

The Requirements

Filling the gaps in mankind's spiritual development.

“There is a mission on this world to share spiritual insight that has many knowing and unknowing participants from different nationalities and faiths. And though the frameworks this information comes through are somewhat different in appearances, the content of the messages are continually the same: the truth of the spirit of God within each person and the increasing connection that people can make with this spirit. This is the most important single message that can be given to seekers of all religions today – the reality of the inner personal experience with God.”

~ Spokane Washington Teaching Mission

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Part One

The Seven Spiritual Rights of Humanity

?What ??they ??are.?? Why?? they're ??important.?

All of the spiritual rights identified herein are a direct corollary to the Creator's gift of individual free will and are the spiritual birthright of every person. These precious rights should not be violated by any person or institution.

1.

The right of individuals to connect directly with the Creator in their own unique way is fundamental to human spirituality and should be protected, honored and nourished.

No religious or spiritual institution, ideological or philosophical group, or individual representing any institution or group, or any individual acting alone should presume to act as an intermediary between persons and their Creator. Each of our relationships with the Creator is unique, primary, and sovereign in all matters relating to the spiritual life.

There is nothing more life-giving for individuals than to discover and build a direct relationship with their Creator. This Creator-human relationship is the living source of spiritual growth and is all-important to these critical times. Although many experience this relationship in the context of religion, it is completely independent of religion or spiritual path. It is our human birthright and can be experienced by anyone.

Because of its unique and intimate nature, this connection must never be abrogated by those who would insert themselves between persons and their Creator. Religions best serve people by taking a supportive role in the sacred Creator-human relationship. Religious leaders appropriately serve by leading group worship, teaching spiritual concepts and facilitating the sharing of spiritual insights; their role should be considered ancillary to the Creator-human relationship.

2.

Individuals have a right to affirm their inherent goodness as beloved children of the Creator.

Humanity is not inherently sinful and unworthy of the Creator's love. Such teachings prevent humanity from reaching its full potential. They do not reflect the Creator's infinite love, parental devotion and spiritual empowerment toward humanity. Rather, each of us are created in goodness and beauty as precious seeds of great promise. Religious, philosophical and ideological systems cooperate with the Creator's high purpose for us when they foster self-respect, thereby unleashing full human potential to solve our serious problems. The human spirit, when awakened and enlivened by a direct relationship with the Creator, naturally yields abundant fruits of loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unfailing goodness, forgiving tolerance and enduring peace.

3.

Individuals have a right to freedom from fear, especially fear of divine punishment.

The primitive-origin concept of eternal torment, or hell, as well as other concepts of divine chastisement and retribution are demonstrably false. These teachings have long been a source of distress and an obstacle to spiritual growth for innumerable people. They stand in stark contrast to the Creator's all-loving nature, who never uses fear to control us. In the Creator, we have the personification of our ultimate ideals—the perfect parent, teacher, friend; to portray our Creator as a punisher is simply untrue. No one has anything to fear from the Creator. Rather than accepting this long-held belief, we can choose to uplift one another by adopting more enlightened concepts of the Creator.

The fact that the Creator's love coexists with the Creator's justice presents a paradox; in our confusion we may feel that divine punishment is a reasonable solution to human imperfection. But our limited vision cannot compare to the far-seeing eye of an infinite Creator who knows the motives of every human soul and who would not lose one child. Love and mercy are the true attitudes of the Creator. The action of any individual, even the most grievous, is always met with infinite divine patience and understanding.

While it is true that free will choice makes it possible to reject a relationship with the Creator, the theory of an eternity of torture is a human fiction born from an immature desire to punish others.

4.

Individuals have the right to embark on their own search for truth.

Since every human is endowed with a unique identity from the Creator, spiritual insights and experiences vary from person to person. The most sublime of human adventures is that of discovering the Creator for oneself. The diversity of spiritual viewpoints in the human family is a great strength that points to the beauty of the Creator, but in no way dilutes the truth of humanity's unity as children of the Creator. Religions and spiritual groups should not interfere with any individual's sincere efforts to comprehend and experience truth. On the contrary, they can inspire spiritual growth by encouraging people to discover for themselves the truths about the Creator and their great purpose and destiny as children of the Creator.

5.

Individuals have the right to freedom from religious obligations.

Participation in religious activities should always be voluntary. Religions become oppressive when they dictate beliefs and behaviors. Since the Creator's primary attribute is unconditional love, all people are given the divine gift of free will. The Creator does not then revoke this gift by imposing obligations on individuals. Similarly, when religions presume to claim divine penalties for not fulfilling religion-mandated obligations, it violates the spiritual liberty of followers and often results in shame and guilt.

While many religious traditions and rituals contain spiritual truth, they are not a substitute for the primary Creator-human relationship. But they should never be taken away if followers find them to be spiritually nourishing. Rather, the process of developing a personal relationship with the Creator can be prioritized for followers who may downplay this primary relationship because of their attachment to religious practices. When large numbers of these followers discover a relationship with their Creator, it could result in a tremendous collective spiritual illumination that would gather many under the twin unifying concepts of the divine Creator Parent and the family of humanity.

6.

Individuals have the right to access all spiritual leadership roles.

We honor the beauty and diversity of the Creator when we invite all people into spiritual leadership, whether by gender, race, ethnicity, orientation or other identity, thereby including their precious gifts to uplift humanity. It significantly strengthens humanity whenever we do so. When people from all groups are empowered to answer the call to spiritual leadership, the Creator will be truly represented.

The exclusion of women from spiritual leadership, as entrenched in many religions throughout the centuries, has been a great loss for humanity. Their harmonizing influence is needed at all levels of religion to inspire new spiritual perspectives and help prevent tragic abuses.

Human attitudes of superiority and servility cannot reflect the Creator's love toward all. The gifts of all people, when wholly embraced, will allow humanity's full potential to emerge and heal our world. A fertile environment of equality is the spiritual salve that beckons us into a new era of light and life.

7.

Individuals have the right to choose their own life partners.

Along with our personal relationships with the Creator, loving and loyal human partnerships are the most beautiful testaments to love. As loving partners commit to each other's well-being, face life's challenges, and share physical, emotional and spiritual intimacy, they create a nurturing

foundation for the growth of their souls. Unselfish and spiritually fragrant human partnerships form the basis for strong societies and should be supported by religious and spiritual groups who love the Creator.

Part Two

Putting the Spiritual Rights into Practice Toward Global Spiritual Freedom and Oppression-Free Religion

This Spiritual Bill of Rights can help prepare the way for many to discover their own relationship with the Creator, regardless of their religious status. The principles of spiritual freedom they offer encourage people to consider perspectives beyond their own tradition, and express truth from their own personal experience. Consideration of the following relevant issues may help shine a path toward putting these rights into practice globally.

Spiritual freedom banishes fear

The essence of freedom is freedom from fear-of judgment, punishment, rejection, abandonment, hopelessness and meaningless-of others or of the Creator, who should never be feared. Fear is always antithetical to the Creator's loving nature.

Fear can also result from teachings which hurt sensitive souls, particularly when they are pressured to espouse them. Fear directly inhibits spiritual growth and has no place in spiritual life.

Liberation from fear, particularly existential fear like fear of divine punishment, opens new horizons for people to experience life without spiritual dread. When people are freed from fear, they naturally seek out their highest values, purpose and potential. This can create a force like no other to uplift humanity.

The spiritual life should be free and creative; not controlled or contained. Spiritual freedom leads to inspiration which leads to joy in sharing that inspiration through loving service. A liberated spirit is truly the master key that opens a living connection to the Creator and flows that healing connection to others.

The great spiritual teachers affirm spiritual freedom

Jesus of Nazareth and many other spiritual luminaries fearlessly proclaimed spiritual freedom for all. Jesus did not die because an angry God demanded sacrifice for human sin. Rather, he bravely faced death at the hands of jealous religious leaders who refused to give up their seats of power in a nation oppressed by laws and rituals. Through his inspiring life and courageous death, he taught the joy of living in communion with the Creator.

All the great spiritual teachers realized that beliefs and practices of themselves have little spiritual power. They understood that the freedom to embark on one's own spiritual journey is necessary to find truth, enlightenment and connection to the Creator.

Healing the wounded human spirit

When people claim the spiritual freedom that is their birthright, they are enabled to plug into the ultimate source of healing, wisdom and power—our Creator. As each person is healed and empowered through this sacred connection, they can join together to create real and lasting solutions to the world's problems.

Secular approaches cannot solve the root of our problems because the wounded human spirit can only be healed by spiritual means—through a relationship with the Creator. In partnership with the divine, the human spirit is indomitable and acts to bring the light of love to all peoples and to our entire planet.

True human potential is vast but has languished for millenia; false teachings of inborn evil prevent our thriving. The truth is that each of us are seeds of goodness that blossom and bear healthy fruit under the right spiritual conditions.

Working toward oppression-free religion

Oppressive forms of religion harm, but oppression-free religion can help create spiritual growth on a global scale. The world needs a new wave of courageous reformers willing to address modern problems. Obvious issues like clergy sexual abuse, while profoundly egregious, may be less complicated to solve than the inflexible attitudes blocking positive change. Many issues could be remedied with empathy and genuine effort to dislodge negative beliefs and practices.

The problems facing today's religions have hindered their spiritual power to nourish followers; they struggle to live up to their potential as living communities of love that vitalize spiritual travelers. So a new reformation is crucial to the spiritual health of both followers and institutions. To that end, consideration of the common traits of healthy organizations versus unhealthy ones illuminates aspects in need of reform.

Common traits of healthy organizations: Inclusive, collaborative, democratic, de-centralized leadership structures, allow debate, share different perspectives, understand nuances in

viewpoints, support grass-roots voices and participation, value listening, encourage mediation and compromise, promote servant leadership and group oversight of leaders, value trust, empathy and compassion.

Common traits of unhealthy organizations: Exclusive, authoritarian, oligarchic, intolerant of differing views, polarized thinking, strict adherence to onerous rules, use fear to control, rigid interpretations of ideas, enforcement and punishment common, little to no oversight of leaders, rivalry among leaders, mistrust between members and leadership, little to no participation allowed for non-leaders in decision making.

It is no coincidence that this document utilizes the American Bill of Rights as a template. The oppression wrought by totalitarian regimes, dictators and theocracies has always been obvious to the world. But if we are to progress together as a global community, oppression in any sector of society, particularly the important sector that religion occupies, must be transformed by free and democratic values, because wherever oppression rules, people suffer.

False religious superiority

The notion that one religion is superior to others, along with “the chosen people syndrome” has caused much violence over the centuries. While most religious wars have thankfully de-escalated into theological battles, some still wage. Other relics of the past, such as claims of divine favor and infallibility, should also be cast off. Only the Creator stands at the head of all religions, not human leaders.

Religious superiority remains one of the chief obstacles to spiritual unity and only serves to dampen ecumenical and interfaith efforts. But there has been progress in this delicate process. People versed in multiple traditions are especially valuable in bridging understanding between faiths and voicing unifying ideas.

Just as different faith traditions can learn from each other, so should the followers within each tradition be encouraged to share their experiences with each other. This collaborative approach adds vibrancy to traditional methods of clergy-only preaching. Open sharing cultivates fresh viewpoints and robust spiritual fruits from the grass-roots up. With new ideas filtering through old institutions, the result is a newfound respect for diverse viewpoints.

Religions serve best when they point the way forward

In order to serve effectively, religions need to honor the past as well as look to the future. But many of them exhibit a preoccupation with the past and don't recognize that spiritual wisdom is meant to evolve. Sacred stories from ages past, while they contain timeless lessons, were developed for past generations who may not have been able to comprehend modern concepts.

Humanity's capacity to understand the outer world and the inner person has increased immeasurably through science, philosophy and psychology. Religions can come alongside this process by allowing ancient stories to be seen through a metaphoric lens and encouraging the search for knowledge.

It bears mentioning that the inspired sacred texts of old were nevertheless filtered through human minds. Likewise, present-day human wisdom could do much good if it were taken more seriously by religions. Regardless of where truth emerges, it is a mistake to disregard it just because it comes from human minds.

Progress is evident in new worship styles tailored to different tastes. Liturgies and worship services take on new relevance when they are periodically updated with new ideas and symbolism. If each succeeding generation were invited to adopt language and customs that speak to them, it would inspire more joyful worship. Past forms, particularly those reflecting the beauty of music and the arts, should be preserved by devotees. But choice is key. Moreover, creativity bespeaks beauty, and diversity of spiritual expression not only enriches human experience, but is always welcomed by the Creator.

Whether in teaching or worship, religions flourish when they balance past and present by cherishing golden threads of truth while weaving new spiritual fabric to clothe each succeeding generation in increasingly light-filled truths.

Rethinking concepts of primitive origin

Rethinking the primitive-origin spiritual concepts that have been embedded in religions for centuries is a process that is just beginning. The three most notable in western traditions are divine eternal punishment, sinful human nature and the divine demand for sacrifice, also known as atonement.

Important measures are recommended in this long-term process to respect both those who question these beliefs and those who espouse them. Most people inside religion, all the way up to top institutional levels, have lived with these concepts for so long that they have become unquestioned articles of faith. This presents an even bigger challenge insofar as subsequent concepts have been planted atop these old foundational beliefs. As a result, these primitive-origin concepts remain largely unchallenged even though they pose stark contradictions to the Creator's loving nature.

The worldwide process of introducing more enlightened ideas to update older ones will require both delicacy and boldness. Three critical guideposts are recommended:

- People are always to be treated with love and compassion while being presented with new enlightened concepts and encouraged to retire primitive ones.
- Religions, society's megalithic ships, must be steered with care and patience in this process.

- Primitive-origin concepts should be consistently and intelligently examined and uplifted with more truthful ideas, taking care not to needlessly destabilize institutions or individuals.

Exchanging limited concepts for more expansive ones demands careful effort since the sudden wresting of long-cherished beliefs without first gently introducing updated ones can be unsettling. A wise approach is one that concomitantly preserves and expands on the truths already known. Most importantly, the spiritual liberties of all involved must never be abrogated.

Kindness alone evangelizes

There will always be innumerable spiritual approaches toward truth. But evangelization into any tradition, old or new, is meant to be a reciprocal process of invitation and voluntary acceptance. Forceful evangelization methods, especially when they assert sinful human nature and divine wrath, can harm. Such strategies do not reflect the unconditionally loving nature of the Creator and should be left behind by clergy and laity alike. Kindness and love are the only true evangelizers.

Relationships and values—the ideal anchors for religion

Even as they work on reform, religions remain a beacon for humanity and should be fully harnessed for global spiritual renewal. Their success could be assured if they navigate a transformative shift both in perspective and practice—the current form for many is **belief-based**, i.e., standardized and/or compulsory beliefs and practices which can lead to enforcement of uniformity, causing schisms and sectarianism. The ideal form prioritizes *relationships and values over beliefs*, i.e., the Creator-human relationship and the family of humanity which celebrate freedom, diversity, common values, love toward all and unity. When people anchor their religious lives to relationships and values rather than beliefs, they find unity where they previously saw division.

Religions should recognize that adhering to beliefs is not as important as loving people. Valuing beliefs over people can drive the establishment of rules to “protect” beliefs. Why would **beliefs** need to be protected? **People** need to be protected, and more importantly, loved. People also deserve to be uplifted by values like peace, kindness, compassion, truth, beauty and goodness. *It is our common values that unite us, not our beliefs.* Enlightened values feed beautiful relationships and relationships alone create love, not beliefs!

Humanity has been taught that beliefs are a primary source of spiritual nourishment. While they are a meaningful part of the human journey, they are not the main course in the spiritual banquet. The true unending feast is only to be found in a living relationship with the Creator and family ties with all. Any religion that frees people from mandatory beliefs and directs them into the Creator’s loving embrace and familial love for all is destined for greatness.

Spiritual freedom is the answer to our challenging times

No previous generation has faced more spiritual challenges than the present-rampant materialism, feelings of worthlessness, lack of purpose and hopelessness. All these ills of the soul can be healed with spiritual freedom, which does not produce philosophical and religious chaos. Rather, spiritual liberty for all can catalyze a coherent force to lead humanity into spiritual unity—ending sectarian strife and debate about who has the “one true religion.” These and other barriers to unity will gradually dissolve when all are free to discover their own relationship with the Creator. Then humanity can begin to advance as a living organism empowered directly by the Creator toward the threshold of a powerful renaissance.

The world is inexorably moving toward a new paradigm of inter-connectedness with all creation. The human-Creator connection is where it all begins. Radiating from there is a whole universe of connections waiting to be explored. Unity with the Creator, with each other and with all creation is our destiny. And the greatest unifying truth of all is that we are one human family infinitely loved by our divine Creator Parent.

Introducing the “Religion of Personal Experience”

The discovery of the human-Creator relationship by a great number of people can bring about a new relationship-based spirituality within each person. The “Religion of Personal Experience” (ROPE) naturally embraces the twin concepts of the divine Creator Parent and the family of humanity while also being able to coexist in friendliness with any religion that affirms relationships and values over beliefs. In fact, the beauty of the ROPE is its flexibility with diverse ideas while remaining in unity with the Creator and the human family.

As each person feels guided, they can add beliefs and practices to enhance their spiritual development. These can change as the individual’s ROPE evolves. The ROPE is the perfect vehicle for spiritual expression and will inevitably become the choice of more people. Its influence is already visible in the numbers of people identifying as “spiritual but not religious” or “nones” and it will undoubtedly spread with the rising tides of global spiritual renewal.

The time is now!

The time is now and the harvest is ripe for spiritual leaders from every tradition to resoundingly affirm the fundamental sacred rights of this new declaration of spiritual independence, this emancipation proclamation of the spirit, and ring the truth bells of liberty for many waiting to be freed from spiritual captivity. Then people everywhere will be lifted up to fulfill their shining potential and lead our suffering world into the dawning age of light and life!

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What is the Teaching Mission?

In general, it is an avenue of personal spiritual experience. Individuals, in their private devotions, may experience contact with supermortal guides, or "teachers." We believe that there are a host of intelligent, loving, celestial agencies ministering to our world. One such group of celestial beings who work together for humanity's spiritual progress call themselves teachers of the "Teaching Mission" or the "Correcting Time." The Correcting Time is said to encompass roughly the next millennium of human history, a time of correcting the consequences of certain calamities and deprivations of the past, and a time of fostering an era of heightened spiritual progress in the future — the era of "light and life" on Earth.

Who are the teachers?

Many contemporary people are discovering contact with spiritual guides. The tremendous upsurge in reported contact with angels and other heavenly beings is indicative of new openings for communion with angelic types of ministry to our world. The particular contacts from on High whom we call "teachers" are non-material spiritual beings, friends from heaven. They are advanced enough in their own spiritual growth and cosmic evolution to be a lofty inspiration to us; and yet, they remain greatly empathetic and supportive of our personal struggles with soul growth. These teachers present and amplify the revelations and truths discussed in The Urantia Book. This book teaches that each and every human mortal is a potentially immortal faith-son or faith-daughter of God. We are each an honored member of a well-nigh limitless cosmic family. We are spiritual brothers and sisters held in the infinite love of one Divine Cosmic Parent, Mother and Father combined.

Who are we?

We who participate on the human side of the Teaching Mission are ordinary human beings who simply aspire to bring more of truth, beauty, and goodness into our world. We hail from diverse walks of life and various locations. We vary widely in our backgrounds and cultural, political, and philosophical views; but, we are united in our spiritual quest for more of God's love and more opportunities to share this love and friendship with our fellows. Some of us attend informal groups where teacher communications are shared and discussed.

Who is able to make contact with celestial teachers?

Anyone who sincerely desires teacher contact will have that opportunity, regardless of race or gender, educational background, social or economic status, national origin, or religious beliefs. We are told that if every one of the billions of inhabitants on our planet sought a personal teacher, one would certainly be provided for each seeker.

How do I receive the gift of a personal teacher?

This is a very intimate matter between you and your Deity. In your personal prayer time or meditation, simply ask your heavenly Father-Mother for a personal teacher, and trust that even though you may not readily sense a teacher's presence, one will surely be there for you. Many of us suffer, consciously or unconsciously, from a sense of perceived shame and unworthiness. In truth, there is no mortal on Earth who is unworthy of divine affection. Our teachers view us with great respect and see it as an honor to work with us. Some of us have to swallow hard to accept the enormity of this gift and not fear this loving contact. Time and daily "stillness practice," a term used by the teachers to refer to quiet meditation that provides the reconciliation between how we tend to value ourselves, and how the teachers value us, and hope we will eventually value ourselves also.

What do teachers do for mankind?

Teachers provide spiritual guidance to individuals or groups who voluntarily seek their assistance. Most of us would agree that the paramount purpose of the teachers is to aid us in getting in touch with the Spark of Deity within each person, the "still small voice of God" that indwells the human heart-mind. Teachers are also heavenly friends who love us dearly and often accompany us on our life adventures. They encourage us and inspire us. They remind us of spiritual truths we cherish; they help keep us spiritually focused. Teachers offer faith reassurances of the unswerving love of our divine Parent for each individual, regardless of his or her worldly status. Teachers elevate and accelerate our hopes for a better world and augment God-consciousness among all peoples.

What teachers do not do

While it would be presumptuous to delimit teacher action, most of us who have been receiving this contact for some years have drawn the following conclusions:

1. Teachers do not violate personal free-will. They never violate the sanctity of our minds, our souls, our earthly opportunities, or our life choices. Their action in relation to anyone is always subject to personal informed consent.
2. While teachers are lovingly open to all of our questions, they do not encourage "curiosity questions," that is, questions that do not relate directly to our personal and individual spiritual growth. They rarely, if ever, engage in material predictions.
3. Teachers are not in the business of miracle-working, empirical proofs, power-brokering, sparking fads, encouraging extraordinary sensory experiences, dictating how we should live, shaming us, or otherwise acting or communicating in a manner that would in any way deprive anyone of the step-by-step faith adventure each of us must freely choose to climb the mountains of spiritual attainment.
4. Teachers are not intermediaries to God. We do not pray to our teachers nor do we worship them. They are not our rulers or overlords. They do not judge us. They help us to avoid many distractions from our goals of wisely loving and selflessly serving. They keep us on track to pursue stillness and small kindnesses each day. They are our friends, our near-of-kin. We love and respect them enormously.
5. Teachers do not charge fees for their spiritual services. Love and inspiration are freely given. Most of us feel that this is a good model for anyone involved in this Mission as well.

How do I know I am having teacher contact and understand messages correctly?

We are told that teacher contact is best accomplished by way of regular, daily, stillness meditation—quieting the mind for up to twenty minutes of silent communion once or twice each day.

There is an experience of "otherness," subtle for some, more pronounced for others, that distinguishes teacher communication from one's own thoughts and projections. Some teachers suggest that we ask these questions about a supposed teacher communication or transmission to assess its veracity and sharpen our powers of discernment:

- a) Does the communication come with respect for my free-will dignity?
- b) Is it compatible with the teachings of The Urantia Book?
- c) Will heeding a message result in my bearing "spiritual fruit"?
- d) Does the transmission come with God's love?
- e) Does it have the ring of truth?

How do teachers communicate with humans?

For a consenting individual, a teacher makes mind-to-mind contact in a gentle and utterly respectful manner. The teachers' respect for our free-will dignity is awe-inspiring. Since we do not really know the mechanism of communication, we can hypothesize a kind of celestial internet of minds. Imagine our World Wide Web carried to the utmost limits of virtual advancement and refinement on a universal and cosmic scale. Teachers seem to be able to project their presences and communications from nearby or over astronomic distances without delay or glitches. They know when we do and do not desire contact.

What is transmitting/receiving?

Certain constitutionally-favored individuals may, by luck of the draw, have a natural capacity to discern and communicate teacher messages. Typically, a transmitter (T/R) speaks the teacher's message more or less concurrently with its reception in the transmitter's mind. There are many ways a transmitter might receive a message — as words, concepts, images, feelings, or something quite beyond words. Receiving and transmitting seems also to be a learnable skill. We are all encouraged to practice transmitting, not worrying about errors, and having faith in our seemingly muddy efforts. Growing spiritual awareness and regular stillness meditation counterpoised by service-motivated small kindnesses are the hallmarks of the transmitter side of the teacher connection.

Are teacher transmissions infallible?

Definitely not. Teachers are fallible, but less so than mortals. Although teachers are no doubt able to communicate more directly or unequivocally, they prefer to employ the ever-so-flawed mortal conduit, a partnership in communication and faith. This leaves the understanding, interpretation, and veracity of any transmission entirely up to the faith discernment of each individual involved. It is the responsibility of each individual to decide if a communication resonates with the spirit of

truth in one's own heart. Teachers may even allow themselves to be misquoted by a fallible T/R rather than interfere with the vital faith-grasp each of us must acquire in our struggles to be confident in our apprehension of truth.

Are teachers involved in healing?

We believe so. The teachers ask us to view "healing" as it applies to our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual selves. They tell us that God's spiritual healing energy is available to anyone sincerely searching and receptive. To limit the modalities (e.g., touch, music, nature, substances, visualizations, etc.) of this healing would be presumptuous. Again, it is up to the individual's discernment on a very personal level. Teachers convey that, as with transmitting, the innate capacity to be a conduit, for say, laying-on-of-hands healing, varies from person to person. As with prayer, sincerity and clear intent help. However, being healed or not should not be interpreted as teacher approval or disapproval; they love us all, regardless of our limitations. Healing in association with teachers is rarely of the sudden or miraculous kind. The process is often slow, subtle, and empowers faith and patience. Nevertheless, there is discussion and experimentation with many aspects of healing in the Teaching Mission. "Seek and you surely shall receive; joy is your abiding destiny."

What of caution and skepticism?

We generally regard respectful skepticism as a healthy approach to becoming familiar with the Teaching Mission. We aspire to unity, not uniformity. We do not all think alike. Each of us may hold a different, even opposite, opinion regarding this Mission in the whole or in any particular. Experiential religion means that truth is individually and personally discovered via a process of inner-seeking. Many of us have surmounted hills of doubt and continue to climb out of valleys of uncertainty and skepticism. We respect the individual's right to his or her own boundaries of belief and acceptance. Certainly our teachers do likewise. The issue is not whether or not you are doubtful or cautious; rather, do you persevere in your search, do you continue to seek with an open mind and heart? If there is truth here, sooner or later you will know. As one of our great teachers has said, "In the stillness reside the answers to all questions."

Editor's note: This page offers excerpts from [The Nordan Symposia](#)

Historical accounts of the Teaching Mission

The Light and Life web site offers several E-books detailing the history of the Teaching Mission initiative.

<https://www.lightandlife.com/e-book-page.html>

The Teaching Mission Lessons

According to recent estimates the Teaching Mission (TM) lessons, commonly referred to as **tmtranscripts**, may now number approximately 6000. Keeping an exact count of all TM lessons is very difficult since there has never been an official and unified publishing method for these lessons. At best there are several major online archives or repositories that have grown up independently over the years. Since no archiving or storage standards exists for these tmtranscripts, results may vary greatly from one online site to another. Two sites in particular offer extensive collections of these transcripts, but neither are 100% complete. Several other smaller sites are also useful and included in this page.

Most of these sites offer basic electronic search tools, however it is difficult to ascertain how effective these search tools are for their respective sites. Some of these sites offer more or less curated versions of the tmtranscripts while others only offer the raw transcripts in plain ascii text format.

The two larger sites will be listed first, with brief explanations, then followed by the smaller sites. All links to these sites will open in a separate web browser tab.

The Nordan Symposia

The **Nordan Symposia** is an extensive MediaWiki site, curated with a heavy focus on academic and theological research.

Pros: One of the most extensive collections of curated tmtranscripts in wiki format and extensively cross referenced.

Cons: Poor user interface and counterintuitive navigation of the site. Excessive wiki links make reading difficult.

Main Page: https://nordan.daynal.org/wiki/Main_Page

Teaching Mission repository: https://nordan.daynal.org/wiki/The_Teaching_Mission:_Dialogues

The tmarchive

The **tmarchive** is an extensive collection of raw tmtranscripts in simple html format.

Pros: One of the most extensive collections of raw tmtranscripts organized in a simple spreadsheet format. Good Glossary.

Cons: Poor visual design that can be difficult for visually challenged users. Some pages can be extremely long.

Main Page: <http://www.tmarchive.org/index.php>

The 11:11 - Correcting Time

The **11:11 - Correcting Time** web site is a smaller and more recent collection of curated transcripts in an elegant and responsive html design.

Pros: All transcripts are from the same T/R thereby providing a very consistent style and formatted for reading comfort. Simple and user friendly interface.

Cons: Small collection of less than 600 transcripts as of this writing.

Main Page: <http://correctingtime.org>

The Institute of Christ Consciousness (ICC)

The **Institute of Christ Consciousness** is a professional fully curated site organized by teaching topic rather than by specific transcripts.

Pros: Very consistent style and format. Highly focused lessons.

Cons: Small collection of lessons as of this writing. Site design could be challenging to older equipment. Graphics heavy.

Main Page: <https://www.institutechristconsciousness.org>

Note: Donna D'Ingillo also has a sizable collection (over 1000) of her personal transcripts at the Nordan Symposia at this direct link.

Additional collection: https://nordan.daynal.org/w/index.php?title=Category:Donna_D%27Ingillo

Light and Life

The **Light and Life** web site has a moderate collection of transcripts in html and pdf formats, curated in a variety of ways which causes some minor inconsistencies.

Pros: Well curated collections by teachers.

Cons: Site design could be difficult for visually challenged users. Graphics heavy with background images that make reading difficult on many pages. Inconsistent navigational menus.

Main Page: <https://www.lightandlife.com/index.html>

The tmtranscripts

The **tmtranscripts** email list keeps a fairly large plain ascii text archive, organized as monthly collections, with each month's transcripts compressed as ZIP format archives.

Pros: Organized in a simple spreadsheet format.

Cons: Site is very crude, and has many dead links.

Main Page: <http://circuit1.teamcircuits.com/pipermail/tmtranscripts/>

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What is The Correcting Time?

The **Correcting Time** is a broad term used by celestial teachers and administrators for the current period of celestially-inspired transformations occurring throughout our planet. The Correcting Time is a much broader project than the Teaching Mission. The Teaching Mission is characterized by its explicit use of the Urantia revelation as a reference; the Correcting Time does not. The common element of the Correcting Time in all its features is a dramatic increase in celestial assistance for the purpose of fostering planetary growth in accordance with the universe principles of revelation.

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The largest degree of change regarding this **Correcting Time** is of the nature of the materially unseen. The greatest shift is in spiritual administration instituting procedures and efforts from the celestial vantage point. Most of what you have witnessed already will be the inspiration needed to carry you through in your quest to comprehend and to implant new ideas into the minds of those you touch. Great things are, indeed, happening, most of which you cannot see and you must, therefore, take on faith that it is so.

On the other hand you may witness some inspiring performances of spiritual reality and awakening but these are by design to be humanly initiated and co-creatively manifested. Celestial influence will be suspected but never provable by material means.

The Correcting Time is a divinely initiated period on our world, aimed at addressing the spiritual, social, and moral imbalances that have developed over millennia. This initiative is part of a broader effort to realign the planet and its inhabitants with the original divine plan, which was significantly disrupted by historical events such as the Lucifer Rebellion and the default of Adam and Eve. These unfortunate events threw the entire planet into a state of spiritual confusion and delayed its progress toward Light & Life, the ultimate evolutionary goal of planetary civilization where peace, harmony, and divine alignment prevail.

What is being corrected?

1. **Spiritual Confusion**

One of the central issues being corrected is the loss of spiritual clarity and connection to

the Divine. Due to the Lucifer Rebellion, which questioned the sovereignty of God and promoted a false sense of independence from the Creator, our world became disconnected from normal planetary administration. This led to widespread spiritual darkness, as many individuals and institutions lost sight of their divine purpose.

2. **Divine Governance**

The Correcting Time is re-establishing the natural order of divine governance on Earth. Celestial personalities are working to help mortals understand their place in the universe and guide mankind back toward spiritual alignment.

3. **Morality and Ethics**

Over the course of history, the lack of divine leadership led to moral and ethical decay. The Correcting Time seeks to restore the core moral principles that align with the will of the Creator — principles like truth, love, service, justice and compassion. This involves reawakening mankind to the values of brotherhood, equity, cooperation and unity.

4. **Society**

The Correcting Time also involves addressing the systemic issues that prevent the flourishing of our advancing civilisation. The Correcting Time establishes foundational principles and guidance for building durable and stable societies. Societies that can thrive in harmony with divine purpose for the creation of a loving and peaceful global civilisation, where issues like social, economic, and political injustices become a thing of the past.

5. **Evolution of Consciousness**

A key goal of the Correcting Time is to elevate mankind's consciousness to recognize higher spiritual truths, to develop and recognize greater wisdom, and to expand our understanding of life in the universe. This period encourages individuals to grow spiritually, intellectually, and morally, by aligning their lives with divine principles.

The Correcting Time is a period of **renewal and healing**, where both individuals and society as a whole are being guided back into alignment with the original divine plan for our world. It is a time of great opportunity for personal and planetary transformation, and it invites all who are willing to participate in this planetary upliftment toward a brighter, more spiritually aligned future.

Overview of the main secular aspects of The Correcting Time.

<div><div>The Sons of Darkness</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also known as the Deep State, the Cabal, the Elite.• Their reign of greed and terror is to be dismantled and their influence and presence removed from Earth.</div><div>Luciferianism Satanism Human trafficking Child sacrifice War for profit</div></div>	<div><div>The Bad Actors</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purge all corporate entities of their bad actors and criminal elements.• Completely dismantle the corporate mind control system, as well as all other nefarious control systems.</div><div>MainStream Media Hollywood Political Tyranny Intel Agencies</div></div>
<div><div>The Major Bankruptcies</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow the existing system of fraud to fully bankrupt itself.• Purge what is left of the fraud and criminality.• Liquidate all entities that cannot contribute to the long term stability of our civilisation.• Transform the useful remnants of the system into lawful entities with peaceful and noble intentions and purposes.</div></div>	<div><div>The Restoration</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restore proper jurisdictional sovereignty and governance for all nations and people.• Return to equitable law and order.• End the Justinian deception.• Return actual resources to their rightful owners.• Remove all military forces from foreign lands.</div></div>

What is the Planetary Transformation?

Everything presented in this document is according to the best comprehension of the mortal participants as it was either discerned through their actual experience, or revealed by the celestial associates involved in this massive project.

This planet, Urantia (Earth) is only now coming out of its lengthy phase of rebellion against universe authorities and the Creator Son. In addition, about 2000 yrs. ago our Creator Son bestowed Himself on this planet, which allowed Him to claim it as His own, for His own particular use, and He has special plans for this planet. In the early part of the 21st century, the effects of these two major events from long ago are culminating into a situation that now calls for special and unprecedented intervention by the Creator Son and His vast staff. This intervention is required to bring about two things which are considered part of the Planetary Transformation.

1. **To finish cleaning up and repairing the damage left in the wake of the Lucifer rebellion.**

Planetary healing follows a process similar to individual healing, the difference is that it manifests through group dynamics. Our social institutions are embedded with distorted mindsets that maintain unstable ways of life. These mindsets must be transformed by the higher values of **Truth Beauty and Goodness** which will bring love, compassion and peace to our social institutions.

Our global culture exhibits these distorted mindsets at all levels of life — how destructive and unstable they are. We are now at a dangerous precipice, and a most opportune time to awaken to a collective perspective that there are superior and wiser approaches to our social and systemic ills.

The healing of our planetary consciousness is now well underway. People are being internally stimulated by spirit guidance, providing antidotes to the human suffering and misery that contribute to the illness of the planet. Love must dominate. Compassion must reign. Understanding must thrive. How much we grow as a civilisation is the sum total of how much each one of us grows individually.

The struggle we face today as an advancing civilisation is that we must now re-pattern ourselves in a superior way that will allow the dominant forces of the past to be overshadowed by better methods and processes, all guided by, and responsive to, **wisdom**. We are not facing this enormous challenge alone. Tremendous help, both cosmic and divine, is here now to help us and guide us.

Not only is the damage at the physical and social level that we mortals can perceive, there has also been damage done at a higher level, beyond our mortal perception, damage that requires direct cosmic intervention to repair and rebuild. Damage to the Adjutant Mind Circuits for example. Several of these circuits have been severely attacked and damaged and needed repair, and that was no trivial task. These damaged circuits have been repaired, fully tested and recently returned to full service.

As of the last quarter of 2023 all Urantia mortals with Thought Adjusters have been transferred over to Adjutant Mind Spirit reception via the new Supreme Adjutant Mind Spirit Circuits. All non-Adjusted Urantia mortals remain receptive of the original Adjutant Mind Spirit Circuits which have been repaired of the rebellion damage, and restored to full functionality.

2. To begin preparing this planet for the next phase in its evolution.

Our Creator Son, Michael of Nebadon, who incarnated here as Jesus of Nazareth, has grand plans for this planet. Because of our extreme experience with cosmic rebellion, Michael has decreed that an intergalactic Rebellion School shall be set up on this planet. This alone will transform this once lowly, mostly insignificant planet on the outer edge of the galaxy into a major intergalactic destination for the study of rebellion.

New potentials were actualized in the Local Universe of Nebadon consequent upon the terminal bestowal of Michael as Jesus of Nazareth, and one of these was the new illumination of the path of eternity that leads to the Father of all, and which can be traversed even by the mortals of material flesh and blood in the initial life on the planets of space. Urantia Book 101:6.10

Jesus provided living examples of all 1,000 Supreme Spirit Values that illuminate this path through his Life and Teachings, which laid the foundation for the upcoming Direct Ascension School. The KJV Bible contains 585 of these Supreme Spirit Values, and the Urantia Book has all 1,000.

On Urantia, all 1000 Supreme Spirit Values are now open for capture like a Boy/Girl Scout earns a merit badge. This was Michael's plan from the start: to design a Direct Ascension School where finite-mortals can attain an experiential realization of the Father's perfect personality without ever leaving Urantia. By laying down the template for all 1,000 Supreme Spirit Values during his life in-the-flesh he opened the gates to ascension through the capture of these values.

Urantia is unique in that it provides the requisite "Battlefield of Life" necessary for total capture of these values. Someday we'll fully appreciate our great fortune of calling Urantia home.

The establishment and construction of these two magnificent and stupendous learning centres, the Rebellion School and the Direct Ascension School, require a number of important infrastructure

systems to be constructed and put into service. While we are not privy to every new system that will be required, we are aware of the new Supreme Adjutant Mind Spirits Circuit.

You can learn more about the Planetary Transformation work being carried out by going to [The Work](#) section.

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