

“The New Regent of the Acting Planetary Prince”

“Instructions to the Contact Commissioners (the Custodians of the Urantia revelation) from the personal regent of the acting Planetary Prince of Urantia,¹ 1951-1952

"I desire to inform you concerning certain decisions and rulings formulated by the planetary government which pertain to the affairs of The Urantia Book, the ensuing Urantia Brotherhood, and the present status of certain Urantian affairs which might be contributory to the welfare of these activities.

“Today, November 22, 1951,² I am calling into being a supreme planetary conclave to signalize my creation of the Supreme Court of Urantia.³

“I have recently had a meeting with all persons and groups concerned with the Urantia revelation. As a result of this conference, I have made certain decisions and am handing down the following rulings:

"1. For five hundred years, from February 11, 1935,⁴ the overall welfare and direction of the Urantia Book is placed in the hands of the Seraphim of Progress.⁵

“2. The immediate fostering of the Urantia revelation--from decade to decade- (at least for the next one hundred years) will be entrusted to the Seraphim of the Churches.⁶ I have instructed this group to create a special commission to carry on this work.

"3. The human aspects of **the Urantia Book** will be placed in the hands of **the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation**, subject to the advisory suggestion and veto powers of the Revelatory Commission of the United Midwayers of Urantia.⁷ When, as, and if, the Midway Commission fails to communicate with the Trustees of the Foundation for a period of three years, then shall such Trustees deem that the affairs of the Urantia Book are wholly and exclusively in their hands and under their jurisdiction.

"4. For the time being, mediation between the overall and superhuman supervision of this Commission and the directly human functioning of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation shall be vested in the Midwayer Commission, the successor of the original Urantia Revelatory Commission. This Commission shall continue to function as advisor to both the Seraphic Overseers and the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, but their veto powers shall extend only to the decisions and acts of the human Trustees.

"5. In the absence of Midwayer intervention after February 11, 1954, the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation shall proceed in accordance with their own judgment."⁸

"I have great personal interest in your group and deep affection for you as individuals. I commend your loyalty, but I am somewhat amazed at your relative indifference to the importance of the mission which has been entrusted to your hands. Your group of Seventy may seem to show more interest because you are selected and because you are under more or less discipline. But the majority of your Forum shock me by their lack of enthusiasm. It must be that many otherwise well-meaning human beings just cannot stand the test of time. I admonish you ever to be alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust which has been placed in your hands."⁹

2. (The Second Communication from the New Regent)

"This communication represents my ruling up to this date respecting your Forum, the Seventy, *The Urantia Book*, the Urantia Foundation, and the proposed Urantia Brotherhood."¹⁰

"1. **The Forum.** Your Forum shall continue under the supervision of the Contact Commission as directed June 24, 1933."¹¹

"2. **The Urantia Brotherhood.** The plan of organization as it exists on this date is hereby provisionally approved for the inauguration of the Brotherhood. The plan provides for its own subsequent amendment."

3. **The Starting of the Brotherhood.** The launching of the Brotherhood shall be left to the decisions of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation. They shall act personally—unofficially—and no record of such action shall appear on the transactions of the Urantia Foundation. They shall assume all and full responsibility for the organization and inauguration of the Urantia Brotherhood."

"4. **The Urantia Book.** By mandate of the Supreme Court of Urantia, Unanimous decision, No. 81, pertaining to mixed planetary mandate, the full custody of the Urantia Book has been placed in my hands. I now make the following rulings:

"a. I, and I alone, will direct the time of the publication of *The Urantia Book*."

"b. If I do not provide such instructions on or before January 1, 1955, then the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation should proceed with plans for publication in accordance with their own judgment. (I reserve the right to intervene at any time.)"

"c. I approve of your plan to publish the Index of the Urantia Book in a separate volume."

"5. **The Seventy.** This is a project which will terminate with the launching of the Brotherhood. I would continue the present supervision. If for any reason this supervision should be terminated, I direct the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, acting unofficially, to appoint a new leader to act pending the inauguration of the Urantia Brotherhood."

"I share in your aspirations, concur in your longings, minister to your shortcomings, and wholeheartedly bless your undertakings."

Commentary: Concerning the "New Planetary Prince"

Our Master Son Michael was proclaimed Planetary Prince of Urantia by Immanuel when he completed his bestowal as a purely human being in the flesh shortly before his baptism. This was while he was on Mt. Hermon, but he did not assume personal administration of the planet.¹² Machiventa Melchizedek was recently vested with the title of vicegerent planetary prince, but he did not assume personal direction of Urantian affairs.¹³ An interim administration has been in effect for over two thousand years comprised of former human and celestial residents of Urantia, who now reside on Jerusem, the capitol of the System of Satania. This body is known as the Four and Twenty Counselors. Every one hundred years one of the members of this board arrives on Urantia to assume the position of resident governor general, replacing the previous governor general.¹⁴

An individual who bears the title, The New Regent of the Acting Planetary Prince, who is of the Melchizedek Sons order of local universe beings, arrived on Urantia, on August 21, 1951. His name is Norson and he was accompanied by Gabriel, the chief executive of our local universe of Nebadon, and by Machiventa Melchizedek, vice-gerent planetary prince. They were not visible to human eyes, but they did meet with at least two of the contact commissioners at Pine Lodge, Beverly Shores, Indiana, and they also observed the Forum's August 21, 1951 celebration of Jesus' birthday at 533 Diversey Parkway, in Chicago, Illinois.¹⁵ The Seventy learned of this visit Wednesday, September 12, 1951.¹⁶

The purpose of their visit in August 1951 was to introduce Norson as the new regent to the human contact commissioners and superhuman beings serving faithfully on our world before he took up his duties. He is personally present on Urantia and oversees the progress of the Urantia Revelation, among other responsibilities. It is unknown whether he will remain permanently, or is serving temporarily during the interregnum until greater order is established on our planet. It is

unknown whether Machiventa also holds the title of “acting planetary prince,” as conjectured.¹⁷ As one person in the Forum remarked, “we can’t have two planetary princes.” The human contact commissioners began referring to Norson as “the new planetary prince.”

During the first year after his arrival, other than the message read on November 22, 1951, the contact commissioners did not hear from him. When he next contacted them they asked why he had been silent for such a lengthy period of one year. He informed them that he had been occupied with the task of preventing World War Three.¹⁸

Unless yet undiscovered records indicate otherwise, it is assumed that Norson was the author of the eloquent Publication Mandate.

No mention of Norson appears in *The Urantia Book* because his arrival occurred after the text of the book was set into print. Major adjustments in the printing process and page numbering would have been required which would have greatly delayed publication.

END NOTES FOR APPENDIX X, THE NEW ACTING PLANETARY PRINCE

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- ¹ Norson, of the Melchizedek order of the Local Universe Sonship.
 - ² Norson’s date of arrival was August 21, 1951.
 - ³ The Supreme Court of Urantia was comprised of the leaders of the Angels of Progress and Angels of the Churches; a Secondary Lanonandek, a Vorondadek, midwayers, and others, unknown.
 - ⁴ February 11th, the anniversary of arrival of Jesus’ Thought Adjuster, (p. 1357) [123.02.01].
 - ⁵ (p. 1255) [114.06.07]. B the Chief of Seraphim.
 - ⁶ (p. 1255) [114.06.06]. [Idem.]
 - ⁷ (p. 1343) [121.08.Ack.]. By the Midwayer Commission.
 - ⁸ [Ibid.]
 - ⁹ Referred to by Bill Sadler in the Forum as “the painful paragraph.”
 - ¹⁰ Read to Forum 9/21/52.
 - ¹¹ Significance of date unknown.
 - ¹² Proclaimed Planetary Prince of Urantia, January A.D. 26, (p. 1512) [136.03.01] By the Midwayer Commission.
 - ¹³ (p. 1025) [93.10.05].
 - ¹⁴ (p. 1251) [114.01.01] and (p. 1025) [93.10.05]. By the Chief of Seraphim and a Melchizedek.
 - ¹⁵ Announced to Forum by WSS, Jr. November 28, 1951.
 - ¹⁶ Bowman, Clarence, diary notation, 9/12/51.
 - ¹⁷ (p. 1251) [114.01.03] By the Chief of Seraphim.
 - ¹⁸ Kulieke, Mark, as heard from Dr. Sadler.