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The answer to that question goes back to 1973 when I had an encounter with divinity. It provided a spiritual compass for the rest of my life. I was removed from this physical world and given an audience with a radiant being. His 'body' was golden light and filled the space that is my current universe. The palpable substance of his form was Love inhabited by a discrete personality. During the timeless moment of that experience I had been stripped of my physical form. What remained were those components that were fundamental to my existence.

My being was comprised four associated elements that were not yet integrated. That means although they were linked a permanent fusion had yet to occur. The first and seemingly most important aspect was personality. That was an invisible self-aware point of consciousness. 'I' was absolutely aware of and certain of my existence.

My sight had the capacity to see the fundamental energies of existence. And so with this 'eye of the spirit' I was able to see that 'I' was attached to a space that was shaped essentially as a human form. That was the second element of my being. From that experience I speculate that each personality has a 'signature space'. They are the most basic elemental physical component associated with each personality.

I could recognize the shape of my space because it was outlined by a thin field of the same golden light that was so massively present in the Divine Being before me. In time I've come to believe that was my soul, a meager accretion of spiritual values that I had realized (made real by my actions and choices) during my life. That was the third element of my existence.

The fourth associate was a pinpoint of pure white light that resided in the general location of what would be my physical heart. I believe that is a primordial fragment God we each have within us to be our guides. Furthermore I believe that the union of a personality with the indwelling Creator fragment confers eternal life and those four associated elements fuse into a single whole. The fundamental nature our free will endowment is to choose the eternal adventure... or not.

The return to my physical form left me in a state of bliss beyond imagining that took weeks to diminish. I had no references to make sense out of the event save I was aware that I had experienced a brush with Divinity. A few days later I was introduced to the Urantia Book. The universe described within those pages built an internal map within which I was able to get my bearings. This Earth is my origin. Paradise is my goal. I was given an audience with Michael. Love is the energy in which spirit has form. A spark of The Creator resides in my heart to be my guide. These became my certainties.

I came to believe that all of creation emanates from a self-existent being of infinite perfection and infinite potential, God. The Grand Universe was created to explore those possibilities through the experiences of Self-Distributed personalities. Each personality is a unique point of self-awareness endowed with self-determination, creative consciousness, free will and a capacity for cosmic insight. A harmonic series

of relatively physical realms were created concurrently with the emergence of separate persons to be the theaters of their existences. Paradise is perfect. Material worlds are evolutionary. There are numerous realms of relative perfection between them.

The original I AM whose nature is Love distributed a wide variety of personalities from two equal partners right on down a scale of relative divinity from actual to potential. We humans emerge at the end of the potential scale. Through our evolution we actualize our potentials into values of spiritual reality. Those have eternal persistence. The path to realize our Divine potentials will take us on a long adventure of spiritual discovery and growth. Effectively we enter a long training program, beginning here in our Earthly pre-school.

All the aspects of this Creation are organized and administered by persons. Among these is an order of divinely created beings named Michaels, Creator-Sons. They plan and create the development of evolutionary sectors called Local Universes. A completed Local Universe contains about ten million inhabited planets. These are the universe's 'nursery' planets for the emergence of new personalities. From there we begin a journey from the outer most material realms of current universal inhabitation inward and upward toward Paradise, the residence of Divinity.

The Michaels are both Divine and evolutionary in nature, as they must be to create part of the evolutionary universe. The nature of their experience requires that they incarnate a number of times and live a life in each of the general categories of beings who inhabit their universes. This allows them to gain a thorough empathetic understanding of their own creatures as well as establishing living paths of optimal spiritual development for all their offspring.

A great wonder of our little planet is that it was the stage upon which our Michael lived his last incarnation as Jesus of Nazareth. After the successful completion of his human life, he was granted full sovereign authority over his creation. There will never again be a rebellion in our Michael's universe. He now has the authority to deal summarily with any such event. Yay!