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Question: Do individual souls 'graduate' from Urantia and progress to other planes/planets, or does everyone on Earth have to 'ascend' in order for anyone to move on?

This answer is the best I can give today. It has been in development for 50 years. Most of the 'theology' comes from the Urantia Book but there is at least 25% that has been added into my view from other sources. I've been fortunate to have several encounters with Divinity and Relatively Divine persons (relatively means somewhat closer to God than humans). Those have added substantively to my vision of the way the Universe works.

For me, to understand our ascension to another world meant understanding a bit more of what a human being actually is. We are bits of Personality at our core. I define personality as the knowing your Are. God is the total I AM. His offspring are given that same knowledge of self-awareness, I Am. Most all the beings in the Universe from greater to lesser are given this gift of personality. The purpose is to explore some of HerHisIts infinite potentials and realize them experientially. One of my quips that expresses a feel for this is, "Create: Save God from boredom."

So, we are bits of Personality brought into being by the co-creation of our parents union. Our lives here in the outermost realms of the currently inhabited greater Universe are the first in a long process of ascension/perfection. We start as animals of the material realms. If we so choose to evolve spiritually our prospects are positively wonderful. We will pass through all the currently inhabited levels of the Creation and arrive in Paradise, the home of those created perfect and goal of those who evolve into perfection.

That isn't the end. Once we have been able to exist in the light of God, we will be sent into the next universes of material creation now being organized. There we will help in the creation and evolution of inhabitants on new worlds in the next major expansion of the Grand Universe. We have an amazing journey before us should we choose to embrace it.

There are actually four elements that make up our existences. Personality is the first. The second is a pure white Spark of God that lives in the space that would be occupied by our hearts if our sight allowed us to see spiritual realities. They area our personal guides throughout our existence. Eventually we become so identified with one another that we merge. In becoming one the Spark gains personality and our personality gains eternal existence.

A third element is what I think of as a 'Signature Space'. That is a Space that is the pattern for our basic shape throughout all our journeys. For we human it is head, arms, hands, torso, legs and feet all bilaterally symmetric (well we only have one head). That idea comes from my experience and it the only idea in this little paper original to me.

The fourth element is the soul. The soul is a word that has a great many meanings to different people. To many it is the aspect of us that is deeply felt. I have a different take on it. To me the

soul is the accumulation of spiritual energy that we have realized through our choices and actions. As we grow in experience that field of spiritual energy becomes increasingly dense. Eventually when we make the shift into worlds built of spiritual energy our bodies will be made of that collection of energy that was previously soul. That means that all our experiences will be immediately appreciable by any other being we encounter in spirit.

Let's get started on our journey. We are in our first 'life' on Earth. This is a preschool. If we're lucky we are introduced to the wonderful journey to perfection available to us and make the choice to go for the eternal adventure. The first step on our journey is really our second birth. Most people call that death. There are three ways to get to our next worlds.

The first is Translation. Only a few people so far have achieved this on Earth. The merging of Personality and Spark of God on material worlds signals an immediate translation into the presence of the local Universe Creator (Michael who incarnated here as Jesus). I am given to understand that on normal worlds of Light and Life where Love really is the operative value there are translation 'temples' for those departing. Earth is a long way away from that.

The second is a normal death but the individual has made such great spiritual strides here on earth that they have a short 'sleep' and are resurrected on the Mansion Worlds (the name of the next realm of our evolution according to the UB) in about three days to continue their on ti the Mansion world that best suits their spiritual evolution's needs. For these folks the Spark of God which the UB calls a 'Thought Adjustor' preserves a transcript of the life experiences of their human charge while their Guardian Seraphim preserve their Souls to be recombined in the resurrection process where the Personality is given a new body and the Adjustor returns.

Here on the material planes our physical forms are a combination of chemical and electrical. In the Mansion Worlds they are electrical. Our new bodies will have new abilities. We will be able to see a much larger variety of universal inhabitants, Angles, Seraphim and so forth. Our minds will be working much faster. I've met some folks from a slightly higher realm than earth. Their minds allowed for telepathy and were so fast that I felt like an animal. I couldn't even grasp what was happening until it had passed and I could reflect upon the experience. There is one huge experience associated with our resurrection: survival. It is an unparalleled faith builder.

There is one final method of passage to the Mansion Worlds. In spiritually unevolved worlds most of the people never are introduced to a realistic enough view of the Universe to make a conscious choice to embrace the ascension scheme. Upon dying, those folks who have the potential to make that choice are placed in a group of 'Sleeping Survivors'. Periodically this group is resurrected in mass to keep progressing until they have sufficient opportunity to express the free will choice available to every being... spiritual evolution or dissolution (extinction). That is the heart of the free will option each of us has.

The aspect of the current universe in large part being a school for evolutionary creatures to work toward perfection is a wonderful vision. I choose ascension.