

**Bringing Heaven Down**  
**REJECTING MEDOCRITY and BECOMING**  
**SUPERMORTALS**

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In the series “Bringing Heaven Down,” we published several articles designed to uplift our brother and sisters in spite of the doom and gloom preached by some religious teachers, and in spite of the distressing state of world affairs. Here are some of these articles:

Turning Back Destruction - August 30, 2013

*(an alternate view of man's future)*

Training Our Perceptive Powers - September 2, 2013

*(how to view plain teachings, parables and prophecies)*

The Perfect Will of God - September 11, 2013

*(a discussion of the will of God for our day)*

Heaven in the Home - October 3, 2013

*(doing God's will in the home)*

A Ministry of Glad Tidings - October 23, 2013

*(the effect of repentance on the second coming of Jesus)*

An Open and Candid Discussion - October 31, 2013

*(avoiding excessive sentimentality as to world conditions)*

An Historic Overview - November 4, 2013

*(a brief overview of man's walk to salvation)*

By Impartial and Consecrated Service - December 3, 2013

*(the great need for impartiality in light of current events),*

By Regaining Liberty - December 12, 2013

*(how Christian liberty was lost and how it is being regained)*

The Lord's Year of Favor - January 1, 2014

*(a restatement and re-proclamation of Christian liberty)*

Though written over three years ago from a Biblical point of view, they continue to be applicable today, even to readers of *The Urantia Book* (the “**UB**”), and can be a source of strength as we endure these turbulent years on the “high seas of evolutionary destiny.” (**UB 99:1.3**)

This article, however, addresses us personally, as individuals, and is written from the perspective of the **UB**. Yes, our world is tainted with rebellion and default, but that does not define or limit the potential of the individual mortal to ‘bring heaven down’ personally and become a “SuperMortal” in this lifetime.

## Rejecting Mediocrity

It is common for us mortals to excuse our mediocrity and lack of achievement by saying that we are all sinners and that we all fall short of the glory of God. Most religionists believe sin is inherent in the mortal body, going so far as to say that we sin daily. That is certainly the way the Apostle Paul (a former Pharisee) viewed it. And it did serve the limited purpose of countering self-aggrandizement and humbling man before his God. But **UB** readers who have an enlarged understanding of sin know this is not true. It is true that we are **prone** to sin; but it is not true that we **must** sin – and certainly not daily!

To show this point, we can look at the distinction the **UB** makes between sin, error, evil and iniquity:

There are many ways of looking at sin, but from the universe philosophic viewpoint sin is the attitude of a personality who is **knowingly** resisting cosmic reality. Error might be regarded as a misconception or distortion of reality. Evil is a partial realization of, or maladjustment to, universe realities. But sin is a **purposeful resistance** to divine reality - a **conscious choosing** to oppose spiritual progress - while iniquity consists in an open and persistent defiance of recognized reality and signifies such a degree of personality disintegration as to border on cosmic insanity.  
(**UB 67:1.4**)

So, sinning is not an accident or a mistake. Sinning is a knowing, purposeful, conscious **choosing** to oppose the divine will. Now, ask yourself: How many times today did you knowingly, purposefully, consciously choose to oppose the divine will? We would venture to say that most Jesus-oriented folks have not. What?!! You did not sin today?!! Quite likely!!

You may have erred. You may have made a mistake. You may have had a bad thought or spoken a thoughtless word. You may have procrastinated or forgotten to do something. But those failings are not sins. Error perhaps. Maybe even evil. But not sin. Not any more than a toddler's fall while learning to walk is sin. When a toddler learns to walk, he will fall short. He will make errors in judgment as he learns to balance himself. But is the child sinning? Hardly!

Also, do not conflate the divine will with man's will. Most things in the human experience are within the purview of the mortal will. For example, it is not the divine will that you mow the lawn on Saturday, nor that you attend church every Sunday, nor that you acquiesce to everyone's wishes. These are choices that you are allowed to make with divine impunity. Those types of things are not sin. Sin is a choice made to deliberately go against the **divine** will, not the transient and ever-changing will of man.

It is this idea of inherent sinfulness that prevents man from striving to be their best. This idea of man places real spiritual attainment out of reach, and actually encourages mediocrity. This burden imposed by human thinking causes man to be satisfied with a 'participatory trophy' in the mortal existence. Rather than striving to win, or to place, they are content to just show up. It has been said that the perfect will of God is much easier to do than the imperfect will of man. And that is so true. Mediocrity is the lazy man's path through life. ***It is not the path of a faith son of God.***

Once we are armed with a proper understanding of sin, we can courageously put mediocrity aside and strive for the superlative heights of mortal attainment. We can be the best we can be, knowing that there is no unseen, uncontrollable, unaccountable force holding us hostage. As faithful sons of the living God and heirs to the heavenly kingdom, we can stand erect, shoulders back, heads up, knowing that we are not condemned by God, but rather, we are growing in experience and knowledge as we learn to balance ourselves and our thinking.

But can we take it further? Can we be more than just good humans? Can we become SuperMortals? According to the **UB**, we absolutely can!

### **Becoming SuperMortals**

As Jesus often said, we must ‘be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.’ (*Matthew 5:48; UB 140:3.16; 140:4.11; 140:5.3*) In one instance, he said:

And this kingdom which I declare to you is not a reign of power and plenty. The kingdom of heaven is not a matter of meat and drink but rather a life of progressive righteousness and increasing joy in the perfecting service of my Father who is in heaven. For has not the Father said of his children of the world, ‘It is my will that they should eventually be perfect, even as I am perfect.’ (*UB 137:7.13*)

So perfection is the goal. Absolute perfection – ‘as our heavenly Father.’ Clearly, absolute perfection cannot be achieved as mortals. But we can take certain steps, while on earth, toward that goal. In achieving perfection, the **UB** identifies the four progressive stages of life for mortals to transition from evolutionary beings to attain perfection: First, material/animal origin life, then mansonian training, then morontia, and finally spirit attainment. Here is how the **UB** explains this transition regime:

The Gods cannot — at least they do not — transform a creature of gross animal nature into a perfected spirit by some mysterious act of creative magic. When the Creators desire to produce perfect beings, they do so by direct and original creation, but they never undertake to convert animal-origin and material creatures into beings of perfection in a single step. (*UB 48:0.1*)

The morontia life, extending as it does over the various stages of the local universe career, is the only possible approach whereby material mortals could attain the threshold of the spirit world. What magic could death, the natural dissolution of the material body, hold that such a simple step should instantly transform the mortal and material mind into an immortal and perfected spirit? Such beliefs are but ignorant superstitions and pleasing fables. (*UB 48:0.2*)

Always this morontia transition intervenes between the mortal estate and the subsequent spirit status of surviving human beings. This intermediate state of universe progress differs markedly in the various local creations, but in intent and purpose they are all quite

similar. The arrangement of the mansion and higher morontia worlds in Nebadon is fairly typical of the morontia transition regimes in this part of Orvonton. (*UB 48:0.3*)

Ideally, transitioning from the evolutionary world to the morontia life occurs when a mortal has removed “the mark of the beast” – “all the remnants of unfortunate heredity, unwholesome environment, and unspiritual planetary tendencies.” (*UB 47:9.1*) This occurs on a planet-wide basis when the world achieves the status of light and life. However, this status is long in man’s future. In the interim, billions of men, women and children will have lived and died before that status is attained. Until then, the Mansion Worlds are used as temporary detention and training worlds to complete the removal of the mark of the beast in each individual survivor. Then they can thereafter enter the ‘general population’ of the heavens as a morontia being on their way to becoming perfected spirit sons.

Make no mistake about it, the seven Mansion Worlds are **detention** worlds where we are detained until the mark of the beast is gradually and progressively removed. We might think of the Mansion Worlds as decontamination centers.

Sometime during the Mansion World training, likely on Mansion World 5 or 6, most mortals achieve adjuster fusion. At that point, they will have achieved the status of SuperMortals:

Immediately upon the confirmation of Adjuster fusion the new morontia being is introduced to his fellows for the first time by his new name and is granted the forty days of spiritual retirement from all routine activities wherein to commune with himself and to choose some one of the optional routes to Havona and to select from the differential techniques of Paradise attainment. (*UB 47:8.5*)

But still are these brilliant beings more or less material; they are far from being true spirits; **they are more like supermortals**, spiritually speaking, still a little lower than the angels. But they are truly becoming marvelous creatures. (*UB 47:8.6*)

Yet, we also learn that it is possible to achieve adjuster fusion and SuperMortal status during this lifetime on earth, thereby bypassing the entire Mansion World training and beginning our ascension career as full morontia beings! The man Jesus achieved SuperMortal status before he even began his formal ministry. In a mere 30 years of mortal life, Jesus achieved all that could have been accomplished in the seven Mansion Worlds. And it was at his baptism that he underwent the simple fusion ceremony where it is declared:

“This is a beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” This simple ceremony marks the entrance of an ascending mortal upon the eternal career of Paradise service. (*UB 47:8.4*)

Jesus achieved SuperMortal status as a man, thus demonstrating that we can do it, too. While many of us have more of ‘the beast’ in us than others, and perhaps more than Jesus, we can, at the very least, achieve the training that would occur in Mansion Worlds 1 and 2 if we apply

ourselves now. In that way, we are able to begin our Mansion World training on world 3 or higher. That would be a noble goal, well worth striving for!

In Paper 47, we are given an overview of what must be accomplished in each of the Mansion Worlds. By closely examining that Paper, we can see what we need to work on now to hasten our training and be about the Father's business to "be you perfect."

### **Mansion World Training**

**Mansion World No. 1 (UB 47:3)** is one of the two worlds that are mostly negative in nature – having to do with correcting defects in character and deficiencies of mortal experience – primarily in the area of sex life, family association, and parental function. Here, you will be brought up to the status of mortals living during the post-Adamic dispensation on normal worlds. Read Paper 52, chapter 3, and see what you can do personally to qualify as a post-Adamic mortal. For example, have you learned the art of brotherhood? Have you eliminated racial prejudices? Are you peaceable? Are you ethical? Do you submit to universe sovereignty? Also, have you learned balance in the area of sex? Are you loving and honorable in your family associations? Have you learned the art of parenting? (Interestingly, if you have not had the opportunity to parent children, you can still bypass this world and gain that training on Jerusalem as a morontia being.)

**Mansion World No. 2 (UB 47:4)** is the other negative training world that seeks to correct intellectual conflict and mental disharmony. It is where religious and doctrinal issues are clarified and corrected. Here, you will be brought up to the status of mortals living during the post-Magisterial Son age. Read Paper 52, chapter 4, and see what you can do personally to qualify as a post-Magisterial Son mortal. For example, do you practice revelatory religion? Are you working on self-improvement? Are you gaining political astuteness? Are you pursuing ways to effect planetary advancement? Are you learning to appreciate art, music, science and higher learning? Are you spiritually hungry? Are you seeking, asking, knocking?

**Mansion World No. 3 (UB 47:5)** is the first world where you will be progressive in training, not just correcting deficiencies. You will gain an enhanced understanding of morontia mota and mortal logic, and learn to coordinate the two. This is apparently where the Apostle Paul was briefly taken in spirit. (**2 Corinthians 12:2**) Here, you will be brought up to the status of mortals living during the post-Bestowal Son age. Read Paper 52, chapter 5, and see what you can do personally to qualify as a post-Bestowal Son mortal. For example, are you learning and living the 'new way' Jesus taught and exemplified? Are you striving to be of noble character? Are you putting the golden rule to practical use? Are you experiencing and following the leading of the Spirit of Truth?

**Mansion World No. 4 (UB 47:6)** is where you will be introduced to the true social life of morontia beings, based on an understanding sympathy of mutual appreciation, unselfish love of mutual service, and the realization of a common and supreme destiny. Here, you will be brought up to the status of mortals living during the post-Teacher Son age. Read Paper 52, chapter 7, and see what you can do personally to qualify as a post-Teacher Son mortal. For example, are you mastering self-control and self-governance? Are you growing in wisdom, spirituality, and cosmic illumination? Do you practice justice and live mercy?

**Mansion World No. 5 (UB 47:7)** is where you begin to learn of the constellation study worlds in preparation for morontia life, where you will begin to take on true cosmic consciousness. Here, you will be brought up to the status of mortals living during the early era of light and life. We are told that the majority of mortals reach adjuster fusion at this time and have gained a proper perspective of human death and resurrection. Read Paper 55, chapters 1-5, and see what you can do personally to qualify as a mortal living in the early era of light and life. For example, have you attained a mature view of mortal death? Are you filled with faith, hope and assurance? Is your personal study voluntary, your unselfish service natural, and your worship spontaneous? Are you ready for adjuster fusion? If so, at this point, you can begin your training on Jerusem, after mortal death, without having to undergo training in worlds 6 or 7! When we achieve that status, we are SuperMortal!

Those who do not achieve early light and life status before mortal death will be transported to the Mansion Worlds and begin their training in the world commensurate with their status. Then they will continue through all successive mansion worlds until they graduate to begin the morontia career. For context, we will mention the remaining two mansion worlds.

**Mansion World No. 6 (UB 47:8)** is where you begin to learn about the spirit career that follows graduation from morontia life, and the technique of universe administration. Here, you will be brought up to the status of mortals who have progressed beyond the initial stage of light and life. Read Paper 55, chapter 6 for information on these stages.

**Mansion World No. 7 (UB 47:9)** is where you will be purged of all vestiges of the beast. You will begin a new and more spiritual worship of the unseen Father and when you complete your training, you will be a full-fledged morontia being!

The idea of adjuster fusion and SuperMortal status can seem far out of reach. But when we look closely at the life of Jesus and compare it to what the Mansion Worlds are designed to accomplish, it begins to seem doable! That is one important benefit of studying Part IV of the **UB - The Life and Teachings of Jesus**.

Understanding the mansion world career also helps us better understand **1 Corinthians 15:23**, which says that each one will be resurrected “in his own order” or “in his own rank.” And it adds meaning to Paul’s determination to work for the ‘earlier’, ‘better’ or ‘first’ resurrection. (**Philippians 3:11; Hebrews 11:35; Revelation 20:5**) It also adds value to these **Bible** verses:

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize.**”  
– **1 Corinthians 9:24**

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**” – **Philippians 3:12-14**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And **let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us**, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”  
– *Hebrews 12:1-2*

Rejecting mediocrity and pursuing the goal of adjuster fusion and SuperMortal status requires focus. We will need to de-clutter our lives of unnecessary distractions and keep our eyes and minds fixed on the things above. (*Colossians 3:2; 1 Corinthians 4:18*) We cannot be content to ‘go with the flow’ and acquiesce to the natural evolutionary process. The faith sons of God should be dynamic achievement seekers!

Of course, it is not necessary to reach SuperMortal status on this pilot world, but it is certainly possible. The life of the man Jesus confirms this. It may not be possible for many individuals to achieve adjuster fusion in this lifetime, given their background and personal challenges. But we should all work to achieve the highest status now. And fortunately, our sad planetary heritage does not prevent such achievement. The only hindrance is the degree to which we can and will apply ourselves now.

Of course, by engaging in the Master’s Ministry and completing the work he began, we can assist our planet to move forward toward light and life. But let us not forget that we also have the opportunity to achieve light and life **individually** as SuperMortals. In so doing, we will be bringing heaven down, not only for ourselves, but for every human being who crosses our path, in the same way that our Master positively affected all who honestly engaged him.

May the Father’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And as always, we welcome your comments.

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