

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN The Cosmic Reserve Corps of Destiny

After his return Michael sat on the dock, somberly taking stock. He had only bits and pieces he could remember, but he knew something important with himself and with Janet had taken place.

EBL111: Then I wonder if Janet remembers anything at all. Then I wonder if they're coming back, and I look up and just [see] stars in the sky.

And I tell myself, maybe I am special. But, no, I'm not special just because it happened to me. I mean, I'm special because it happened to me, but I'm not special because they chose me to have it happen to. It's just that we happened to be there. That's the only reason why I'm special. I'm not a special person; I'm just a regular guy. Just happened to me. Just am a regular guy.

This was Michael's way to rationalize his nagging awareness that he had been chosen for a special task.

Those very few of us who are aware of this "special" calling have often wondered why. We are just regular people. Yet, for reasons we do not fathom, God has asked us to do a job for him.

What is that job? To carry the gospel of the kingdom to the world. Not the gospel of Christianity, nor the gospel of personal salvation. That was done by the Peter and John and Paul two thousand years ago. But rather the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, about our celestial Visitors, and about God's plans for the salvation of this world. And about the personal decisions which must come out of this grave world crisis. That is the gospel needed today. Michael, and Betty Andreasson, and many others were inducted into that Cosmic Reserve Corps.

From the *Urantia Papers*:

UP1257: The reserve corps of destiny consists of living men and women who have been admitted to the special service of the superhuman administration of world affairs.

When human beings are chosen as protectors of planetary destiny, when they become pivotal individuals in the plans which the world administrators are prosecuting, at that time the planetary chief of seraphim confirms their temporal attachment to the seraphic corps and appoints personal destiny guardians to serve with these mortal reserv-

ists. All reservists have self-conscious Adjusters, and most of them function in the higher cosmic circles of intellectual achievement and spiritual attainment.

Mortals of the realm are chosen for service in the reserve corps of destiny on the inhabited worlds because of:

1. Special capacity for being secretly rehearsed for numerous possible emergency missions in the conduct of various activities of world affairs.

2. Wholehearted dedication to some special social, economic, political, spiritual, or other cause, coupled with willingness to serve without human recognition and rewards.

3. The possession of a Thought Adjuster of extraordinary versatility and probable pre-Urantia experience in coping with planetary difficulties and contending with impending world emergency situations.

But these same mortals are little known to their fellows except in those rare social emergencies and spiritual exigencies wherein these reserve personalities function for the prevention of the breakdown of evolutionary culture or the extinction of the light of living truth. On Urantia these reservists of destiny have seldom been emblazoned on the pages of human history.

The reservists unconsciously act as conservators of essential planetary information. Many times, upon the death of a reservist, a transfer of certain vital data from the mind of the dying reservist to a younger successor is made by a liaison of the two Thought Adjusters. The Adjusters undoubtedly function in many other ways unknown to us, in connection with these reserve corps.

(The cosmic reserve corps of universe-conscious citizens on Urantia now numbers over one thousand mortals whose insight of cosmic citizenship far transcends the sphere of their terrestrial abode, but I am forbidden to reveal the real nature of the function of this unique group of living human beings.)

We now know the real nature of the function of this unique group of living human beings.

Some have asked, "What do you mean by living? Living in the days of the presentation of the Urantia Revelation in 1935? Living at the time of the publication of the Papers in 1955? Living today?"

The answer is living today, at the termination of the planetary age, and the time of extreme world crisis. Such universe-conscious citizens are needed now, not at times of social stability in an era of complacent world order.

How did they become universe conscious? By two major paths: Through studious devotion to the *Urantia Papers*, and through induction as related by Michael and Betty Andreasson.

Michael described more than one extraordinary episode. In the following I am unable to penetrate to the specific purpose of each episode, but they all seem to be directed toward his deep mind training in cosmic affairs.

EBL104: Michael said the room was large and circular, and near one intersection of the ceiling and wall there was a big, bubble-like screen. He was seated on a chair that at first resembled the examining table but then tilted and conformed to allow a seated position. It also bore a single, conical, center support. A helmet-like device covering everything but the face was placed on his head; "prongs" projected from this device to points around Michael's face.

ML: Now they're watching something from this helmet, and they're clapping and they're happy. They're amazed.

WW: Well, are they watching something on the helmet or something away from the helmet?

ML: There's a big screen [the bubble-shaped one] . . .

WW: Can you see the screen in front of you?

ML: No. Helmet's too big . . . I know they're looking at this screen because they're looking up. They're not looking at me . . . All I could tell were that different lights and things were coming from it. I tried to turn once . . . And the voice, my friend, said not to worry. I was trying to struggle a little to see what they were looking at.

WW: Was he talking to you verbally or mentally?

ML: Mentally now.

WW: You said there were maybe a hundred figures in there. Were they all doing the same thing, all looking at the screen?

ML: Uh-huh.

WW: Then what happened?

ML: Kind of a long time . . . He said . . . We're willing to show you . . . how to see. And then . . . they took the helmet off. They seemed very pleased. I could see them smiling.

Afterward, the guide led Michael to an empty room. There the alien extended his three-fingered, greenish blue hands toward the captive, palms up. Michael recognized that he should do the same and touched the entity's "wet" hands with his palms down.

Looking into the enormous eyes in front of him, the witness thought, "I wonder what's going to happen next. Am I going to die now?"

The alien's telepathic voice, according to Michael, explained: "It's like dying but, don't worry, it's not dying ever. I'm going to take my hands in your mind. I'm going to take your thoughts. I'm going to lift them up . . . to illuminate your mind."

Our Visitors showed Michael “how to see.” They lifted up his mind. Deep within his unconscious they illuminated his mind, that he might serve his brothers and sisters on this world. They were very pleased that he was able to “learn” so quickly. From Walter and Dave Webb:

EBL66: We had no time to digest what had happened before Michael began to consciously recall a fleeting image: He sees his alien interpreter and is facing a wall of television-like screens.

“It was as if I was being trained on all these different screens,” Michael declared. “I don’t remember where that happened. It was as if I was lying down . . . and I could see myself being given information and being spoken to on all these different screens. All these ‘me’s’ and all these conversations all at once. I don’t remember the conversations . . . I remember being a detached observer and seeing a whole wall of screens. . . . And things happening.”

Michael asserted that the same interpreter on board the UFO appeared with him on all the screens. The two of them, he said, were shown in what he thought were different alien situations. He was unable to recall the specifics of these images.

During the first hypnosis, Michael had alluded to a “training” session:

“I was going for training . . . What I was going to learn might take lifetimes to divulge. “ And on a later occasion, in consciously reviewing his memory of this event, he said he felt as if he had experienced a whole lifetime with them.

As the post hypnosis discussion continued, Dave and I focused upon Michael’s alien guide and his mode of conversation.

The witness explained: “Seems like we were in kind of mind communication. He would say things to me that had just occurred to me that weren’t even questions. He was answering my thoughts . . . Seemed like there was an affinity and I started liking this being more and more for some reason. And then I asked him what would happen to me when I got back. He said that I would be all right. I wouldn’t go crazy.”

Our discussion eventually came back to Michael’s return to the dock. Now he surprised us by claiming that he had retained a conscious memory of a final message of hope and reassurance from his captors.

“I remember at the end,” he reported, “when I was back on the dock, them [his guide] telling me things like, ‘Well, Janet won’t remember this’ and ‘Don’t be frightened about what’s happened to you’ and ‘Don’t worry’ and ‘We love you’ and ‘We care about you’ and ‘Do what you were going to do’ and kind of letting me know everything is all right and that they did care and that nothing bad happened and that

there will be things I won’t know. And I can hear them saying this stuff in my head as they were flashing the light on all these kids that were coming out of the cars and flashing the light on all the cabins.

“And then I heard sort of a feminine voice towards the end, too, talking to me and saying that she [Janet] was all right. And then they had raised up, and I heard them in my head say, ‘Goodbye, Michael,’ and they were gone.”

When Michael said *What I was going to learn might take lifetimes to divulge* he did not mean that it would take lifetimes for him to divulge, but that the things he would divulge would have repercussions into future lifetimes of many generations of mankind.

Michael was told he would “show people.”

UBL100: And he says . . . *[The entranced subject’s voice deepens and becomes authoritative as he assumes the role of the entity.]* “It’s quite amazing, you know, that you’re still here, asking questions. Something in you won’t quit, which is good for us, because we find out more, but it’ll be hard for you. There’ll be times, you know, when you’ll remember us and think that we’re evil, that this should never have happened to you. Unfair, you’ll say. So much happened in so short a time . . . But try to love, and you will . . .”

[Resuming his own voice level] When he talks, I hear him outside now *[that is, audibly]* . . . I feel this fantastic closeness . . . He told me that . . . it would be hard for me because I remember some and I’m still awake . . .

In the episodes illustrated above we see how the communications may lack precise expression. The Visitor may not have formulated the words exactly to catch the nuance of concept. One illustration was “many lifetimes to divulge.”

I showed this in a preceding chapter when Michael thought our Visitors were here to obtain “some kind of energy.” This was a misinterpretation of “thought transformation” by Michael. This misinterpretation is more vividly demonstrated by the opening episode with Betty Andreasson.

Betty was standing in her kitchen with the Visitors who had *walked through* the outside door. This miracle caused Betty to resort to her Christian beliefs that the Visitors were angels. (As, indeed, they were.) The leader was communicating with her through telepathy, “a transformation of thought,” as Betty put it. He stretched out his hand, and she asked him:

AA26: “Do you want something to eat?”

They nodded.

“And so I went and got some food from the refrigerator and a pan from the stove, and I started to cook some meat.”

The entities stared at her impassively for a moment, when she received another mental impression.

“And I turned, because they said something to me. And they said, ‘We cannot eat food unless it is burned.’ And so I started to burn the meat — and they stepped back, astonished over the smoke that was coming up.”

The beings then corrected Betty as clearer images formed in her mind.

“And they said, ‘But that’s not our kind of food. Our food is tried by fire, knowledge tried by fire. Do you have food like that’.”

Betty acknowledged that she did.

Betty went on to describe her deep mind training.

AA120: “It seemed as if he were going deeper inside of me — my mind.

“He says he’s going to give me formulas. And he says until man finds those and understands those, he will not give any others.

“He says my race won’t believe me until much time has passed — our time . . . They love the human race. They have come to help the human race. And, unless man will accept, he will not be saved, he will not live . . . All things have been planned. Love is the greatest of all. They do not want to hurt anybody — but because of great love, they said, because of great love, they cannot let man continue in the footsteps that he is going . . . It is better to lose some than to lose all . . . They have technology that man could use . . . It is through the spirit, but man will not search out that portion.

“Man must understand many of the natural things on earth . . . If man will just study nature itself, he will find many of the answers that he seeks . . . Within fire are many answers, within ashes — within the highest of the high and the lowest of the low are many answers . . . Man will find them through the spirit. Man is not made of just flesh and blood . . . It would be easy to hand them to us, but that would show that we are not worthy to receive those. The knowledge is sought out through the spirit, and those that are worthy are given . . . Those that are pure of heart, that seek with earnestness will be given . . . Energy is ‘round about man that he does not know. It is the simplest form of energy. It is within the atmosphere — this atmosphere . . . It has all been provided for him . . . Many riddles will be given . . . Those that are wise will understand . . . Those that seek will find . . . They must remain hidden in this way because of the corruption — the corruption that is upon the earth . . . If they are revealed outright, man would use it. *[Sigh]* He is telling me of different things, of what is going to take place, what is

going to happen — they are going to come to the earth . . . Man is going to fear because of it . . . Many are going to be astonished . . . Yet many are not going to be afraid because they have overcome fear.”

Betty continued to interpret and repeat the mental impressions that the staring entity was transmitting to her mind. (We wondered about its literal accuracy in light of the earlier misinterpreted “burned meat” incident.)

“He says that he has had others here . . . Many others have locked within their minds, secrets . . . He is locking within my mind certain secrets *[sigh]* . . . They will be revealed when the time is right. . . . Again he is putting his hand up on my shoulders. And he is saying, “Go, child, now, and rest.”

I shall now discuss the elements of these statements by Betty.

He says he’s going to give me formulas.

Those formulas are not scientific secrets, nor secular recipes for material power, nor economic techniques for wealth and fortune. They are formulas of destiny, the methods by which God accomplishes his purpose in the face of man’s defiance against him.

He says my race won’t believe me until much time has passed — our time . . .

The “much time” expressed here is not centuries, but a few decades while God’s agents mature to his destiny program. The recruiting of human beings, and the emerging in their minds to his service requires time — much time. Then, under the most severe extremes of social stress, many will turn their hearts to God. They will come looking for answers. That is the time for which the members of the Cosmic Reserve Corps have been prepared.

They love the human race. They have come to help the human race. And, unless man will accept, he will not be saved, he will not live . . .

This is a critical and primary principle of the coming decisions. Unless men are willing to turn back to God, to the source of all creation, and to come to a devout relationship with him, and to his purpose, the human race will be doomed.

All things have been planned. Love is the greatest of all. They do not want to hurt anybody — but because of great love, they said, because of great love, they cannot let man continue in the footsteps that he is going . . . It is better to lose some than to lose all . . .

If God is to bring the maximum good to all mankind he cannot let things continue as they now are. He must cleanse the planet. As Michael was told, our Visitors are here to “clean up.”

The terrible losses among mankind will reduce the human race. It is better to lose some than to lose all. One of the tasks of our Visitors is to bring this to our conscious minds, and the decisions we must make, as God's children, if we are to help salvage the world.

It is through the spirit, but man will not search out that portion.

A vast majority of men and women today do not know what it means to have a living relationship with God. Without that connection through the spirit man will be lost, to the salvage of this planet, and to eternity.

Many riddles will be given . . . Those that are wise will understand Those that seek will find.

This book is designed to unfold the riddles, to bring to others the secrets locked into the minds of those who were called to this task.

They must remain hidden in this way because of the corruption — the corruption that is upon the earth. If they are revealed outright, man would use it.

The deep corruptions within the heart of man would pervert God's purpose if that purpose had been made known prematurely. Selfishness, self-centered concerns, greed, and power ambitions would have completely destroyed the program of planetary salvation.

They are going to come to the earth . . . Man is going to fear because of it . . . Many are going to be astonished . . . Yet many are not going to be afraid because they have overcome fear.

This remark goes back to revelation Jesus gave us two thousands years ago.

Matt 24:30-31 -- Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

God's true people will not fear, but those who do not know God will cry in dread.

He says that he has had others here . . . Many others have locked within their minds, secrets . . . He is locking within my mind certain secrets [sigh] . . . They will be revealed when the time is right. . .

We now know something of the “many others.” Now the time is mature; now the time is ripe.

In the following quotes David Webb is the brother of Walter Webb, but the two investigations of the Bluff Ledge encounter and Betty Andreasson's experience were unrelated to one another.

The absurdity of the mindless curiosity of men is well illustrated by the questions asked Betty.

DAVID WEBB Are these stars nearby to the sun and the earth?
BETTY Yes, and they are beyond.

DAVID WEBB What do you mean by “beyond”?
BETTY Beyond ours there are others, but they are in a different plane. They're in a heavier space.

DAVID WEBB What do you mean by “a heavier space”?
BETTY They're in a heavier space than we are.

JOSEPH SANTANGELO Why are they restricted to some stars and not others?
BETTY Why are we restricted to earth and able to go only to certain stars, and not others?

JOSEPH SANTANGELO Is that the answer or is that another question?
BETTY That is the answer and the question.

JOSEPH SANTANGELO Betty, do they have enemies as we have enemies?
BETTY There is one planet that is an enemy, and also many men are enemies, only because they do not understand.

That one planet, of course, is us. It is an enemy because of the presence of our fallen Prince, Caligastia, the Devil.

The frustration of godless minds is again illustrated by the continuing questions presented to Betty.

FRED YOUNGREN Can they see the future?
BETTY Definitely.

FRED YOUNGREN Can they tell whether we are going to come up with an answer?

BETTY The answer is here already.

JOSEPH SANTANGELO When will we recognize it in our time?

BETTY When YOU give your heart over.

JOSEPH SANTANGELO Does that mean that each individual being will recognize it at a different period?

BETTY When the heart is given over, each one will see it.

JULES VAILLANCOURT When the heart is given over to what?

BETTY To love and truth.

JOSEPH VAILLANCOURT Does that mean that some people have already seen this since many, many years gone by, and some will never see it?

BETTY Yes, and it is sad, because it was there for all mankind.

FRED YOUNGREN Betty, what is your personal function in revealing this?

BETTY They said that they have chosen me to reveal it because of the initiation, because of going through what I have gone through, because it was planned.

JULES VAILLANCOURT Why were you chosen?

BETTY Because I did not object.

DAVID WEBB Betty, have other people like yourself been involved in being taken on board their craft and examined?

BETTY Yes, but they quiet them. They tell them to be still. It's hidden within them. As time goes by, mysteries are going to be unlocked. These people are very afraid.

DAVID WEBB Did they tell you how many such cases there have been of people being taken on board?

BETTY Many, many, many, many, many. Many, many cases. Many, but only a few have come to the fullness.

By "fullness" Betty meant induction into the Cosmic Reserve Corps. While many people have been abducted for examination, only a "few have come to the fullness."

DAVID WEBB Have some of these people been taken back to the planets of the beings? Have some earth people been taken back?

BETTY Yes, and they're going to return, and people are going to be afraid because of it.

DAVID WEBB Were you taken to their home planet?

BETTY [*Long pause and weak voice*] I was taken to the high place, higher than their home planet.

DAVID WEBB You mean a more important planet?

BETTY It is not a planet, it is a *place*.

By "place" and "high place" Betty meant the headquarters of this universe, the residence of our Creator — Salvington.

JOSEPH SANTANGELO Can he tell us something that we would understand?

BETTY Know yourselves. Please, please, please know yourselves.

FRED YOUNGREN I have a question for Andantio. I want to know if he is familiar with the formulas that were given to you.

BETTY Those formulas are very simple . . . They are the building blocks to a higher way.

JULES VAILLANCOURT What are the walls and barriers that we have to overcome in order to communicate with him?

BETTY Again, [*softly*] know yourself. You think that you know yourselves, but you do not know yourselves. You do not know what you are made up of. You do not know the powers that you possess. You do not know the extensions of love.

FRED YOUNGREN I don't understand what Andantio would have us do in order to better communicate with him. I think he will have to come here if we are going to have better communication. I'd like to understand more about how to bring that about.

BETTY He is here, and that is not his way. You would be in awe; he is just a servant and a messenger.

RAYMOND FOWLER Can he show us some proof that he is really here.

BETTY The world seeks proof. They cannot see with the spiritual eye. Only those that are worthy will see.

RAYMOND FOWLER But man's mind has been so created that in every other area of life, he has to accept or reject what he feels is reality on the basis of some type of proof. Can he understand the limitations and show us some kind of proof?

BETTY He understands the limitations. The proof came long ago and still is—he could do all sorts of tricks, but it would not be his way.

JOSEPH SANTANGELO We're not looking for tricks. We don't want tricks. We're looking for information.

BETTY He knows that you are looking for information.

DAVID WEBB Do you feel that they are messengers of the Lord?

BETTY I believe it now, yes. If I did not believe that they were messengers of the Lord, then I would not give my will over to be used.

Here Betty make a most profound remark. She would not have engaged in any of this exercise if she did not believe it came from her Lord and Saviour, our God.

FRED YOUNGREN Andantio, is there a more favorable time or place to communicate with you?

BETTY (Assuming the personality of the celestial agent): I can communicate with you when you are sitting at work, when you are driving in your car.

FRED YOUNGREN What is the most favorable time and place?

BETTY Time with us is not your time. The place with you is localized. It is not with us. Cannot you see it?

FRED YOUNGREN I still would like to have you come directly to communicate with us telepathically now. Won't you please do that?

BETTY Would the vessel tell the maker what it prefers to have in it?

This cat-and-mouse game continued until it was quite apparent that no further information could be obtained from the quizzical Andantio. It was obvious, too, that he was deliberately blocking our efforts to secure further information from Betty pertaining to the blue book.

The question remained as to whether we had actually communicated with an alien, or with Betty's subconscious mind. But in any event, Betty and her family were in the process of moving to Florida, and reluctantly we decided to call the sessions to a halt.

Well, Raymond Fowler may have been frustrated by the cat-and-mouse game, but who was he to make demands on God?

From this evidence we see how men and woman were recruited into service to their brothers and sisters on this planet. But their knowledge and training must remain buried until God calls.