

Personality

Contribution to a cosmic approach of the role Of human personality

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God has prepared for each one of us a perfect plan for our life, a plan which is hidden in the spiritual depths of our Thought Adjuster. When struggling with the vicissitudes of material life, we can rest assured that this plan exists, and that it is discoverable.

Discovering this plan and executing it is the great challenge of this life.

The purpose of my presentation today is to help you discover God's plan for your life.

We have a body and a mind that enable us to make contact with material, intellectual, and spiritual realities. Consciousness is that lamp that casts light on matter, ideas, and ideals. Equipped with consciousness, a person can navigate in either the domain of matter or the domain of spirit. But a person could not perform properly without another indispensable reality. And this reality is personality. The personality is the guide of our consciousness. It makes decisions.

By observing its functioning in ourselves we will discover that it is gifted with particular "Powers" that are characteristic of the behaviour of our "self" enabling the exercise of our will.

1. ***Because of personality, you have the power of emergence.*** New ideas emerge from your mind, ideas that you never had before. You can have this experience almost daily.
2. ***Because of personality, you have the power of judgment.*** The power to judge ideas, situations, and behaviours. But this power of judgment must be sound and truth-full. Pain and sorrow follow in the path of wrong judgment as the dust follows the wind.
3. ***Because of personality, you have the power of choice.*** After a new idea emerges in your mind and after you evaluate it (that is, judge it), you have the power to choose among several or many options.
4. ***Because of personality, you have the power of decision.*** You have the power to decide on a course of action. This is an act of free will. The discipline associated with making decisions is good for the health. It keeps you strong and alive.
5. ***Because of personality, you have the power of execution.*** After deciding on a course of action, you have the power to execute your decision. You have the power to act. Action implies method, organization, and control. Energy, mind, spirit unit in action. And the exercising of your power of execution results in experience.
6. ***Because of personality, you have the power of love.*** This power can become the leader of the other powers. And when this happens, personality becomes truly attractive.
7. ***Because of personality, you have the power of evaluation.*** Did your action meet your expectations? When you evaluate your actions, you actuate your potential for growth. Without honest evaluation, there is stagnation.

By conferring personality, God gifted us with unlimited and indestructible powers. By wisely using these powers, as a good carpenter uses his tools, we can become perfect. The choice is ours, and the way we use these tools will determine if we grow closer to our Father or farther from Him and ultimately whether we live or die.

Why does God do all this?

On page 2 of the Foreword of the *URANTIA Book*, we are told that Deity functions on 7 levels, of which 3 are relevant to the question “Why does God do all this?”

Creative Level—self-distributive and divinely revealed Deity.

Evolutional Level—self-expansive and creature-identified Deity.

Supreme Level—self-experiential and creature-Creator-unifying Deity.

Of all of God’s attributes, His creativity best reveals His divine personality. Indeed, only personality is creative.

Therefore, in order to satisfy His creative nature and the powers associated with such a nature, God created the universes and the creatures to live in it. He did this to let His divine love pour out. He did this so that His children could become His associates in and for eternity. He did this and does this because His divine love longs to share everything. Thus, by virtue of His divine love and by virtue of His having shared everything in eternity and infinity with His divine associates, He is, even now, sharing everything in absonity and transcendence with His absonite creatures and everything in time and space with his finite creatures.

Now, *The Urantia Book* teaches us that only a personality can love or hate another personality, that love and hate are something that happens only between personalities. The Book also teaches us that the Universal Father confers personality and its attached powers to all His creatures.

God the Son is absolute personality. Transcendentals have an absonite type of personality, and the creatures of time and space are endowed with a finite type of personality.

Now the notion of “creation” implies an origin in time and a location in space. The finite level is the domain of creature experience. And we creatures of time and space are born mortal, unlearned, and imperfect. We start at the lowest rung on the spiritual ladder. Life on a mortal planet, such as Urantia, is a “celestial boot camp.” We have everything to learn.

The fact that we are so imperfect and have such humble origins evinces loving care from our Father, His associates, and their subordinates. In spite of all appearances to the contrary, we are not cosmic orphans struggling in the throes of material life. We are loved and cherished by some of the most powerful beings in the universe. The Universal Father Himself loves us so much that He knows the number of hairs on our head.

God’s functioning on the *Creative Level* suggests that God is self-distributing Himself and seeking to “reveal Himself divinely” by creating creatures. This self-distribution is made possible through the gift of personality to His creatures. Thus is God divinely revealing Himself to His creatures, and through them, He is revealing Himself on the absonite and finite levels.

God’s functioning on the *Evolutionary Level* takes place on the finite level and is made possible, thanks to the gift of the Thought Adjusters. These fragments of infinity, sparks of divinity, and embers of eternity (these chips off the ol’ block) indwell evolutionary creatures. They are our divine and perfect guides, our passport to eternity. Constantly they seek to reveal God to us. It is through His fragment, the Thought Adjuster, that God identifies Himself to and with His creatures and shares some of His divine attributes.

God’s functioning on the *Supreme Level* makes it possible for God the Absolute to actualize in God the Supreme. “*When a man enters into partnership with God, God makes of this man more than he is,*” and “*no limitation can be placed upon the future possibilities of such a partnership.*” The reverse is also true because when a person enters into partnership with his

creator, he or she makes possible the emergence of the *Evolutionary Phase* of God. It is literally true that God needs man, and man needs God. It is literally true that “*the fruits of the spirit are the substance of God the Supreme.*” Regarding God the Supreme, the creature participates in, and bears some of the responsibility for, the actualization of the Supreme Being.

Thus, in order for Me, God to enter into eternal partnership with you, My beloved creature, and in order for you to be able to host Me unconditionally, I confer on you a personality with unlimited powers. So equipped, you and I go upward and inward step by step to our First Source and Center, the most inescapable of all presences, the most real of all facts, the most living of all truths, the most loving of all friends, and the most divine of all values. “You and I shall fuse. I shall become one with you and in you. We shall be an eternal partnership between the creature and the Creator with no barriers to the manifestation of our partnership.”

This very personality you give me God, makes it possible for me to become volunteer participant in your divine plan. It makes it possible for me to escape from my inherent material and temporal limitations. I can become eternal and perfect, and I can enjoy truth, beauty, and goodness.

And this very power you gave me, I can exercise it, any time and in any place. I have free will.

This is the reason why personality functions only in connection with spiritual decisions and growth Godward. Other decisions are called “choices” and have nothing to do with God.

Everyone has a unique personality. In his wisdom God created all individuals different from one another. And there’s something you can do better than anyone else in the universe, and that’s to be yourself.

By creating each of us unique, at the same time God demonstrates His unlimited creative power and infinite love and escape from His infinite tautology. By gifting us personality, He gifted us with the potential to love and to be loved. God enjoys pouring out His love upon his creatures. Through the creation of creatures and the gift of personality, He gives birth to a brotherhood of personalities among whom moral relations can be established.

The kind of personality I bestow upon you, my creature, is contactable, and I am the inescapable link. Our personalities enter in communion to create your soul. If you would receive nothing from my relationship with you, and if, in return, I would receive nothing from you then why should we enter into relation?

By bestowing personalities and Thought Adjusters, among other means, God escapes from His infinity and enters time and space. Man’s personality is conscious of God—its creator and source--and when man decides to go into partnership with God, he makes it possible for God to manifest himself in the time and space. And this very personality comes from the Father, and manifests itself in many different ways and places.

To you, my beloved child, I have conferred a personality with unlimited powers. But, for now and in your planetary circumstances, it must function in accordance with the time and space level of realities. For you, dear one, I have organized an evolutionary creation. I cannot give you all my love at this time because you would not be able to receive it. I am in you. Be patient, and as you grow, I shall give you more and more. Before becoming a university student, one must complete grammar school, middle school, and high school. And you, my child, have to grow by evolution, which requires time fore you cannot understand all at once. Trust me. Have faith in me. As a good Father I already organized everything from here on to the systems, constellations, local universe headquarters, and even to Havona and Paradise--if only you agree to follow me. Everywhere fraternal and loving creatures are waiting for you and are willing to help you, but you must chose to come to me.

And long, long after you attain Paradise, when the finite adventure has been exhausted, you will be part of the ultimate adventure of revealing God. And when the potentials of the ultimate adventure have been exhausted, I shall wait for you in the Absolute.

You are endowed with a personality which "dimensions" are capable of functioning in the time and space level, as well as in the level of transcended time and space and even in the absolute level.

In the time and eternity adventure, you will be my companion and I yours. We shall be partners and you will enjoy all of my creation. All I created is for you, my son and all you have to do is to come to me. I need you, and you need me.

The powers of personality are immense. God keeps his promises. By using the powers of personality, man can become one with God. By miss-using these powers, we distance ourselves from God and can literally walk away from, and out of, reality.

Mind is your ship, the Adjuster is your pilot, the human will is captain. The master of the mortal vessel should have the wisdom to trust the divine pilot to guide the ascending soul into the morontia harbors of eternal survival. Only by selfishness, slothfulness, and sinfulness can the will of man reject the guidance of such a loving pilot and eventually wreck the mortal career upon the evil shoals of rejected mercy and upon the rocks of embraced sin. With your consent, this faithful pilot will safely carry you across the barriers of time and the handicaps of space to the very source of the divine mind and on beyond, even to the Paradise Father of Adjusters. [1217-4]