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"... evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone." The Urantia Book: Paper 50 Section 7: P579 - 81



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A Message From The New President Of The Fellowship

The other day, the chair of the UBLA Publications committee emailed me and said she wanted me to write an article about being elected President of the Urantia Book Fellowship. "This is your opportunity to tell people anything you want," she told me. "About service, about leadership, about ... whatever."

So for the last couple of weeks, I've been turning things over in my mind, trying to pin down just how I feel about service, leadership and whatever. I'm a lazy thinker when I can get away with it, and my spirituality is personal -- what I am speaks more than what I say. I understand leadership in the material world, but what does spiritual leadership mean?

So I turned to the Urantia Book and found echoes of my confusion in Paper 99, Section 5: "Primitive man made little effort to put his religious convictions into words. His religion was danced out rather than thought out."



In my experience, Urantia Book readers are an independent sort. Many of them have had negative experiences with other religious groups and their leaders, and they are suspicious of authority or control in general. They know that religion is a personal relationship with God, being the child of a loving Father. So what can a spiritual leader do?

The answer lies in the corollary of knowing God as a Father: knowing all men and women as brothers and sisters. Paper 102, Section 5 tells us that humanity's gregariousness ensures that like-minded religionists will always form groups, but what happens to them

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