

Tales,
Politics,
&
Religion

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Book I

Tales of Life

1. Play on band

Play on band.

*Let the music
shine thru a
night of cool
light under a
black-gray sky
of thousands of
stars hiding so
many more they
are beyond mind.*

*Play on band
till early hours
lead to rest and
in sleep peace is
found in dreams.*

*Play on band and we
will sing the tune in the
back of our consciousness.*

*Band, play on the rock of ages
that we may join the timeless dance.*

2. *Dance*

*Dance started long ago,
but we forgot how to
dance the dance.*

*Slowly we
separated
until we
had no
one to
dance
with.*

*But the band played on,
enticing the dancers to
return to the floor.*

*Therefore the
dance goes on
forever as the
new young ones
relearn yet anew
how to dance the
dance once again.*

5. The new way

*The new way
to do it
is easy
to live it
if it is
a way to
be real new.*

*One new way
to have it
is to say
it is a
real new way.*

*But new ways
are not as
easy a
way if it
is not a
new real way.*

*That is why
the new way.*

6. *So just play*

So just play, band.

*Dance again
to chose
a new
way
to
end
the
day
in a
dance
that does
not ever end
in the same way.*

*Thus we choose the
next ending that has
to end on a day that is
always going to be just so
new that the choice of dance
is in a new play and is just so.*

9. *Cake*

*Cake – to eat it or have it,
now that is a question
worth a considering.*

*Whether it is better
to enjoy the aesthetics
of an artistic visual experience
where one can dive into imagination
and get lost in a premonition of fantasy,
or titillate the palette with a sweet confection
that goes down so smooth the desire is
for more until one is sick of it.*

*I cannot remember just
how many times I
have had my
cake and
eaten
it.*

*But it does not
always work out
that way with cake.*

18. Poor health

Poor health haunted her all her life.

*Ailments, allergies and broken bones
were symptoms of a body on the
verge of giving up at any time.*

He had wonderful health.

*Strong, athletic, and
never sick he lived
a robust and
carefree
life.*

*We
thought
they were
crazy to marry,
and their kids would
inherit any number of affections.*

*He died after a struggle with cancer,
she outlived him until very old age.*

*The children had many grandchildren:
some strong, some with poor health.*

19. *The musician*

*The musician sculpts
harmonies into grand
shapes that fill the ear
with immense spaces.*

*The musician crafts
forms into edifices that
extend from one horizon
over the next horizon.*

*The musician creates
rhythms into pulses
that are so strong the
feet have to move
just to keep up.*

*The musician combines
textures into ever changing
combinations that surprise and
delight the ear with its evolution.*

*The musician includes text and
suddenly the meaning changes beyond
abstract sounds into songs filled with ideas.*

22. *Blink*

*Blink and
you'll miss it.*

*So small it
passes before
awareness sinks
into consciousness.*

But people live there.

*Few in
number,
they see
fewer still
as each year
passes them by.*

*The town is dying
and will be gone
in a short while.*

*Memories fade
as the old ones
die off and the
traffic blinks by.*

32. *Busy busy busy*

*Busy busy busy
just to keep up
with the work,*

*Busy with
this thing,
busy with
that thing,
busier with
the thing that
we forgot about.*

*Just keeping up,
barely keeping up
is more like it with
it being so very busy.*

*Get to the store and it
is so busy nobody has
time to laugh together.*

*If it has to be that busy
I think I'd rather not
be quite so very busy.*

42. *The hospital*

*The hospital is the worst
place to get well from illness.*

*Overworked nurses are exposed to
all the strains of flu and colds.*

*Over used anti-biotics are becoming
less effective against new strains.*

*Then there is endless interruptions of
sleep checking for blood pressure, etc.*

*The food is a national joke,
and the moaning roommate...*

*Man, the hospital is
the last place I want
to be to recover – git me out!*

*But they try to do the
best that they know,
even if soon it will
be given differently
as the spirit healers
fulfill their missions.*

Let us endeavor to antique the hospital!

43. *Yelling at kids*

*Yelling at kids
the auto careened
around the corner
as she totally lost it.*

*They had tried her
patience all morning:
lost coat, no gloves,
books strewn all over,
skipped breakfast, did
not brush teeth, turned
on the TV – God what
a mess school mornings!*

*Like herding cats, she
got them into the car
only to be late – again.*

*With all delivered,
she wondered just how her
Spark Within was taking
all this hoopla – perhaps
with just a tinge of humor!*

57. *Slip-up*

Slip-up: did it again.

Mess-up: problems, problems.

Tied-up: I gotta git on top of this.

It seems like it happens again and again.

Man, those eternal promises of perfection.

*Seems like we could use that right now,
but it sho ain't gonna happen next week,*

*Livin with mortality is
nothin less than a total hassle.*

*Slip-ups, mess-ups, and tied-ups
are recurring themes that haunt livin.*

*I wish I could say that I don't know better,
but how is that possible in the face of reality?*

*They say git over it,
move on, and forget it.*

But how can I when I should know better?

*Mortal life is such a pain, and I have yet
to find a pill to eliminate all the slip-ups.*

*Seems like slip-ups are mess-ups
that has me totally tied-up!*

68. Hypocrite

Hypocrite - that's what my kids call me.

*I tell them to drive carefully
as I careen around the corner,
run the yellow, and give the stop
but a passing nod in third gear.*

*I tell them to clean up
their room as I kick
the dust bunnies out of
corners and stumble over junk.*

*I tell them to read and study,
be a good student, and work hard
while I sit on the overstuffed couch
watching my favorite TV sitcoms.*

*I tell them to go out and make new friends
while I refuse to talk to the nosey neighbors.*

*I tell them to use their brains while
mine ossifies into a blob after work;
vegging on poor excuses and laziness.*

*Man, I can't imagine why they have
the unmitigated gall to call ME a hypocrite!*

70. *Water*

*Water flows thru us
in a musical chatter
of endless singing.*

*Hearing water tunes
is a deep meditation
that focus the mind.*

*What is this water
that makes most of our bodies
and is essential?*

*A powerful source,
we both revere it with love
and we pollute it.*

*Fearing deadly germs,
we bottle it like soda
for the marketplace.*

*Would that it were free
for all the peoples of earth
to drink and to heal.*

*For waters blessing
is the source of earthly life.*

71. *Conversations*

*Conversations with an angel
left me puzzled, conflicted.*

*I had thought this would be
a revelation of some almighty
knowledge beyond my understanding;
but the angel knew little more than I.*

*Therein was the problem as I had not
looked for the knowledge that is within.*

*"You
already
know answers
that are in your
heart and understanding.*

*There is no need to ask for
knowledge that is a part of you.*

Look within and the answer is there."

*Indeed, I was puzzled and conflicted
as I sought the easy way yet again.*

*But the universal beings are
having none of that.*

90. Joy

*Joy is one of those insufferable people
who loves life and bubbles enthusiasm.*

*Looking at her you see the very image
of a '60's flower child seeking bliss.*

*Joy is unstoppable in her quest to
discover the wellspring of hope
that lives within her heart.*

*So when her children
heard about the cancer
they were devastated.*

*How could this happen to one of
God's truly sunny personalities?*

*While sadness gripped the family, it is Joy
who demonstrates the truth of gratitude.*

*While others cope with ending a life,
it is Joy who sees a new beginning.*

*For Joy knows that life is only a
short passing into a mystery,
and that is truly enough.*

Joy knows the meaning of her name.

98. *Fixed up*

*Fixed up and ready to roll,
the old car springs into life.*

*The loving mechanic doted over
each part, each hose, each fluid
until revived the hack steps out
on a road filled with youngsters
and over priced warranties geared
to date two minutes after expatriation.*

*Yeah, this hack may have over 200,000,
but it yearns to break the next barrier
and surprise even the indifferent dealer.*

*The salesman would boast of the great deal
while secretly cursing the hack's longevity.*

(There will be few commissions this month).

*So they decided to lay on new autos that
have that hidden guarantee not to exceed
the miles - they call it built in obsolescence.*

*MallWart has perfected the technique, but
occasionally a few make it by "inspectors."*

We appreciate those proud few who fix up!

104. *Neighborhood prison*

*Neighborhood prison
is where we hide from
strangers who have lived
next door for 30 years.*

*The retired couple
across the street
tend a private
oasis while
rentals
next
door
exist
in silent
prisons of
their own making.*

What is this hell we have created?

*Last week a young woman committed suicide,
just down the street, and not one of us knew.*

*As we lock our doors and bar the windows,
we hide in our private neighborhood prison.*

129. *Take a break*

Take a break, a long break.

*Spend a little quality time
with friends and family,
and get out of the rat race.*

*Get back, away from the
hassles of living, and
feel the pace of new
life flowing around
and through you.*

*Laugh a little
while you
breathe.*

*In the
end
you
need
all the
break time
you can get,
so take a break!*

131. *The guys*

*The guys of the backyard
are truly an amusing trio.*

It's them against dogs, cats and men.

*SnoBabbit, sleek and fast, is
the old man: wise and independent.*

*Runnie Babbit (some call him Biggie)
is slow, dominating, and can be a pain
about getting his own way all the time.*

*But Piggie (not a babbit) rules all
with his loud voice and strong will.*

*The Babbits taught Piggie how to run:
front and back legs working together.*

*At first the Pig was easy to catch,
but shared wisdom concerning places
to hide and running style changed that.*

*Each evening becomes a game of chase,
and the old man is generally the loser.*

*Together the guys huddle in the hutch,
making plans and sharing tips on food.*

134. *Alone and lonely*

*Alone and lonely, the young man
stands amidst the crowd wondering
why so many seem to care so little.*

*He is a nice guy, good looking
and intelligent, so why don't
they seem to care about him?*

*But the nice people of the world are often left
to their own devices simply because they
are nice; never a bother to others.*

*All alone, he seems unable to
answer his perplexing dilemma
and it increasingly depresses him.*

*As the days pass his footsteps become heavy
with loneliness and personal misery as he
ponders his plight into an obsession.*

*That contained within him is the
answer for which he seeks never
seems to dawn in his thought.*

*Facing loneliness in this crowded world is
a difficult challenge for those alone and lonely.*

139. *Cut grass*

*Cut grass clumps in piles
as the mower passes by
leaving tracks behind.*

*The smell of fresh earth
drives dedicated gardeners
out of their abode.*

*Into the daylight
they go with shovels and rakes
to till the dark soil.*

*As each clod of dirt
is broken and fertilized,
the seedlings take root.*

*With care the gardener
chants words of love while planting
each fledgling new life.*

*Once again cut grass
and the unseen miracles
await sun and rain.*

*All of this effort
is for the glory of God.*

172. *The great pooba*

*The great pooba
in his ridiculous hat,
absurd costume, and
oversized mace
held court.*

*A moment
of high
authority
as he called
the unruly to
order and settled
the business of today.*

*This was a high calling
as his year long reign
saw frenzied activity
and innovative ideas.*

*For this intrepid leader
it was his 15 minutes
of fame as the great pooba
returned to his mediocre job.*

175. *The cripple*

*The cripple felt sorry
for all those "normal"
folks who did not know
the real empowerment of
a handicapping limitation.*

*She understood her loss
and believed it to be gain.*

*She had to deal with her body
and knew that it made her great.*

*She rose above the confinement of
her disability to achieve that level of
consciousness others only dream about.*

This was truly her gift to ignorant souls.

For in that chair she could free her mind.

In that discomfort she felt no more pain.

In that apparent tragedy was her victory.

*The dilemma was how to share such great
knowledge with the rest of the world;
for it was in her love of life that she
demonstrated how not to be a cripple.*

182. *Paper deluge*

*Paper deluge,
tsunami in scope,
inundated the office
like a tornado gone wild.*

*This level five left the office
in a total state of panic as the
utter devastation cried out for
the relief forces to take over.*

But they were unavailable.

*Lost orders,
destroyed
invoices
and the
utter
chaos
was
the
end
of
it.*

183. *Forget it*

*Forget it;
let it go.*

*Yes, it was a very deep slice
out of my backside, but
holding on is such a
wasted effort, so
I will let it
pass by.*

*This is a tough one for me because
I love holding on to those old
grudges; real and imagined
slights of the long past.*

*Counting the sins against me has long been
my passion as I meditate on revenge and
plan the proper course of retribution.*

*But then I hear the words of the Master
echoing in the recesses of my mind.*

*That wise counsel admonishes me
to git it on and to forget it.*

Do I have the courage?

184. *The guitar*

The guitar collected dust for years.

*Left to sit in the corner,
the guitar gradually lost
its luster and sonic beauty.*

*There was a time when life was great
as the master practiced his musical art.*

*But then styles changed and
the guitar was no longer
the fashion of the day.*

*Passed on to kids, the guitar suffered noise
and abuse that it had not been designed for.*

*Finally it was sold to a pawn shop and it
slowly faded as the sun scorched the top.*

*Then came a day when the young
and dedicated student found
the dollars for purchase.*

*It was love at first sight as together
the music flowed out in newfound joy.*

*This guitar was renewed as beauty returned
and the top regained the luster of a fine guitar.*

188. *Sing it*

Sing it loud.
Sing it soft.

Sing it long.
Sing it short.

Sing it high.
Sing it low.

Sing it fast.
Sing it slow.

Sing it with a groove.
Sing it so very stiffly.

Sing it up.
Sing it down.

Sing it near.
Sing it far.

Sing it in.
Sing it out.

Sing it with.
Sing it without.

Sing it from the heart,
but never fail to sing it.

189. *The cold of winter*

*The cold of winter;
snow that refuses to melt
even in warm days.*

*The dark of evening
as short days descend so fast
one cannot catch up.*

*The frost of the night
takes wing on the mist of breath
as water freezes.*

*We shovel the walk
only to do it again
with another snow.*

*We scrape the windshields
and drive the ice with great care
because life goes on.*

*The kids pray in hope
of another vacation:
school cancellation.*

*But this winters cold
is just one more day to live.*

194. *Touchdown*

Touchdown and the big mo shifts.

*Another touchdown and just what
is this big mo they talk about?*

Field goal and it is not so far.

*Filed goal hit the goal post and
that big mo gathers much more mo.*

*Block, hit, sweat, spit, curse and
put yo backs into it boys - this is
the big one and we go home a winner!*

*Fourth and inches and bring back the
D-fence to make that one last stand.*

*Punt, run,
screams of
exultation,
and they all
stare in disbelief.*

Another loss with that touchdown!

*Why do you think it's called
building character?*

It's only a touchdown!

196. *Could you*

Could you communicate?

Could you let me know?

*Could you keep me
posted on it all?*

Could you?

*No is not
a reply.*

*There is
no reply.*

*Only a deep silence.
Only ambivalence.
Only nothing.*

*Why not?
Why is it
so hard?*

*But if you never respond,
I never know what is up.*

*Is there any way we could
fix this and communicate?*

Could you?

197. *What if I*

*What if I were to
tell you how
I feel?*

*What if I were to
show you all
I know?*

*What if I were to
give you all
answers?*

Would you listen?

Would you care?

*Would you take
my advice and
benefit from
it or just
ignore it
as you do?*

*What if I were to tell you
all the secrets of the universe?*

What if I did that? Would you...

202. *I gotta*

*I gotta do this,
I gotta do that.*

*I gotta go here,
I gotta to there.*

*I gotta git ready,
I gotta chill on it.*

*I gotta worry,
I gotta forgit it.*

*I gotta move up,
I gotta move down.
I gotta move out,
I gotta move on in.*

*I gotta,
I gotta,
I gotta.*

*Just who says so?
Who's keepin score?
Who is gonna know?*

Does I hafta?

No, I gotta!!!

Book II

The Politics of Living

Essay

As “humanism” was the kernel for the European Renaissance, “diversity” is the modern kernel. The word itself implies many perspectives and rejects the polarized vision of the industrial age. Our world has reached the point where it must tolerate diverse views of life and support the emergence of new perspectives.

Diversity is not about “anything goes.” It is about allowing contrasting ideas to develop and be tested as each looks to learn from the other. Diversity is about evolving the world knowledge base through the acceptance of others.

The modern renaissance is about individual human self-discovery of the Spark of God within them. As an increasingly large body of ascendant beings labor for the universe, evil human behaviors will be challenged.

We are increasingly becoming cosmic citizens with a duty to speak for the universal perspective. That unique vision will translate into a new way of thinking, believing, and living.

1. *Age of renaissance*

Age of renaissance is upon us; we are not half way thru it.

*We are immersed in a worldwide renaissance
that will change the face of history as mortal
beings recognize the value of ascendant living.*

*Age of renaissance has brought unprecedented
evolution in communications, and the noise of
the world is deafening as everyone can be heard.*

*The rebirth and flowering in the arts has become
a worldwide stage, and contributions from the
poor are increasingly leading the way in new
music, glorious art, and the written word.*

*The politicians continue in their shameful
Machiavellian behavior as they lie, wage
unnecessary war, destroy environments,
withhold important new technologies
that could solve many problems,
protect the rich, and govern
with a myopic vision
believing in the absolute
rightness of their perspective
as they hide in their security driven world.*

*The spiritual renaissance is upon us as across the globe
souls understand the hope and the truth of eternal ascendant life.*

Where are the doors of the Wittenberg Cathedral in this renaissance?

12. It is not

*It is not
that I have
a personal dislike
of our current leaders.*

*What most affronts me is a government that
refuses to admit error and engages in
decisions that serve not the public
but private interests, narrow
perspectives, and religious
beliefs that do not
reflect our very
diverse society.*

This is truly regrettable.

*In times of great testing our
leaders must be honest with themselves
and with the people, and that may require some
very difficult introspection, self criticism and reevaluation.*

*That our leadership cocoon themselves
into their little world should deeply
concern all lovers of freedom.*

24. Diversity

*Diversity as a concept of our renaissance
has become established as the church
attacks it as "relativism."*

*Their concern is that
such ideas represent
an "anything goes"
notion of society inevitably
attempts to establish an absolute
"Truth" as the church had defined it.*

*This belittling of the concept of diversity
is evidence of the institutions narrow idea
of how a planet works, and denigrates others
who realize that diversity represents
strength thru the power of ideas,
values and universal goodness.*

*Diversity refuses to assert one "truth"
as absolute right or wrong over another.*

*Diversity celebrates the
notion that we are all
children of the Father.*

51. End time prophesy

End time prophesy has been a plague on this planet since the words of Jesus were misinterpreted over 2000 years ago.

Cults currying spiritual favor scramble for positions of authority and power as the predictions of end time doom dominate their warped thinking.

The return of Christ is a matter of intense speculation at the very highest levels of universe administration, but no one from the Melchizedeks to the lowest of the angels know when Christ Michael plans to return to this planet; only that he will.

It is distressing that so many religionists continue to espouse unbiblical concepts as foolish politicians listen to them.

Even if we knew the time and date of the return of the sovereign of our universe, it would make absolutely no difference.

It is time to put to rest end time prophesy.

52. *Now git this*

*Now git this you turkeys:
the world's gonna end,
the economy is goin south,
the gas is goin up and up,
the kid's music is lousy,
the crime wave is tidal,
and it is all crashing.*

*Now git this:
the world goes on,
the economy will do what it does,
the gas will line the pockets of the rich,
the music will always offend th old at heart,
the crime wave will hit those in its way,
and it has been crashing since the
beginning of time,
so git over it!*

*Man, it makes you wanna put a placard on
and walk the streets - such gloom and doom!*

*The unfortunate thing about it all is that
the sun still rises tomorrow, so now git this!*

104. *America's pride*

*America's pride is a matter of concern
when viewed from an eternal universal level.
Consider the fact that pride actually obscures God.*

*As the Master repeatedly warns against the pitfalls of pride,
one would have to seriously wonder about the wisdom and efficacy of
America's pride on a national level and pride on a personal level..*

What is the value of pride when honor is lost?

*Where is truth in the recognition that
pride shuts off the saving light and
truly "goeth before the fall?"*

*When is it right to
hold oneself*

above

others

as we

assert our

national pride

at the expense of

our brothers and sisters;

*failing to recognize the presence
of the Spirit in those of differing faiths?*

*Why do so many Christian believers fail to realize that
personal pride is a devastating evil; and America's pride is
misplaced, misguided, and wrong as the world grows ever smaller?*

*On a national level and on a personal level, if a nation or being is not
spiritually connected on the inside, praying for what is outside is useless.*

122. *National despair*

*National despair settles in
as leaders put their best face on.*

*"It's going to take a long time"
seems to excuse culpability.*

*"We will recover and rebuild"
fails to recognize suffering now.*

*"Let's pull together and be stronger"
is vain hope that others agree with
a leadership long on vacations and
devoid of environmental awareness.*

*That the tragedy has taken so
many leaders by surprise is
evidence of their inability
to recognize long warnings.*

*Now that a reckoning has
finally arrived, out come
the platitudes and empty
promises of weak leaders.*

*This is our time as we
live with national despair.*

129. *Take a break*

Take a break, a long break.

*Spend a little quality time
with friends and family,
and get out of the rat race.*

*Get back, away from the
hassles of living, and
feel the pace of new
life flowing around
and through you.*

*Laugh a little
while you
breathe.*

*In the
end
you
need
all the
break time
you can get,
so take a break!*

Book III

A Religion of the Spirit

1. *The Jesusonian*

The Jesusonian is a universal ascender.

*The Jesusonian is a second miler
taking up the call of the Master
to surrender the mortal will to the
eternal will of the Universal Father.*

*The Jesusonian understands
the eternal nature of living
and the call of spiritual service
to the loving devotion of free will
given in joy to the spiritual kingdom;
thus sweeping brothers and sisters up to a
higher existence guided by the Spirit of Truth.*

*The Jesusonian comprehends
the spiritual perspective
that understands*

*The Jesusonian
is mortal and
is not yet a
perfected being,
but within each
is God's perfection:
the Spark of God.*

*the vitality
of ascendant
experiential living.*

*The Jesusonian
knows God's love
and freely shares it.*

*The Jesusonian
experiences the
eternal promise,
thus is willing to
devote oneself to
a full measure of
service to all.*

*The Jesusonian will serve brothers and sisters
as one hearing the divine call to walk that second mile.*

As a Jesusonian, this most important quotation is the guide for my life:

In winning souls for the Master, it is not the first mile of compulsion, duty, or convention that will transform man and his world, but rather the second mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother and sister in love and sweep them on under spiritual guidance toward the higher and divine goal of mortal existence.

The Urantia Book: 195.10.5, p. 2084, par. 5

2. *The call*

*The call of the second miler
is for the transformation
of our human society.
This mission impossible
can only be done by the
faith believer who is a part
of the invisible spiritual brotherhood
and sisterhood of Jesus' kingdom.*

*This stirring call to service
should excite the faithful
in ways no less powerful
than in the days when
the Master himself
lead the believers.*

The call is real.

The call is today.

The call is for all of us.

The call needs our response.

The call requires our sincere effort.

The call is there, who will go out and respond?

*The call languishes
because so many are
unwilling to go that
second mile, and so many
religionists live a faith of
comfort and ease without the
struggle of a universal perception.*

*The call is an adventure that will
truly transform human society
as each individual contributes
to the spiritual rebirth of
the Jesus kingdom and
results in the renewal of the
revelation of truth to the world.*

*The call comes to each individual through the Spark of God that is within.
It is in response to that call that this volume is dedicated and offered.*

The call to the adventure of building a new and transformed human society by means of the spiritual rebirth of Jesus' brotherhood of the kingdom should thrill all who believe in him as men have not been stirred since the days when they walked about on earth as his companions in the flesh.

The Urantia Book: 195.10.5, p. 2084, par. 5

4. Truth

*Truth, what it is and is not
is a matter of such debate
it gets lost in discussion.*

*Each individual can live truth
and experience it within the mind,
but sharing that on a practical level
is almost impossible because intellectual
recognition of it is viewed thru the rose colored
glasses of the individuals experience and perception.*

So what happens when truth becomes formulated into creeds?

*Truth is stifled when it becomes a rigid doctrine that ignores
the experience of the spirit-led individual within a historical
era. Truth is stifled when it becomes a creedal mantra that is
rendered true thru repetition. Truth is stifled again when it
is reduced to a pattern of intellectual human conduct and is
legalized into formulas that are designed to interpret truth.*

Does this make those who demand a single truth uncomfortable?

*Of course, but then they do not understand the complex, paradoxical,
and flexible nature of a universe that is designed to accommodate many
different beings: some ascendant, but many others created quite differently.*

You can know the truth, and you can live the truth; you can experience the growth of truth in the soul and enjoy the liberty of its enlightenment in the mind, but you cannot imprison truth in formulas, codes, creeds, or intellectual patterns of human conduct.

The Urantia Book: 180.5.2, p. 1949, par. 4

5. Faith

*Faith has been something I have
misunderstood most of my life.*

*I simply want to know,
not live with a blind faith.*

*But as the sun rises in the East,
faith is what powers the ship of my life.*

*To even know what is
faith is beyond my own
understanding because I
have dared to reject it at
an ignorant time in life.*

*But now that I embrace
faith, I know even less
what it is because it
is neither rational
nor empirically
quantifiable.*

*Faith is what
drives my life.*

Faith simply is.

Faith is to religion what sails are to a ship; it is an addition of power, not an added burden of life. There is but one struggle for those who enter the kingdom, and that is to fight the good fight of faith. The believer has only one battle, and that is against doubt – unbelief.

The Urantia Book: 159.3.8, p. 1766, par. 4

7. *Living truth*

Living truth is not the same thing as static truth.

*Living truth is by definition experiential: part
of the inner life of each ascendant being.*

*Static truth is theory: the “truth” that
has become formulated in the dead
religions of human institutions.*

*Static truth is a “truth” that
becomes rigid and fixed.*

*Static truth serves the
institutions of man
while living truth
lives within the
hearts of all.*

*That makes “truth”
a difficult concept to
understand because every
individual has a different life.*

*Living truth is the dynamic experience
of ascendant life residing within the realms
of the human mind that becomes part of the world.*

Static truth is dead truth, and only dead truth can be held as a theory. Living truth is dynamic and can enjoy only an experiential existence in the human mind.

The Urantia Book: 180.5.2, p. 1949, par. 4

8. *Wisdom*

*Wisdom becomes a cultivated gift
when one embraces a healthy
approach to applying it.*

*To possess the wisdom of the universe
does not give any individual an advantage
over others; only a slightly deeper insight.*

*To understand the mechanisms of
cosmic living, while helpful in the
development of self, does not place
one in a higher position over others.*

*Universal wisdom does not accrue favor
because it recognizes our cosmic equality.*

*Wise souls, while courageous as cosmic citizens,
embrace a life of discretion as they travel
through the muddy swamps of life.*

*Wise souls understand the nature of wisdom
because they have had to work at it to get there.*

*Wise souls live a life filled with wisdom
because they know how to share it without
others knowing the true nature of their wisdom.*

It would help you much if you would learn that true wisdom embraces discretion as well as courage. You should learn sagacity to go along with your aggressiveness.

The Urantia Book: 181.2.15, p. 1958, par. 2

10. *Isolation*

Isolation is the plague of this modern era.

*To many live alone in their locked homes
and autos, while the isolated crowd
bumps shoulders, packs elevators,
avoids eye contact with others.*

*The only prevention for
fear, envy and conceit
is contact with
others, and
our isolation
effectively prevents the intimate
human connections that could
heal this terrible modern plague.*

*The human race struggles with
unprecedented population
growth and the irony
of increasing
isolation.*

We must endeavor to develop a cure for isolation.

*The cure for our isolation will be found in the maturation
of a universal level of spiritual experience and understanding.*

Fear, envy, and conceit can be prevented only by intimate contact with other minds.
The Urantia Book: 160.2.7, p. 1776, par. 1

11. *Failure*

*Failure is a universal mechanism
for ascendant spiritual growth.*

*One of the worlds greatest
problems is its failure
to admit failure.*

*Politicians
consistently
hide failure
under their
deceptive
smiles and
unrealistic
optimism,
and these same politicians dare
to invoke the “Word of God”
in their leadership failure.*

*This is an utter failure
of the cosmic citizen.*

*As citizens of the Kingdom we must learn
to honestly confess and resolve our failures.*

Never hesitate to admit failure. Make no attempt to hide failure under deceptive smiles and beaming optimism. It sounds well always to claim success, but the end results are appalling. Such a technique leads directly to the creation of a world of unreality and to the inevitable crash of ultimate disillusionment.

The Urantia Book: 160.4.7, p. 1779, par. 5

12. Criticism

Criticism requires courage.

*To be criticized challenges
convictions, and the
sincere soul is
unafraid
of it.*

*We
learn
to offer
our ideas
to a critical
world in the
hope that they
will win praise.*

*But criticism often
requires preparation,*

*Thus the sincere soul should have
no fear of criticism of great ideas
if they are offered with courage.*

*For it is in that forge of human criticism that the fire of observation
will burn away untruth and reality is hardened into an experience
that bears witness to a truth on a universal level that is eternal.*

Courage is the confidence of thoroughgoing honesty about those things which one professes to believe. Sincere men and women are unafraid of the critical examination of their true convictions and noble ideals.

The Urantia Book: 146.3.2, p. 1641, par. 4

14. *Will of God*

“Will of God”

One of the most interpreted phrases in the history of language.

How does one know the “Will of God?”

There are many opinions on this matter, but what appears to consistently emerge is that discovering it is the prime directive.

But for the ascendant being there is an even greater adventure: to sincerely and honestly attempt to live and do the Will of God.

If the discovery process leads directly to the doing of the Will of God, then mortal beings experience the most miraculous transformation from material living to the spiritual experience of eternal life.

When the will of the mortal becomes aligned with the Will of God, the universal pilgrim experiences a revelation so deep that the reality and truth of the spiritual world presents all beings amazing ways to live and serve through the Will of God.

Never forget there is only one adventure which is more satisfying and thrilling than the attempt to discover the will of the living God, and that is the supreme experience of honestly trying to do that divine will.

The Urantia Book: 155.6.11, p.1732, par. 4

18. *To grow love*

To grow love is to ascend.

*Love cannot be created by
the mortal being to serve
whims, but must grow
inside as experience of
the spiritual life deepens.*

*Love cannot be manufactured,
but is the result of the Love of God.*

*Love cannot be purchased as a product
to create environments that may give
people a false sense of real love.*

Love grows from within the self.

Love grows as grows the ascendant being.

*Love is a universal phenomena and is the proof
of a life that extends far beyond this isolated planet
inhabiting the backwaters of this small, unfinished
universe with the Sovereign Christ at the head.*

*To learn to grow love is the task of ascendant
living as one should witness the increasing
experience of love with the passing of life.*

One cannot cause growth, but one may supply favorable conditions. Growth is always unconscious, be it physical, intellectual, or spiritual. Love thus grows; it cannot be created, manufactured, or purchased; it must grow.

The Urantia Book: 100.3.7, p. 1097, par. 4

19. *Up there*

*Up there somewhere
is supposed to be God.*

*The religions of the world
have an easy time of it when
God is removed to some far-off
location and kept separate from
the affairs of this lost, hurting world.*

*But when confronted with the fact
that God resides within all mortal
beings, their theologies are put to
the test and found wanting.*

*To remove God from within
removes the possibility that
others might know a truth
as profound as their own.*

*“God up there” theology is all too easy
as religious institutions attempt
to segregate themselves in a
self-righteous cocoon.*

*The Spark of God, the Christ within, the Divine Presence
resides within the minds of all ascendant human beings.*

The divine presence cannot, however, be discovered anywhere in nature or even in the lives of God-knowing mortals so fully and so certainly as in your attempted communion with the indwelling Mystery Monitor, the Paradise Thought Adjuster.

What a mistake to dream of God far off in the skies when the spirit of the Universal Father lives within your own mind!

The Urantia Book: 5.2.3, p. 64, par. 6

20. *God's love*

*God's love
cannot be
contained
in the heart.*

*God's love
cannot be
measured.*

*God' love
cannot be
given away.*

*God's love
cannot be
imprisoned.*

*God's love
is beyond
all love,
and is
free
for
all.*

*God's
love
just
is.*

Love is dynamic. Love can never be captured; it is alive, free, thrilling,
and always moving. One can never take the love of the Father
and imprison it within the heart.

The Urantia Book: 117.6.10, p. 1289, par. 3

25. *The inner life*

*The inner life manifests
itself through the
expression of love.*

*As the inner life matures,
understanding of others follows.*

*As the inner life is spiritualized,
the desire for unselfish service
to the spiritual world evolves
into service to one fellows:
mortal beings indwelt by
the Universal Father.*

*As the inner life reaches out,
it is perfected with a
growing wisdom
that knows
the truth
of ascendant
living and service.*

*Thus love is given expression through
the outworking of the divine inner life.*

Love is the outworking of the divine and inner urge of life. It is founded on understanding, nurtured by unselfish service, and perfected in wisdom.

The Urantia Book: 174.1.5, p. 1898, par. 5

35. *Seek first*

*Seek first universal truth
as civilization reaches
new plateaus of reality.*

*As the renaissance progresses,
the stabilization of society
and resolution of our
material problems
will be found in
the revelation
of the larger
spiritual universe.*

*Our world will not progress solely
on the knowledge or science
of human invention, but
will require the forces
beyond this limited
and quarantined
planet to solve
our greatest
dilemmas.*

The higher a civilization climbs, the more necessitous becomes the duty to "seek first the realities of heaven" in all of man's efforts to stabilize society and facilitate the solution of its material problems.

The Urantia Book: 195.5.1, pg. 2075, par. 4

38. *Truth, beauty and goodness*

*Truth, beauty and goodness
is the evidence and proof of universal love;
the concept of love on this planet is far more confused.*

*Love without the universal qualities of
truth, beauty and goodness can become
commercialized and sentimental.*

*Worldly love can become a distortion of competing philosophies
that are discussed ad nauseam in music, poetry and literature.*

*Love based on mortal limitations can be a psychic illusion
that is nothing less than a spiritual deception; a shadow.*

*Universal love founded on truth, beauty and goodness
is the most important motivator for ascendant living.*

*Truth: what is the definition of this word?
Beauty: how do we know what is beautiful?
Goodness: where are the evidences of service?*

*As we all live together in this vast universe,
it is essential that we cultivate the ability
to demonstrate the attitude of love based on
truth, beauty and goodness,
whatever that means.*

Love is the highest motivation which man may utilize in his universe ascent. But love, divested of truth, beauty, and goodness, is only a sentiment, a philosophic distortion, a psychic illusion, a spiritual deception.

The Urantia Book: 196.3.26, p. 2096, par. 5

50. Prove God

*“Prove God”
shouts doubting philosophers and
scientists down through the ages.*

“Prove that God exists.”

*Well, Exis Jaxn has written for years
on this subject and can offer nothing more
than my personal experience as a God proof.*

“Not good enough.” they respond.

*True, the proof of God will never be found
in scientific experiment or philosophical reason,
but for the ascendant beings such proof is given every day.*

*The ascendant being finds God
in evidence, even experiential through scientific experiment;
and Gods existence is philosophically logical and definable.*

*But then how can one argue with the truth of his or her experience?
But then this universe is far too complex to be simply an accident.
But then how else does one explain the existence of the universe?
But evidence of ascendant life is overwhelmingly compelling.*

*The fact that God is realized thru realms of human experience is
the same fact than the sun rises in the East because earth is a globe.*

Maybe there will come a day when empirical evidence will prove God.

The existence of God can never be proved by scientific experiment or by the pure reason of logical deduction. God can be realized only in the realms of human experience

The Urantia Book: 1.2.4, p. 24, par. 2

52. *God proved*

*God proved
thru the
experience
of the mortal
is the only way
to prove God
to other
mortals.*

*God proved
within the
life of a
being who
lives universal truth
requires living a deep
perception experience
of the Will of God
to prove God.*

*The direct and personal experience of God proved
is the only way the individual can prove God.*

God proved can only experienced by the God knowing being.

*That may not impress the empiricist, but thus is the nature of a mortal life
that requires an experiential faith to serve as the foundation of understanding.*

Those who know God have experienced the fact of his presence; such God-knowing mortals hold in their personal experience the only positive proof of the existence of the living God which one human being can offer to another. The existence of God is utterly beyond all possibility of demonstration except for the contact between the God-consciousness of the human mind and the God-presence of the Thought Adjuster that indwells the mortal intellect and is bestowed upon all as the free gift of the Universal Father.

The Urantia Book: 1.2.5, p. 24, par. 3

53. *To grow Godward*

*To grow Godward
is the only way
to experience
his existence
beyond debate.*

*To experience everyday life as a Godward growth
enhances the desire to continue to grow Godward.*

*This compelling and eternal adventure creates a life
of excitement so that one can only respond by
understanding oneself and appreciating
the personality and values of others.*

*To grow out Godward
is not about isolation.*

*Spiritual and Godward growth
expands the personality out to
extend oneself to others in the
experiential spiritual kingdom.*

*In all this life around us
is yet another chance
to grow Godward.*

The more completely man understands himself and appreciates the personality values of his fellows, the more he will crave to know the Original Personality, and the more earnestly such a God-knowing human will strive to become like the Original Personality. You can argue over opinions about God, but experience with him and in him exists above and beyond all human controversy and mere intellectual logic.

The Urantia Book: 1.6.6, p. 30, par. 5

54. *Known universe*

*Known universe
is unknowable.*

*The universe is vast
beyond knowing.*

*To assume that
the universe
is intelligible
is to believe
that it is made
and is managed
by a mind such
as our own mind
that we understand.*

*That we want to know
indicates that it
can be known
by a divine mind in the
known universe.*

*Though there are many things that
we may know about the universe,
there are many, many, many things
that we will never know as a
mortal and finite human being.*

To assume that the universe can be known, that it is intelligible, is to assume that the universe is mind made and personality managed. If man's personality can experience the universe, there is a divine mind and an actual personality somewhere concealed in that universe.

The Urantia Book: 1.6.7, p. 30, par. 6

55. *To know God*

*To know God
when it is not
possible to
see God is
faith vision.*

*To see God work in the reality of
daily living is only possible
through faith vision.*

*Knowing God's love
is experienced
thru the love of
others living
with faith vision.*

*Faith vision is
the experience
of the mind that is
spiritualized by the
confidence of knowing God.*

*Faith vision is the path
to knowing the Father
from the perspective
of the inner spirit
and insight.*

The spiritual luminosity of the Father's personal presence is a "light which no mortal man can approach; which no material creature has seen or can see." It is not necessary to see God with the eyes of the flesh in order to discern him by the faith-vision of the spiritualized mind.

The Urantia Book: 1.3.3, p. 25, par. 3

101. Do not be troubled

Do not be troubled.

*We mortals are not
perfect even if we
are ascendant
spirit beings.
There is a bright path
that extends before the
feet of each individual.*

*We may be forgetful
as we flail away
at our less than
stellar careers,
but the Spirit leads
without fail to the place
where we know the way.*

*Do not
concern yourself
with mortal mistakes,
for our God does not keep count
of every flaw, misstep, and dark hour;
and at each crossroads the Spirit of Truth
leads us that each may know the way.*

*Each may
find deep
troubles,
but each has
the power
to overcome
the most
Difficult
of these.*

*Each may find
that within
us is the
answer
to our
sincere
prayers.*

*Each may
stumble
thru ignorance
and blindness,
but the light
of wisdom is
available thru
the choice
of each.*

*Do not worry about
the fact that all mortals
are imperfect, selfish, and sinful:
that is the nature of our universal lessons.*

Having started out on the way of life everlasting, having accepted the assignment and received your orders to advance, do not fear the dangers of human forgetfulness and mortal inconstancy, do not be troubled with doubts of failure or by perplexing confusion, do not falter and question your status and standing, for in every dark hour, at every crossroad in the forward struggle, the Spirit of Truth will always speak, saying, "This is the way."
The Urantia Book: 34.7.8, p. 383, par. 2

102. *Disappointments*

*Disappointments are often
the most important
experiences of life.*

*This is far more than
fortune cookie philosophy,
it is, in point of fact,
a critical universal
law of life.*

*It the fires of
disappointment
the ascendant being
matures and grows.*

*Under the pressures
of tribulation the
soul evolves,
the mind develops,
and character is built.*

*Even in nature we see
hardship is the necessary
evolutionary force that builds
species strength, and an easy
environment produces weak
and unproductive strains; and
this is not that hard to understand.*

Sometimes your most disappointing disappointments have become your greatest blessings. Sometimes the planting of a seed necessitates its death, the death of your fondest hopes, before it can be reborn to bear the fruits of new life and new opportunity.

The Urantia Book: 48 6.7, pg. 555, par. 4

103. *Our work*

*Our work here on this planet is our most important work,
Though it is true that each individual is uniquely important,
it is equally true that individuals who take themselves overly
seriously only increase their burden and make it harder.*

*Though it is true that ascendant beings are preparing
for the next stage of life as a mortal being,*

*the work engaged in as a mortal
is the most important work,*

*We are indeed individually
important, but to expend
our energies on self-importance
actually depletes the mind's
energy to do universal work,
Our work is a careful balance.*

*Our work is defined by
the concept of universal service
that has been carefully defined by
our Master teacher who demonstrates
the nature of giving without return, serving
without recognition, and living for the betterment of others.*

*Our work is for a kingdom
that extends far into space.*

*Our work is defined by
a type of service that
recognizes the value
of each individual.*

Understanding this work is the duty of each universal citizen.

*Our work is developed
thru the master plan
of divine spiritual leaders
who understand the nature
of the eternal universe through
the experience of all of our work,*

You will learn that you increase your burdens and decrease the likelihood of success by taking yourself too seriously. Very important is the work of preparation for the next higher sphere, but nothing equals the importance of the work of the world in which you are actually living. When you feel important, you lose energy to the wear and tear of ego dignity so that there is little energy left to do the work.

The Urantia Book: 48.6.7, pg. 555, par. 5

104. *By the fruits*

By the fruits of the spirit we know the truth of our ways.

*By the fruits
each life finds
the experience
of truth that
establishes
a pattern
showing to
the world our
fruits of faith.*

*By
The
Fruits
we know
of the ministry
of the Spirit thru
the ascendant being*

*Thru our inner faith we
are able to learn of the
many good things that
give real evidence of a
profound connection
that exists between
the spirit soul and
the mortal being.*

*who surrenders their life to
a deeper understanding of what
eternal life on the physical level means.*

That is the wonder of universal citizenship.

*It is truly a reality in the physical world because
it is in us and we are living within that kingdom.*

*The fruit of the Spirit produces empirical evidence of this
thru love, caring, altruism, loyalty, courage, hope, service, and
so many more positive attributes that are recorded on many lists.*

*With our fruits
we will make
each day
better,
each
life
one.*

*With our spiritual fruits
we do our kingdom service
and it is our honor to perform.
With the spiritual fruits we will
strive for new human relations that
recognizes the presence of our Father
within each individual thru the Spirit.*

*With our fruits we are able to grow a new age and evolve a better world
that reaches the potential of each individual as we all ascend together.*

Any religious belief which is effective in spiritualizing the believer is certain to have powerful repercussions in the social life of such a religionist. Religious experience unflinching yields the "fruits of the spirit" in the daily life of the spirit-led mortal.

The Urantia Book: 99.5.6, pg. 1091, par. 5