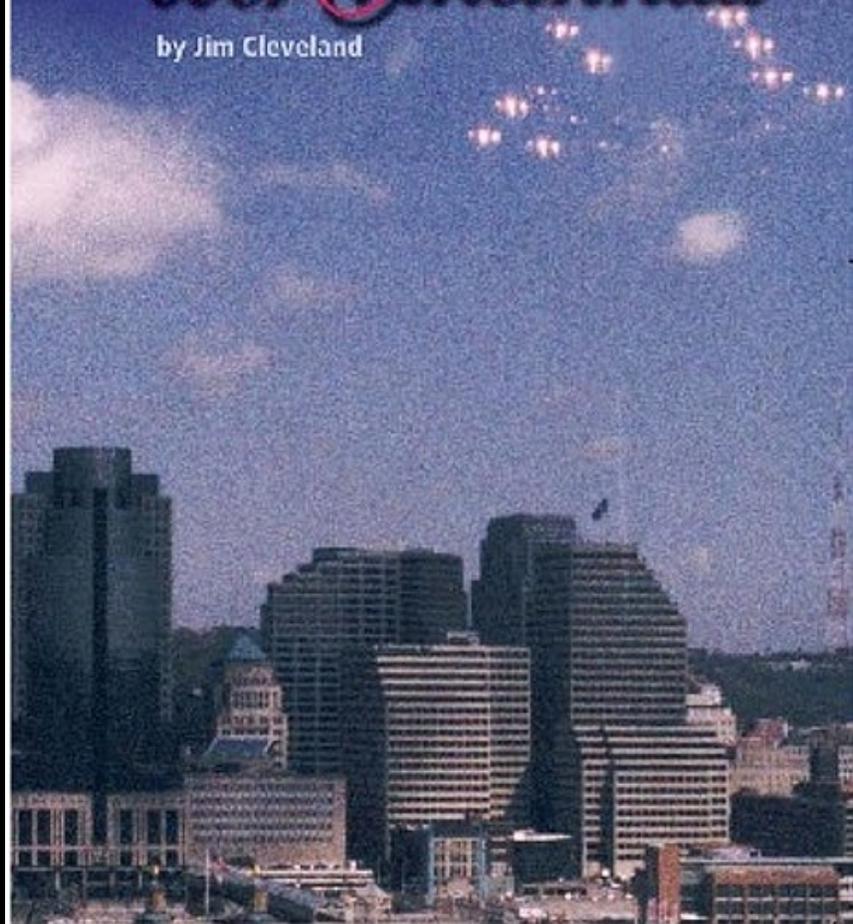


Lessons of the Planetary Correcting Time

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ABRAHAM, ascended spiritual being who was the Biblical Jewish patriarch, still working with his mentor, Machiventa, in the spiritual dimension.

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preface

My first inclination was to just tell this amazing experience like it happened, honestly and directly, relate a journey of spiritual discovery.

My second thought was that nobody would believe it. I wouldn't have. I was pretty cynical about such things as channeling.

My third thought was to check out the bookstores. I didn't want to write it to make money, but it was important to know if people would want to read it.

The bookstore had a wide assortment of works on mysticism, channeling, angels, God concepts, unlocking hidden powers, energy circuitry, oodles and myriads of self-help inner searches. There was even a book where somebody had channeled Hitler. Our Teaching Mission experiences seemed conservative in this environment.

The other side of the market was Christian. They wouldn't buy it. Too radical. The message was powerfully religious, but not Bible-based, and channeling was a suspicious methodology. Christian publishing is a thriving market all its own.

This new so-called Teaching Mission would probably be seen as competition for the churches, a deviant path in which we would seem to be putting ourselves ahead of their time-tested doctrine. Many folks give the church de facto control of their spiritual development, aren't really attuned to doing it on a personal level with God. They wouldn't read about our experiences.

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Then I considered the mainstream market. People like most of us, moderate in most things, open to explore, hungry for spiritual truth, ultimate salvation, loving and caring while remaining cautious, even suspicious of being duped. Not prone to the occult. Not inclined to buy much of that proliferating and competitive dogma out there. Not interested in manipulating crystals or speculating on reincarnation or talking to Elvis.

Everyday people. A massive market.

Folks who are a little skeptical like me, a little cynical about the condition and future of humankind.

Readers might wonder if there were ever any celestials in conservative Cincinnati, where such things as the Larry Flynt case, the Mapplethorpe art controversy, and Marge Schott's unfortunate racial and Nazi pronouncements have given us the image of strait-laced and judgmental conservatism. Only caricatures of a much more complex city.

Beyond this city, I knew there was a spiritual hunger and awakening across the land. The search for God is intensifying, the exploration of many paths, all yearning for that personal relationship of love and grace that brings peace and a sense of order and well-being.

All of this current and ongoing planetary change is being seeded within each human heart, no matter their geographical location on this small planet, no matter their paths of vocation and belief. We are each unique; our spiritual guidance is unique; we are working for growth from our own particular place in the individual journey we are on.

Finally, I decided

Just by relating what happened would be the honest approach -- believe it or not. Just assembling and publishing the various lessons and insights from our celestial teachers would be quite appropriate. It's amazing enough without embellishment, yet conservative as well in that it emphasizes the basic spiritual

truths that we have long known but haven't adequately practiced. The Teaching Mission is a call to action.

So I would let these invisible celestial personalities speak for themselves; they have more to say than we do. And there is a market. A hungry market, I thought.

And it shouldn't be about money anyway. This stuff is just too good not to share!

As thoughts turned to action, the project changed a little. I realized (and was told) that readers would need a thread of continuity so that the lessons could be understood in context. They would want to know a little about the group, such things as our striving to become transmitters, how we have dealt with critics, how the Teaching Mission has evolved into a national network of the heart. The emphasis, though, would remain on the lessons themselves -- what the celestials have to say, and, generally, in the order in which they were given.

We hope this book will be a journey of discovery for you, as intriguing and amazing as when we experienced it. If celestial personalities came down to teach us, what would be the first lessons? What would they ask us to do in order to grow? How would they explain our relationship to God, to our planet, to the universe? Can apocalypse be avoided? Will there truly be a spiritual renaissance? Can we be part of it?

In these timeline discoveries, you will meet a variety of personalities. They are only a few of many who love us and strive to help us grow in small groups from Maine to Hawaii, from Florida to the spiritually fertile Pacific Northwest. Any and all humans are welcome to participate in these groups as you wish.

There is nothing to join, no dues to pay, no dogma to heed, no officers or board members, no resident gurus who supposedly know more you, no headquarters, no human authority. You can sit in and listen at these informal gatherings, ask questions, and learn to transmit yourself.

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In fact, that is the big news. If you are capable of reading this book, you are capable of being a receiver and transmitter of the celestial teachers yourself. You can learn to communicate with your teacher through speaking or writing. If you have bought this book, you may well be doing that already. Are you getting personal spiritual insight and inspiration from mysterious sources? This personal connection, obtaining a personal celestial teacher, is more important than going to meetings.

I hope you enjoy this journey as much as we have in Cincinnati. Here and elsewhere, the Teaching Mission has been a threshold for much personal spiritual growth since its introduction into this country in 1991. It may well prove to be a fruitful path of enlightenment for you.

We are ever-mindful, however, that more and more in our rapidly changing world, it is true what Will, the celestial teacher in Tallahassee, said simply and eloquently:

"There are as many paths to the Father as there are people to walk them."

This is one of them.

introduction/glossary

Before we meet and listen to some of the celestial teachers who have visited Cincinnati, it's necessary to have a context.

There are a great many humans who today believe in the reality of connecting with higher spiritual energies. There are apparently many different ways to search for and find spiritual truth. There is much to learn in this regard. We should not judge others' spiritual quests and methods unknowingly.

The teachers we will commend to you in this volume are truly celestial, from God, and here is the background you need as you follow the thread of their origin.

They state that the highest revelation of truth now available on our planet is ...

THE URANTIA BOOK

A cosmological revelation of 196 celestially-transmitted papers in the early years of the century, emanating from an unidentified patient, a "sleeping subject" of a prominent psychiatrist and educator at the University of Chicago. Ironically, Dr. Ray Sadler was himself an active debunker of psychic mediums in the early 20th century. However, he was so taken with the quality of these transmissions that he organized a group of academicians, the Forum, to study and organize them. In 1955, they finally became The Urantia Book, published by The Urantia Foundation. Urantia is the name of our planet.

Still little known to the world-at-large and purposefully limited to virtual one-on-one sharing, the book attracted an avid

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following of students enthralled and challenged by its beautiful prose and profound insights into the superuniverse, our local universe, our planetary history and an impressive retelling of the life of Jesus.

Who?

JESUS/MICHAEL OF NEBADON

The Urantia Papers state that Jesus was who he said he was -- the earthly incarnation of Michael, a Divine Son of God, who created and rules over our local universe of Nebadon, which is comprised of thousands of planets. Jesus was truly, in one person, the Son of God and the Son of Man. His incarnation here fulfilled God's mandate for Creator Sons that they bestow themselves seven times as the beings of their creation in order to attain absolute sovereignty over the universes they create.

Michael's incarnation as Jesus was of unusual difficulty because of

THE LUCIFER REBELLION

The Bible calls it the War in the Heavens. The Urantia Papers describe it in detail as the fall of a brilliant spiritual being, Lucifer, to prideful arrogance and self-adoration in rebellion against God's universal plan, especially the part in which enormous resources are invested in an ascension plan for mortal material beings in the worlds of time and space. Some 500,000 years ago our own assigned planetary prince, a spiritual being named Caligastia, linked our primitive young planet to Lucifer's ideological revolt, causing an interplanetary quarantine of our and other rebellion planets which continues.

When the Teaching Mission personalities arrived in the U.S., officially via a transmission in Los Angeles by a teacher named Ham, the announcement said that the rebellion had finally been adjudicated, that Lucifer had chosen extermination rather than repentance, and that the opportunity has now arrived for a

greater influx of spiritual help to our troubled planet, and the others which joined in the rebellion.

Overall, this pivotal time of our history in which we live would be called

THE CORRECTING TIME

This is the name the celestial administration assigned to the overall mission of reclaiming the quarantined planets to God's eternal truths and plans.

In this critical time of quickening planetary change, we will indeed see a showdown between the embedded false values of unbridled self-liberty fomented by Caligastia, Satan and Lucifer and those who will struggle to bring unconditional love and cooperation to the planet. There will be heightening frustrations, disintegrations, reawakenings, and eventual attunement to spiritual energies from God, which will ultimately prevail. There will be a higher individual and collective consciousness to true spiritual values.

As a part of the Correcting Time, there is...

THE TEACHING MISSION

These spiritual teachers, most of whom were previously mortals, fulfill their mandates for learning and growth by reaching back to teach those just behind them in God's evolutionary plan. They come to be friends, to teach us some of what they have learned. They volunteer for the excitement of being part of the Correcting Time... an opportunity for spiritual service and adventure that brings fulfillment and joy.

Their forms are....

MORONTIA

The morontia form is somewhere between our mortal, heavy, material selves and the light beings that are purely or nearly

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spiritual. Jesus was in this lighter, morontian form when he re-appeared a number of times after resurrection. Of course, morontian personalities cannot be detected with our material eyes.

The teachers use the Urantia Papers as their foundation text, calling it the most complete and truthful revelation that we have. They have worked much with Urantian study groups because of their background knowledge of the text. But they are working with many other individuals as well, some of who find their way to study groups after first experiencing unexplained spiritual contact. These children of God we believe to have a purpose to use their talents in the Correcting Time, our spiritual renaissance.

Of course, the Teaching Mission has leadership, principally....

MACHIVENTA MELCHIZEDEK

In humanized form he was a spiritual patriarch of the Bible, the legendary Sage of Salem, mentor to Abraham. In the spiritual order, he was and is a high-ranking celestial teacher in the Order of Melchizedeks, once materialized here to keep alive and expand the flickering flame of truth -- that there is the One God. Through his teaching, this truthful concept was fostered through Abraham to the struggling Hebrews, who later were to revere him even greater than his mentor. The rabbis practically rewrote Machiventa out of the Old Testament during the Babylonian captivity, choosing to glorify Abraham instead. But the Melchizedek One God truth was spread to other parts of the world.

Machiventa has long been involved in the affairs of our planet, which now serves as his headquarters in the mission to reclaim the more than 30 rebellion worlds back into the universe order. This will, in effect, ready the world for the Second Coming of Jesus/Christ Michael to his world of material incarnation, now known universally as the World of the Cross.

Machiventa has much help, including an old friend...

ABRAHAM

Now in the spiritual administration, this former planetary leader works still with his mentor, Machiventa. They both transmitted via humans in New Zealand in the early 1980s and spoke of the realities of the Correcting Time and the Teaching Mission, which were to come. Each speaks periodically to Teaching Mission groups around the country, as does Christ Michael himself.

How do our planetary ancestors, the legendary Adam and Eve, fit into the Lucifer Rebellion scenario?

THE GARDEN OF EDEN DEFAULT

According to the Urantia Book, Adam and Eve were materialized superhumans, assigned to our planet some 38,000 years ago, more than 460,000 years after the fall of the first colonies of Caligastia and his aide, Satan. They were here essentially for biological upliftment. However, as told in the elaborate Urantia Papers story, they succumbed to the temptations of the deposed planetary prince, who was still being allowed to debate his doctrine of individual self-liberty and self-assertion with Gabriel, the Bright and Morning Star, in the high court of the universe. The War in Heavens was essentially a highly charged celestial debate of what is real and what is truth.

The final adjudication is reported to have opened the way for the Correcting Time. Machiventa, with strong planetary experience, was naturally the leader. The Prince of Peace to be eventually reinstated is Michael/Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, eventually to return triumphant to the legendary "World of the Cross."

The Second Coming promises to be a long time arriving here, however, since much has to be done first to bring the planet to what the Urantia Papers call an era of "Light and Life." It is debatable how fast all of these "corrections" and enlightenments can be implemented, but humans, of course, have an important role in it. The years just ahead will be eventful. Our celestial

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friends in the Teaching Mission are here to help us prepare for both the challenges and the opportunities for spiritual service that lie ahead.

Whew! All this background required epochs of time. Presented all at once, maybe it sounds too fantastic to believe?

Look around at how fantastic everything actually is, however, from a universal view.

Look at the modern technological societies that have been wrought from the very first spark of planetary life -- the grandeur of God's evolutionary plan. Look at your own incredibly complex personality, your biological mechanism, and the intricacies of your mind. Look at the reality that each personality is, was and ever will be completely unique. Look at what Jesus accomplished for world spirituality with just a handful of ordinary mortal helpers. Look at the profound changes that have begun sweeping across our planetary landscape -- restless awakenings to a higher consciousness.

I have become convinced that we are at the very beginnings of a spiritual rebirth that none now living will see in full fruition here. But we can all be part of this great beginning for the choosing.

When you read these pages, just be concerned with the fruit herein, the message itself, whether the spiritual insights ring true for you. The vessels of transport and methods of transmission are of little importance. To decide upon their value, learn to access your Indwelling Spirit of God, the Father, and the Spirit of Truth that Jesus left additionally for all humankind so that the Christ spirit can live within each of us.

And then sit back and enjoy as we did the surprising discovery of a wide-ranging celestial faculty of friends, teachers and guides. They will help you discover truth, even as they are discovering it themselves.

And if you're extremely impatient to know the basic spiritual truths of this volume, what you most need to know for the planetary Correcting Time, here are summaries:

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THE MESSAGES OF THIS MANUSCRIPT

This is a personal spiritual journey of discovery, from one who found a way beyond skepticism and cynicism.

Within these pages, these central messages will emerge:

1 -- Celestial teachers, guides and angels are everywhere, seeking to make contact with us and help our spiritual growth. They are here in greater numbers now because of the opening of spiritual energy circuits in recent years.

2 -- Overall, there is a planetary Correcting Time in which humans and celestials can work together for spiritualizing upliftment, within our institutions and us.

3 -- A daily time of Stillness with God for worship, prayer, reflection and conversation is our most important threshold for spiritual growth and peace of mind. This process moves beyond using meditation only for relaxation and contemplation to concerted spiritual upreach through the actions of worship, prayer, forgiveness, service, and listening for God's answers. These are all activities of the Stillness.

4 -- You can ask for and receive a personal spiritual teacher who will bring you lessons and insights that enhance your personal growth. You can communicate via a new meditative state process called Transmitting-Receiving (TR) through writing or the spoken word.

5 -- Those who want to hear and verbalize teachers in shared gatherings can join with a growing number of Teaching Mission study groups around the country. They provide you with the opportunity to visit, listen, ask questions and learn to transmit yourself.

6 -- Our free wills are always in charge in this evolutionary world. A vital difference between TR and trance channeling is

that the human transmitter is in a state of relative consciousness, choosing cooperatively to work with the celestial teacher. This spiritual connection is available to anyone, for the striving, and in the striving will come spiritual growth.

7 -- The earth is not headed toward catastrophic or apocalyptic doom. The love energy that we generate and the actual service that we perform, combined with expanding celestial insights and inspiration, will help lift the world to a higher level of spiritual consciousness. This is a very special place -- the planet of Jesus' incarnation.

8 -- The earthly personality known as Jesus is, in fact, a Creator Son of God named Michael, who created and rules our local universe. The religious life of Jesus as fully illuminated in the vast Urantia Book is what humankind most needs to understand in these pivotal and changing times.

9 -- The highest level of spiritual truth available on our planet are the Urantia Papers, first published 1955, held in close control for years, but now recently launched into the public domain as part of the Correcting Time.

10 -- God's spirit lives inside each one of us. The celestial teachers will lead you to a greater understanding and deeper connection with this indwelling "Thought Adjuster" which ever seeks to adjust our thoughts Godward.

11 -- Life is an experiential classroom-laboratory to give us material experience in time and space. The learning and growth that we experience here could not be achieved any other way.

12 -- We can follow a glorious ascension path that has been designed for us and the other numerous worlds of time and space. Each, as a child of God, can strive to "be ye perfect," and this mortal life is just a beginning.

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"Every day is an opportunity to seek a greater understanding of truth." -- Tarkas

One Our Celestial Teacher Arrives

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We sat in a suburban living room, surrounded by people we didn't know very well, waiting and wondering if this first-time "channeling" experience would truly be spiritual -- or just bizarre.

The hosts had brought out an assortment of chairs to seat the incoming curious. Our small readers group, which had been studying the Urantia Book cosmology casually once a month, was being swelled on this night to meet this new celestial "teacher" that we had supposedly been assigned.

The Urantia Book is a history and explanation of the universe and our place in it, and purports to be a spiritual revelation transmitted from celestial sources. But its many study groups are hardly a haven for the crystals and incense crowd. Reading this complex 2,100-page tome is much more of an intellectual workout.

The transmitted and foundation-published papers are beautifully wrought prose explaining, among other things, the history of our planet, and a full and detailed history of Jesus. As a cosmological synthesis of our science, philosophy and religion, the book has been studied by scholars and students for years. Since its publication in 1955, it has never been disproved or discredited.

Though still little known to the mainstream public, the Urantia Book is truly an amazing, illuminating, and inspiring book, worthy of a lifetime of study. I wasn't interested in any shortcuts to spiritual growth if it involved trances and background music. Still, being a journalist, I was open-minded and exploratory.

I had heard of channeling but had never read any material. My knowledge of spiritual paths was limited and I had only a modicum of interest. I had long ago chosen not to affiliate with either the Baptists or the Catholics in favor of a more personal relationship with God and had found the Urantia Book to contain all the information I needed about the universe and my place in it. It reconciled evolution and creationism for me and that was the big thing. I was pleased to just accept the reality of a God and intellectualize and speculate about the details of who we are and why we're here. The Urantia Papers seemed to have all the answers I needed.

But if a "teacher" had been assigned to our group, I wanted to be here for the introduction. That connection had come from a similar Urantia study group in Indianapolis, a phone call from a member there asking if we wanted a spiritual teacher to be assigned to us. One of our number asked some members, and we basically said: We don't really know, it's kind of strange, but why not?

A second call came later, stating that their teacher, "Welmek," had noted that our assigned teacher, "Tarkas," desired to make contact with us.

Tarkas? What kind of name was that?

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Our Indianapolis friends said that we would have to make our own contact with this teacher and learn to speak his lessons to the group ourselves... if we chose to work with him. Our free wills would always be in charge in the process. We would be, more or less, conscious. He was simply available to provide dictation if we would verbalize. It required no special status or superhuman state of consciousness. For the human, it would simply be a service to the teachers and the group.

Though this so-called transmitting-receiving seemed a daunting challenge, it was actually encouraging to me. Do it ourselves? Why not? I would be more distrustful of a stranger in a trance, whom I would suspect eventually wanted to get into my wallet.

The "TR" method would be similar to channeling, we were told, but the transmitter would be more or less conscious, serving as a willing conduit for the teacher's words. Several persons in Indianapolis, we were assured, were beginning to connect with their teacher, Welmek, and learning to do it. Could we connect with Tarkas? Would we?

I looked around the room. These people were quite normal looking, neighbors you'd expect to see across the fence. I considered just the people I knew -- a nurse, a retired architect, an engineer, a real estate agent, a Catholic priest, a Catholic magazine editor and her husband, an industrial coke salesman, a social counselor, a court clerk, and several of our group whom I hardly knew at all, except in the context of our monthly book reading and discussion meetings. It turned out there were some people from the Unity church there, especially from the Course in Miracles study group there.

Questions buzzed in my head. Would these people like and appreciate "channeling" or "TR?" Did they know any more about this phenomenon than I did? Isn't this something done by weird people with overactive imaginations? I wasn't interested in talking to Elvis; I never forgave him for those awful movies.

The delegation from Indianapolis arrived to cordial greetings and introductions, looking as normal as we thought we did. The

transmitter tonight I knew as a former Urantia Foundation employee from Chicago, a calm, quiet-spoken and sincere man. I liked him. I was suspicious as to what we would hear, though. I knew he was an expert on the Urantia Book and could simply speak/transmit from that extensive knowledge to any question.

The room settled to quietness and Michael sat calmly in an upholstered chair near the center of the expectant gathering, hands resting in his lap, surrounded by people who would hang on every word, several tape recorders running.

What, I wondered, would be the very first things these celestial visitors would want to tell us. What is most important to say? Why are they here?

After a prayer from Father Bob, our retired Catholic priest and Urantia Papers authority, and a moment or two of silence, Michael, eyes closed, began to speak, slowly and deliberately, a few words at a time, calmly.

Greetings to all of you. My name is Tarkas. I am a part of this Teaching Mission that has been commissioned by Michael and the Father Himself to help bring spiritual peace, spiritual solace to your troubled planet.

(I knew Michael from the Urantia Book as a Divine Son of God who incarnated on our planet as Jesus. The Urantia Book states that the most common name for God on our planet is Father, and so they often, but not always, use this appellation. Most common name in the local universe is First Source and Center.)

If you could see all of the beings, all of the help that is coming to your world and all of the worlds that were a part of the rebellion ... you would not believe how immense, how much of an effort is being brought to your planet to help heal all of the problems that you have had.

(This would be the Lucifer rebellion, referred to in the Bible as the "war in heaven.")

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I understand that this may seem somewhat strange to most of you. I ask only that you listen and that you ask within your own heart and minds to ask your own divine guidance. If what you hear is true, if you believe that it is, then I encourage you to come to continuing sessions. If you believe that it is not true, in the long run, in the eternal sense, it makes no difference. The Father's love for you is as great no matter what you might decide. I simply ask that you keep an open mind and that you listen for our Father's guidance.

I will leave much time this evening for your questions. But I would first like to talk about the nature of this mission and what it is that we are trying to accomplish. Our purpose is not to take the place of our Father within your life. The Father is your ultimate guide. We would never be so presumptuous to do that. Our purpose rather is to help you grow in your understanding and your contact with the Father. No matter what it is that you do, there is a learning process, there is a growth process, and you must learn to develop and to grow spiritually, just as you do mentally and physically.

What we are here to do is to provide some help for you. We are your teachers. As you struggle and you have questions, we are your tutors, your counselors, and your teachers. We believe that by doing this we can help you in your spiritual growth. The more you grow spiritually, the more you are able to allow our Father's love to flow through you so that others may see His love within you, the sooner the benign virus of love can spread to all of this planet.

We do not have enough people involved in this mission to work with every single individual on this planet, so our goal is to teach and help you, in hopes that you, in turn, will be of service to your brothers and sisters, and again show forth our Father's love so that they might be attracted to you, they might come to groups such as this. Can you imagine for a moment if every human on this planet were meeting in a group such as this to discuss spiritual growth and progress once a week or once every two weeks? Can you imagine how quickly things would change

on this planet? Now things are accelerating, but there is much, much work to do, and there seems to be sometimes so few laborers.

I would suggest that this is an opportunity for you, an opportunity to grow, and an opportunity to serve your brothers and sisters as you grow. In the universe, whatever you learn, you must turn and teach it to others. This is the way of growth. We are here to help the spiritual growth on this planet, but we may not interfere with your human will. We can help you, we can guide you, we can teach you techniques and methods that will bring you closer to the Father, but we cannot do it for you. You must do it. You must make the choices. But again, we can help you grow more quickly.

In all that you do, I wish to assure you that, despite the difficulties and the problems on your world, our Father and this entire universe of universes is truly dominated by love. You simply have no idea of the love and the beauty that awaits you. We hope that, with our help, we can bring you, in this lifetime, closer to our Father's love, to help you feel His love more deeply in your life. If you seek inner peace, and if you seek true happiness, this is the path. There is no other.

I wish to thank you for coming this evening. I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak with you. I hope that we will have many future opportunities. I will stop now with my words and I will entertain your questions.

QUESTION: Tarkas, this is Jack. I would like to know about you. If you will tell us a little bit more about yourself before we start asking about ourselves.

TARKAS: It is not our purpose for me to reveal much about myself, and it has little to do with our mission. However, having been a human at one point, and having worked on several missions with humans on worlds such as yours, I understand your natural curiosity, and I appreciate your sentiment of friendship, and wanting to know something more about me personally. I am from what your text describes as this local