become man's experiential partner in the achievement of the supernal destiny which has been thus ordained. The fragment of God which indwells the mind of man is the absolute and unqualified assurance that man can find the Universal Father in association with this divine Adjuster, which came forth from God to find man and sonship him even in the days of the flesh.

Earth is a school. You are being prepared for a cosmic socialization consisting of progression through several developmental stages. Progression through these stages involves a growing consciousness of progressive kinship with the cosmic actuality of the Supreme Being.

This consciousness of progressive kinship is not mere knowledge. It means that you will progress to the point where the welfare of the kingdom, the Supreme, the cosmic whole, will become the reference point for your moral decision-making processes.

Your personality becomes increasingly real as a creative presence in the universe as you progress through these developmental stages. You become more and more able to function productively in association with other persons for the Father's purposes.

Spiritual Practices

There are two practices for your personal religion.

The first is *worship*, essential for growing your relationship with God; of becoming sensitive and responsive to the *Thought Adjuster* presence. (www.elc.org/doctrine/thought-adjuster)

The second is *service*. Service to other personalities and the welfare of the cosmic whole gradually becomes your primary attitude to reality.

Note that each of these practices immerses you in the dynamics and challenges of personality relationships, human and divine.

True spirituality may be discovered only through the morontia (existing between material and spiritual) domain of personality association.

Significance of the Remembrance Supper

Think deeply about the comment with which Jesus inaugurated the remembrance supper. He said,

“Every soul who attains the realization of the united nature of God and man shall live forever. This bread of life which I give to all who will receive is my own living and combined nature. The Father in the Son and the Son one with the Father – that is my life-giving revelation to the world and my saving gift to all nations.”

The sacrament of the remembrance supper was given to us by the Master as a social context in which it is experientially possible to discover the relational model of reality which his followers failed to grasp. Instead, they started a religion about his death and resurrection. This is where Christianity failed. The religion OF Jesus was converted to a religion ABOUT Jesus.

“Where two or three believers are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” That describes a dynamic matrix of personality association. In the remembrance supper, it's this morontia web of relationships that's hosting his presence, not individual mortal minds;

not the fact of relationship but the living process of spiritualized communion and communication between personalities.

Proclamation of the Kingdom

The third element of personal religious experience may be the most important. It is the proclamation of the kingdom. This is a *commission* given to us by our Creator. He *commissioned* us to take his message to the world, to help orient his children to their destiny as citizens of his eternal kingdom.

This kingdom is deeply related to personal religious experience.

The kingdom was a big deal to Jesus. The kingdom actualizes organically as a repercussion of the growing network of spiritualized personal relationships between God-recognizing and God-serving persons throughout the universe.

There is a spiritual civilization which permeates the universes, the emerging kingdom of Jesus the teachings of the Supreme Being. It is experienced and actualized through personal religious experience, *enlightened by worship* and *informed by service*.

Conclusion

Recognizing the relational nature of personality provides an essential foundation. Immersing yourself in the relational activities of *worship* and *service* brings you closer to the ministry of the indwelling spirit.

We have the remembrance supper in which the factors of *personal religious experience* may be *integrated* and *enjoyed* in their wholeness. We have a *commission* to help our fellows find entrance into this kingdom we've been blessed to discover.

All this constitutes a foundation for a rich, meaningful, productive experience of personal religion, as you orient yourself to the fact that your universe career as a cosmic citizen has begun.

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