

THE LIFE OF JESUS IS AN EXAMPLE FOR HUMANITY

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The life of Jesus is an example for humanity, but first, an example for us because we study the UB and we know the details of his earthly life, his teachings and his behavior in different difficult situations occurred in their material life. With this knowledge we can refine and improve our lives. We must learn from our Heavenly Father how to progress materially, spiritually and intellectually as well as how to develop intelligence and learn wisdom. Analyzing all earthly life of Jesus, we can learn a lot.

According to the rules of the Universal Father, a Creator Son must live a life as a material being. In a world like ours, he is born in the natural way, like a baby, not knowing who he is and, as he grows, will he discover his true nature.

The Creator Son is a paradise being, son of the Universal Father, of a very high order of divinity. This Creator Son must live a life like us - the last in the scale of creation of beings. This task is not easy for the Creator Sons, yet living on a planet like ours, which deviated from the normal development process.

As we all know, our world is an experimental planet, here the Planetary Prince rebelled against the Creator Son and the Universal Father and here also failed the mission of Adam and Eve. It is a planet that is in quarantine, isolated from the spiritual energies, and where the normal evolution of humanity is late, unlike other planets where life was planted at the same time.

Still, Michael of Nebadon, seeking help and save humanity from its own destruction, chose our planet for his final bestowal.

When Jesus lived in Nazareth, he was still a child, his father Joseph took him first to Jerusalem. There Jesus began to be aware of the mission entrusted to him: "Be dedicated to his Father's business." Years later, when Jesus was a teenager his priority was to take care of the family of his earthly father who died.

Jesus often isolated at the top of a hill to pray. He had already found in the Book of Enoch suggested a passage adapted in the future the term "Son of Man" to describe his educational mission on Urantia. [1] Like many of his ideas alarmed his mother, seeming strange to her, Jesus learned not to express all your thoughts and increasingly misunderstood spoke less of affairs for any ordinary person. [2]

Jesus was trying to teach his younger brothers to speak with God spontaneously, as you're talking with a friend, but they failed to learn how. He then struggled to get to his level. Counting just fifteen years, Jesus made prayer for them many years later taught his apostles and is known as the Lord's Prayer. [3]

After his baptism, at 32 years old, Jesus chose to begin his public career. Before doing so, he was isolated for forty days on the Mountain Hermon and there took the big decisions that will shape the strategy of his revelation, the gospel of the kingdom of his Father.

During his public life, Jesus set out to carry out its program for the good not only of the Jewish people, but of all the people of Urantia and all its inhabited worlds of Nebadon Universe. [4]

The main theme of his thoughts on Mountain Hermon was the decision not to use the heavenly powers at his disposal, also not compromise with evil and fulfill all remaining issues in the will of his Father. The human soul of Jesus was torn between her strong desire to win the world and the purpose to follow step by step the will of his Father. [5]

Rejecting the easy way to fascinate people with "miracles" and with an overdose of revelation, Jesus chose the simple, natural, common methods to convince to change their religion by the new gospel. To confirm the truth of his Gospel, he used to recite passages of the sacred writings known to all. He used the same methods when teaching the apostles and their fellow students and extended and knowledge of the celestial kingdom of his father. [6]

“Jesus portrayed to all the worlds of his vast universe the folly of creating artificial situations for the purpose of exhibiting arbitrary authority or of indulging exceptional power for the purpose of enhancing moral values or accelerating spiritual progress”. [7]

In his personal life, Jesus kept obeying the civil laws, but always careful not to fall into the traps of his enemies. He never deviated from his mission of establishing a new way of salvation and tried to establish principles of man's moral and spiritual life. [8]

Jesus knew well the human psychology. He said: “You cannot teach the deep things of the spirit to those who have been born only of the flesh; first see that men are born of the spirit before you seek to instruct them in the advanced ways of the spirit. Do not undertake to show men the beauties of the temple until you have first taken them into the temple”. [9]

We now, in our time, we must learn from Jesus carry the teachings of The Urantia Book to people's hearts. How can we do it?

In teaching his apostles to preach the new gospel, Jesus exhorted: “If you, by truth co-ordination, learn to exemplify in your lives this beautiful wholeness of righteousness, your fellow men will then seek after you that they may gain what you have so acquired”. [10]

It is a message for us. The life of a person who studies and teaches UB must be transparent, straight and unselfish service to others. “The measure wherewith truth seekers are drawn to you represents the measure of your truth endowment, your righteousness”. [11]

In his teachings, Jesus preached tolerance, he said: “true maturity transcends patience by a forbearance born of real understanding”. [12]

We also have to learn to forgive our neighbors. Jesus told his apostles: “Your inability or unwillingness to forgive your fellows is the measure of your immaturity, your failure to attain adult level of sympathy, understanding, and love. You hold grudges and nurse vengeance in direct proportion to your ignorance of the inner nature and true longings of your children and your fellow beings”. [13]

Jesus taught his disciples to love all mankind. He said: “Love is the outworking of the divine and inner urge of life. It is founded on understanding, nurtured by unselfish service, and perfected in wisdom”. [14]

The human attempt to describe cosmic realities, heavenly science and divine beauty can never be satisfactory if the person is not ready for these teachings. Only when his soul has vital experience in the truth, goodness and sincere service man gets deeply understand the meanings of universal realities. [15]

When we teach the writings of The UB is very important to follow the example of the tactics and strategy of Jesus. With public must speak in understandable language and

use words and phrases that reach the hearts of the people, for the people, to listen, have the desire to improve their behavior and their lives.

When starting a conversation with a friend or a stranger about UB, the key is to find a topic that can open the dialogue. The most important factor is to answer the questions of the person, without exceeding their understanding with him ideas inaccessible. The task is to get a reaction from interest from the beginner. It is very important to resist since the beginning of the conversation the temptation to quote UB. The key words to teach beginners are patience, kindness, humility and love.

People change very slowly the paradigm. Not worth debating, but to develop the ability to lead the dialogue. When we first talked with someone about spirituality, the first thing we must understand is their intellectual, spiritual and cultural level. When we meet some guy, who really is receptive to the teachings of The Urantia Book, we can understand that this individual was born in spirit. Should from the beginning to hear the person and move slowly on the issues of the fifth revelation.

“Jesus’ usual technique of social contact was to draw people out and into talking with him by asking them questions. The interview would usually begin by him asking them questions and end by them asking him questions.” [16]

It is not enough to talk to people about the teachings of the fifth revelation. It should also help them improve their earthly life. Jesus taught people to be fair, brave and noble. A Roman soldier who walked beside him in Rome, he counseled: “Be brave in your heart as much as in your arm. Dare to do justice and be big enough to show mercy. Compel your lower nature to obey your higher nature as you obey your superiors. Revere goodness and exalt truth. Choose the beautiful in place of the ugly. Love your fellows and reach out for God with your whole heart, for God is your Father in heaven”. [17]

We may also lead people to acquire a superior habits, but it is necessary to find a special instruction for each person.

When we help people to get ahead, to improve their lives and when we teach the writings of The Urantia Book, try to remember the words of Jesus:

“And all those who know the way of truth and enjoy the assurance of knowing God should esteem it a privilege, not a duty, to offer guidance to their fellows in their efforts to

find the satisfactions of living... So do those who lead men to God experience the supreme satisfaction of human service". [18]

Jesus teaches us to be humble not only in everyday life but also when we teach others. Let's see how Jesus talked about his knowledge:

Jesus and Ganid spent much time at the Museum of Alexandria, which at this time was the intellectual center of the Western world. Learned professors dictated several conferences every day, translating to Ganid Jesus. One day, the boy exclaimed: "Teacher Joshua, you know more than these professors; you should stand up and tell them the great things you have told me; they are befogged by much thinking. Jesus smiled, saying: "You are an admiring pupil, but these teachers are not minded that you and I could instruct them. The pride of unspiritualized learning is a treacherous thing in human experience. The true teacher maintains his intellectual integrity by ever remaining a learner". [19] With this attitude, Jesus invites us to always be teachers and students at the same time.

We, the students of The Urantia Book know well that you can not give advice when they do not ask you for them. But let's see how Jesus behaved with a boy who lived with many fears:

While they were up in the mountains, Jesus had a long talk with a young man who was fearful and downcast. Failing to derive comfort and courage from association with his fellows, this youth had sought the solitude of the hills; he had grown up with a feeling of helplessness and inferiority. These natural tendencies had been augmented by numerous difficult circumstances which the lad had encountered as he grew up, notably, the loss of his father when he was twelve years of age. As they met, Jesus said: "Greetings, my friend! But the young boy didn't answer. So Jesus made a second approach to his soul, saying: "I understand you come up in these hills to get away from folks; so, of course, you do not want to talk with me, but I would like to know whether you are familiar with these hills; do you know the direction of the trails? And, perchance, could you inform me as to the best route to Phenix?" Now this youth was very familiar with these mountains, and he really became much interested in telling Jesus the way to Phenix, so much so that he marked out all the trails on the ground and fully explained every detail. Jesus suddenly turned to him, saying: "I well know you wish to be left alone with your disconsolation; but it would be neither kind nor fair for me to receive such generous help from you as to how best to find

my way to Phenix and then unthinkingly to go away from you without making the least effort to answer your appealing request for help and guidance regarding the best route to the goal of destiny which you seek in your heart while you tarry here on the mountainside. The youth was almost overcome, but he managed to stammer out, “But — I did not ask you for anything — ” And Jesus, laying a gentle hand on his shoulder, said: “No, son, not with words but with longing looks did you appeal to my heart. My boy, to one who loves his fellows there is an eloquent appeal for help in your countenance of discouragement and despair.. [20]

This attitude of Jesus we can conclude that we must understand the needs of people with whom we live and the people with whom we casually meet. It would be better to try to help those in need, they deserve it even without your direct request. To live so must love all mankind.

Jesus had different methods to teach people. He taught not only with words but with the way they live and act forcefully in some special cases. Illustrates an extreme situation, when Jesus revealed against evil.

And ending his life as a human being, Jesus organized his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He was riding donkey and followed him a great multitude of people who had come to town to celebrate the Easter holiday. Arriving at the temple, full of people of all conditions, Jesus tried to teach the gospel. The courtyards were full of animals and full of goods. These businesses were allowed because they had lots of money to officials of the temple. Jesus could not speak with much noise and, to the amazement of his apostles, that did not lift a finger, he got off the stage, opened the doors of the stables and freed the animals. Ordinary people turned over the tables of vendors and in less than five minutes all commerce had been swept from that holy place. During the day Jesus went on to teach, while the crowd sang hymns of gratitude for having expelled the sellers. From this fact we can conclude: sometimes you have to act against evil, not simply reject it in words. It is necessary to prevent the triumph of evil.

We know that selfishness does not allow the human spiritual progress. In our time there are selfish people who behave rudely and inadequate. Jesus, however, was completely free of all kinds of selfishness, was never to win an argument just for the selfish pleasure of triumph over the companion, demonstrating its perfect logic. One purpose encouraged

supremely Jesus: to proclaim the eternal truth and human reason out a fuller revelation of God. [21]

We have to perfect ourselves daily and fulfill the mandate of the Universal Father, “Be perfect as I am perfect”. It is a very strong and difficult to enforce message, but we can approach perfection when our thoughts, our ideals and attempts are perfect. In this case, sooner or later our attitudes will be, too. The Universal Father has sent us a small part of himself, the Thought Adjuster, a part of us is perfect. It depends on each tracking guide perfection or make it lose.

We are privileged, because we know with certainty that a human being has many better lives ahead, but ordinary people do not know, think that this life is unique and so are fighting for earthly pleasures, that bring with it many sufferings. “In Italy, Jesus and Ganid thoroughly canvassed the city and spread good cheer with many smiles upon hundreds of men, women, and children”. [22] We must also always take the good people cheer, joy, laughter and happiness.

We try to be readers and teachers responsible for introducing cosmic realities and the gospel of Jesus to all mankind on planet Earth, because these teachings are necessary and urgent.

The famous American philosopher Jeffrey Wattles, who published many excellent articles about The Urantia Book and who deeply knows the history of Urantia movement in America, wrote:

“It is understandable that we mistake due to the complexity of our book. But experimenting with unreasonable publicity of the book carries risks for its prosperity”.

Now in our lifetimes, on Earth people forming a new class began to appear. These people know the true gospel of Jesus and the ultimate revelation that was sent to the planet. When these people are grouped in a conference or a meeting and although they speak different languages, there is a mutual attraction, one filled with joy and happiness spiritual union. The atmosphere at these meetings is covered with positive energy and seems to accompany the celestial beings with infinite love.

And these people are us. We will try to be worthy of the revelations that sent us. We must carry at high the banner with three blue circles of Michael of Nebadon, so that in the future all mankind can unite under this flag.

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