

CHAPTER EIGHT

Spirit Entry

P.610 - Caligastia, your apostate Planetary Prince, is still free on Urantia to prosecute his nefarious designs, but he has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men, neither can he draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt them unless they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

I know a man who did not like the heavy portent of this statement. It truly disturbed him that spirits might enter the human mind. He solved his perplexity by interpreting the text differently. He stated that there was no comma after the phrase “corrupt them.” Thus the last phrases were isolated from the former. He separated the thoughts. He then had two absolute statements:

- a) the Devil has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men and,
- b) he cannot draw near our souls to tempt and corrupt unless we really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

Thus he reverted to the traditional and time-honored view of the actions of this apostate Prince. The Devil was now relatively harmless.

I had developed a close personal relationship with this man, or thought I had. But my insistence on the literal significance of the statement caused him to deny that relationship. He drew cool and distant. Often since, I have wanted to ask if he ever heard of jots and tittles. He followed that old worn path of refusing truth by the smallest graphical notation, a habit practiced from long before Jesus.

Another man asked if I could draw out biblical parallels for this statement. I replied that I could not do it with any one passage, but that several biblical passages showed the same revelation, as in John 14:30. Historically, we do not have a similar revelation stated so clearly and succinctly.

Our ability to recognize truth is not dependent on the source of the revelation. It matters not how we may hang clauses and phrases, dependent or independent, associated or unassociated. What we recognize as truth depends on that Spirit which dwells within us, the Spirit of the Father, and on our response to his Spirit. And it depends on the Spirit of Truth working with us. Throughout our lives we may have learned to listen or we may have learned to reject. Or we may have learned to twist recognition into intellectually convenient forms.

The difficulty for that first man was his dilemma between the recognition of truth and his fleshly fears. He was an intelligent man. He understood fully what the statement meant. He felt within himself the significance of the revelation. But he could not deal with the possibility that a spirit personality — a real, living being

— might be able to enter our minds to tempt and corrupt. It scared him. He knew if such entry were taking place on a wide scale we were destined for true tribulation. He was intelligent but he lacked courage. It was easier to reject the truth.

I know many other individuals who deny the revelation by skirting around literal views of its meaning. They say that human beings would never desire to be cursed with the wicked presence of the Devil.

Of course not. Who would want to be cursed with the Devil?

The difficulty with the channelers (spiritists) is that they do not ask to be cursed with the wicked presence of Caligastia. They ask Spirits to come and visit with them — in their minds.

They sit in their living room chairs, close their eyes, and say, “Spirit, come visit me.”

It is as simple as that.

Unfortunately, they cannot specify which Spirit will come. They have no method or power to define which Spirit will visit. When they let go of their minds they voluntarily give over control of their wills to whichever Spirit may come. But there is only one iniquitous Spirit — Caligastia — pretending to all manner of “spirits.”

I know individuals who are disappointed that they cannot get a Spirit to come visit with them. They would love to have a personal Teacher. I discovered that all those who wish for a private Spirit but cannot receive one are strong minded. They have goals they aggressively pursue. They are not people who would give over their will to someone else’s manipulation. They cannot receive a Teacher because they will not submit their will to his will.

Furthermore, those who seek the Spirits believe many spirits are available for communication. They do not believe only one Spirit is active today. They cannot conceive that he can come into as many minds as he wants. They do not believe one rebel could impersonate thousands of spirits. In their gullibility they accept whatever the Spirit says to them.

P.753 - The doctrine of a personal devil on Urantia, though it had some foundation in the planetary presence of the traitorous and iniquitous Caligastia, was nevertheless wholly fictitious in its teachings that such a “devil” could influence the normal human mind against its free and natural choosing. Even before Michael’s bestowal on Urantia, neither Caligastia nor Daligastia was ever able to oppress mortals or to coerce any normal individual into doing anything against the human will. The free will of man is supreme in moral affairs; even the indwelling Thought Adjuster refuses to compel man to think a single thought or to perform a single act against the choosing of man’s own will.

Thus it is plainly stated. Human will has supreme control. The Devil cannot influence the normal mind against its free and natural choosing. But if that mind says “please come” it then subjects itself to that evil Spirit.

P.610 - Before the bestowal of Michael these rulers of darkness sought to maintain their authority on Urantia, and they persistently withstood the minor and subordinate celestial personalities. But since the day of Pentecost this traitorous Caligastia and his equally contemptible associate, Daligastia, are servile before the divine majesty of the Paradise Thought Adjusters and the protective Spirit of Truth, the spirit of Michael, which has been poured out upon all flesh.

Time and again we are reassured about our spiritual and mind integrity. That Devil cannot enter our minds unless we really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

This does not mean that there is an automatic protection against him. The Spirit of Truth does not prevent us from making free-will decision, contrary to God's will — if that is our choice. Nor does the Spirit of the Father prevent us from jumping into the arms of iniquity.

P.610 - But even so, no fallen spirit ever did have the power to invade the minds or to harass the souls of the children of God. Neither Satan nor Caligastia could ever touch or approach the faith sons of God; faith is an effective armor against sin and iniquity. It is true: "He who is born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one touches him not."

Clearly the Devil is all around us. But if we are true children of God he cannot touch us. Those who are born of God do not go seeking the Spirits as a marvelous new vehicle for revelation or for "spiritual renewal."

P.610 - In general, when weak and dissolute mortals are supposed to be under the influence of devils and demons, they are merely being dominated by their own inherent and debased tendencies, being led away by their own natural propensities. The devil has been given a great deal of credit for evil which does not belong to him. Caligastia has been comparatively impotent since the cross of Christ.

This passage also has been taken by the spiritists as an excuse to show that the Devil has no power of any kind. They cannot see the word "comparatively" which conditions the statement.

SANCTITY OF THE HUMAN MIND

Angels do not invade the sanctity of the human mind; they do not manipulate the will of mortals; neither do they directly contact with the indwelling Spirit of the Father. The guardian of destiny influences you in every possible manner consistent with the dignity of your personality; under no circumstances do these angels interfere with the free action of the human will. Neither angels nor any other order of universe personality have power or authority to curtail or abridge the prerogatives of human choosing. *The Urantia Papers*, Page 756.

The human mind has sanctity to all orders of loyal celestial personalities. It is respected. Only disloyal spirit beings would invade the sanctity of human mind. And only disloyal spirit beings would enter human mind at invitation. Angels would not engage in such sordid performances.

However, angels influence us *in every possible manner consistent with the dignity of our personality*. They are subject to the free action of human will. Nevertheless,

"The urge to pray so often experienced by God-conscious mortals very often arises as a result of seraphic influence."

Another crucial question now looms before us. If angels would invade our minds, or enter with our invitation, would there be a conflict between the personality-will of the mortal and the personality-will of the angel? The same question applies to any other celestial personality who might come into human mind. When the fallen Prince enters does his personality-will interfere with the personality-will of the human mortal?

The personality-will of the human mortal gives sanctity to the human mind, and dignity to the human mortal. God gave us personality as distinct beings in his vast creation, and he gave us will. That is what we are. That is the way God made us. That is what he wants us to be. Our personality molds our will. Thus we determine for ourselves our future eternal potentials. That is the dignity the Father gave us as a free gift. Therefore, neither the Father, nor our Creator, nor any other loyal celestial being would violate that gift.

The technical question is this: Can spirit entities enter human mind without interfering with the personality-will of the human mortal? In order to enter human mind they must, in some manner, exercise power which makes their presence known. If they would come in and not act it would not be entry into human mind. They do not merely come in to passively page through the book of mind. The Devil wants to go beyond that; he wants to control our minds. He wants to manipulate. He wants to use human mind for his evil purposes.

The many spirit communications going on about our world today depend upon channeling through human mind. The Devil can offer those communications only by manipulating the neural currents of the human mortal. Thus he takes over the tongue and the expression of that person. The content of the human mind becomes subject to his control. When he produces changes within the human mind he violates their created dignity. He imposes his personality-will over theirs.

Scott Foerster, one of those individuals I personally know, postulated that the phenomena he experienced in his mind were projections from the Spirit who was his personal guide, and not direct entry into his mind. He recognized that if the Spirit were manipulating his mental currents he had submitted himself to the personality-will of that Spirit. He fully understood that condition and did not want to admit that he might have submitted himself to it.

But this explanation is not adequate to avoid the fact that the human mind is being manipulated from the spirit realms. Whether we view it as a projection of the spirit, or as an actual spirit presence, the effect is the same. Furthermore, for the Spirit, it may be merely a projection of his mind into the human mind.

But he can do so only if human beings stand aside, if they make their personality-will subservient to his. Note the remarks by Mark Farley that he had to resign his will in order to let the spirit produce effects through him — to let the spirit through.

I personally know many persons who subjected themselves to this spirit entry. At the time of this writing they would deny that the Devil has assumed control in their minds, just as Scott Foerster devised an explanation to remove the sting of the reality. They believe they have full control. They would vigorously deny it is the Devil. The phenomena they experience in their minds is viewed as strictly benevolent. They believe the phenomena come from benign spirit beings who have only their interests at heart. The Devil has conditioned them to believe they are the pioneers of a new world era, and that they serve important roles in the accomplishment of that new world.

The week of January 23, 2000 I engaged in an Internet discussion with several individuals concerning these "spirit" transactions. Saskia Raevouri was highly active in the Urantia community. She thought the Spirit communications were the greatest thing since Revelation. She repeatedly attempted to contact a Spirit, deeply longing for a personal Spirit Guide. But she was unable to do so.

I stated that Saskia could not contact the Spirits because she had such a strong personal will. She was unwilling to let go of her will. I raised the issue that spiritists showed weak wills. They were willing to give over their wills to the Spirit.

Consider the statements of Jim Cleveland, who responded to an Internet post from Nancy Bigelow:

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From Nancy:

I feel like Alice in you-know-where. This is more and more curious. In my mind, you two don't appear to be contradicting one another. Ernest is saying (essentially) that a SELF-directed human "cannot" channel because his or her "person" will not permit the mind to do this. We each and all are essentially a small, personal piece of Father "self" itself! The UB (Urantia Book) quote he provides also says essentially the same thing. Spirits cannot & therefore do NOT "dominate" a normal human mind UNLESS the "self" allows access. Our mortal selfhood is a "relative individuation" (UB p.1232) of the Father himSELF. A WHOLLY Father-directed mind MUST - by default - never, ever, deviate from the \*foreordained\* cycle of personality \*unification\*. The supreme ideal within this concept, is that a mortal man or woman transfer "the seat of identity" [of the mortal personality bestowal] "from the passing material-intellect system to the higher morontia-soul system;" (1233). In other words, the mortal is asked to conduct ALL spiritualization (i.e., soul-growth), wholly on a "superconscious" level of mind. What you (Jim) are saying is that it is indeed possible to mediate the soul-growth process within the confines of the material intellect system if one chooses to do this. Many consider that this is self-assertive manipulation which can potentially be detrimental to \*actual\* soul growth, and it is not really the preferred Father-pattern for our soul growth if we are to believe the Revelators. The Revelators indicate that we are to be "faith" sons of God at this point in the ascension process.  
Nancy B.

(This was Jim's reply. I show my Internet interspersed comments, which were my response to Jim's reply.)

Hi Nancy, good to hear your views and I really guess I owe you a reply but .... I have no understanding of any of these processes that you discuss, not being a real scholar of the UPs. (Urantia Papers). After reading hundreds of pages of TeaM (Teaching Mission) transcripts, I just wanted to make a celestial connection of my own. I saw other people transmitting way beyond their knowledge with lessons that formed a pure, whole and loving cosmology. I finally quit trying to do it, released to faith and it came easy.

Note that Jim says he "released to faith." This "release" is the element I emphasized in "letting go." One must let go of one's personal will for the Spirits to come in. This Saskia and other strong minds cannot do.

It will for you. I just go into the Stillness with deep breathing exercises for relaxation and a mental focus on my desire for Truth, Beauty and Goodness.

The Stillness is where the spiritists abandon their will. They become quiescent to the personality of the Spirit who then communes with them. (All channeling involves communication with another invisible personality.)

I devote some minutes to worship, appreciations; to prayer for someone in particular; to forgiveness in case I am holding some alienation or anger, and then to the exercise of seeing Christ in every face that we see, and in effecting that face of service in all that we do minute by minute through the day.

The “Christ” is the one who now parades as Jesus, although you will find that he rarely uses the name Jesus. He detests that name. But because of Christian corruption of the Messiah image, and use of the TITLE “Christ” as a name for Jesus, Caligastia now uses that NAME as an impersonation device. Jim borrows this from *A Course In Miracles*, although the same use shows up in many other channeled sources.

Our sincere desires for grace and service can bring a closeness and embrace with the Universal Father that cannot be described. Once the bond is made you will get a continuing flow of insights, inspirations and understandings in the areas where you have the questions. Teachers are everywhere, anxious to come online for friendly conversation and the sharing of their vast knowledge.

You will note the “closeness and embrace” cannot adequately be described by the channelers. They are giving us truthful testimony. When once Caligastia takes possession of their minds, when “once the bond is made,” he can manipulate any feeling, emotion, or religious impulse he desires.

There is another literal truth in what Jim says. This Spirit has vast knowledge, accumulated over millions of years. And he is literally everywhere, acutely anxious to be friendly, and to share with human mortals.

While in this relaxed alpha state, type or write the words that come to your mind gently without analysis and let them flow. Or speak them into a recorder. Read back later, and again and again, for greater clarity.

You should again note that Jim is advising to let these “other” thoughts “gently flow without analysis.” In other words, do not interfere in the process of communication as the Spirit goes about his business in your mind.

How this all happens and how we do it would fill a book that no one can write yet. Spiritual energy circuitry is a book-length, maybe encyclopedic length study of which I am in the primer.

I don’t believe any of us are competent to adequately describe the process going on the minds of the channelers. These are cosmic transactions beyond human understanding. But we can put some boundaries on it, as I have attempted to do.

I have just been blessed to be a vessel, conduit, secretary . . . albeit not the best one around. It is true that those who can maintain a more placid and peaceful lifestyle are more attuned to be fluid and deeply insightful transmitters.

Again, you can see how Jim is describing the difference among human beings. Some can come into “tune” with the Spirit better than others. Jane Roberts (Seth) was one of the best. Saskia, bless her heart, can’t come in tune at all.

But everything about this process is speculation, it seems, until some scholar pulls the facts from the Urantia cosmology and relates them logically to the transmissions that are really and truly happening across the world.

Well, I have been trying, but the contempt for analysis of the actual source of this phenomena is beyond the fear barrier of virtually all Urantians, and all Christians.

The bottom line truth is: We have been blessed in recent years with enhanced energy circuits. With Faith, we can use them. With fear, we can just keep reading fearful books. Each one of us can transmit higher spiritual insights than we know at the time. Why not do it? Thanks anyway for your ideas. Those are a few of mine.

jim

I am now in the throws of preparing a book for publication in which I discuss these matters. As I show, we were told that Caligastia would be given a release. This is his time. Jim refers to those “enhanced energy circuits” “in recent years.” I also believe that quite literally.

Ernest

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In the present form of the phenomenon the fallen Prince is exceedingly subtle. He does not forcibly push his way around; he is much too careful for that. If he did he would lose the voluntary contribution of the human subject; he would then enter upon the level of spirit possession. Many of the individuals who have invited him in today are highly intelligent, well educated, middle class professionals. They are much too smart to be forced into actions. If he tried to force them they would reject him. Therefore, he deceives them. He gives them attractive reasons why they should continue to accept his presence within their minds. He shows them great beauty; he gives them deep feelings of love. Only after he has well established himself, and knows their minds thoroughly, does he assert such control that they become totally subservient to his master commands. He then will truly take possession of them. He will engage such power when his hour comes.

For the moment, at the writing of this paper, he is preparing his cadre.

But we should keep ever hold on a great truth. No true child of God was ever subject to fallen spirits. There is no danger even today of such invasion of human mind for those who are truly dedicated to God, and born of the Father. Only those who are not born of the Father stand in such danger.

This was the heart of the dire warning given by Jesus, John 16:2. Indeed, the hour would come when those who did not know him or the Father would offer a service to God by killing his people — a service to their “God.”

In order to permit the reader to obtain a better understanding of the operations of this evil spirit I shall offer detailed examples gathered from spiritualist performances. I shall then go on to an examination of the more recent techniques he employs to accomplish his truly diabolical, and devastating scheme.