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Dear Michael and Mother Spirit; well, it’s a New Year here on Urantia--which I’m sure you are very much aware of--though I guess it’s going to take us a long time and many, many lifetimes to even begin to approach what your sense of time must be. But we do appreciate you coming to us in this rather informal way with what I personally feel must be extraordinary deep limitations. It makes us appreciate all the more that you put up with us and do the best you can through us.

And again, Father, with your example, I’ll toss out a tease to all those who will come to read or listen to these lessons in the future, that anybody can do this transmitting-receiving. I didn’t believe that myself when I sat side by side next to Donna D’Angelo for several years, and she kept saying that anybody can do this. But anyone can do it in their meditation. Get a little recording device, or like I did, just go through a kind of training of sitting down and start writing. Ask Michael or Mother Spirit, or some angelic being to start writing through you. These exercises are so good as a way of consciously setting yourself aside to let another spiritual being come through you. It’s fun!--and a little amazing because it is still, after all these years, to me anyway, still somewhat inexplicable.

Dear Spiritual Parents, Dear Michael and Mother Spirit: thank you so much for being here with us and giving us your voice. Amen.

Michael: Good evening, my dear children, my dear friends. This is Michael and Mother Spirit, and we are right here with you always. We share as much of your life with you as you are pleased to open yourself and give to us. Beyond that there is, not an opacity--you are not opaque to us--except there is a part of you, your own personality, your own deep essential being, that you share with God alone. That part is your choice to share with us.

This is what we ask of you for our sakes. It does our hearts good when you take time out of your busy lives to say hello. Then, as your introduction said, we too can speak right through you, to you and to others. This transmitting /receiving is what almost anybody is capable of who simply wants to explore it. See what--as a human being--is this strange thing of setting yourself aside and being comfortable with not knowing exactly what comes next.

This is what you define as an adventure, is it not? We tease you with the whole spectrum of adventure: just driving to work in the morning on a busy highway in rush hour, being so totally wrapped up and committed to this enormous event happening all around you involving so many others at such high speeds, so many thousands of tons of energy being guided along--all the way to hanging by your fingertips on a rock ledge, out rock climbing somewhere, where you may not know, moment to moment even, what’s next. Then to think that some human beings so willfully and joyously put themselves in such peril and take such chances, and don’t always survive.

So we invite you to get to know us, and think of it as an adventure. It’s an adventure that you will be involved in for many ages to come, working up all the way through our Local Universe, and even then, as you go off into the galaxy, we will still keep in touch as much as you want. This is part of your freedom, my dear ones: how much you share of yourselves with those around you.

Since you are both discovering and inventing a “New Year”--it’s partly a case of not knowing what is going to come next, and yet this “kind of time” is so much a part of your lives, you who are living in your advanced societies. In one way mechanical time is a constant invention, yet it’s so much a part of your busy lives that it takes a creative imagination on your part to go back even a few hundred years before watches, before clocks, before the village clock downtown announced to all the villagers and the farmers around, the hours of the day. Think about time before all your wrist watches, and now all your computers. Go back to a time before this--let’s call it “objective time” that was deliberately invented, and is continually being created by mechanisms, some going clear back thousands of years to the water clocks of China, and so forth.

Yet there are still parts of the human race, now on your world, who are not living by clock time, but are living by the sun and the seasons. This is something you can at least approach a bit in your meditations, even though, for most of you, they too are assigned a certain period of time. Try, when you get up, and after sitting on the edge of the bed for a while, gathering yourself together, just continue sitting in some comfortable spot and opening yourself to that particular morning, that particular time, and see if you can’t tune in to the particularity of it. It’s this morning or this afternoon that has never happened before and will never happen again. For in this particularity of each moment that is moving along and is not repeating itself, there is this other--not unfathomable--but this other infinite and infinitely expansible part of time you call here-and-now. We tease you with the notion--and the experience--of an Eternal Now that is, and will always be: now.

Everything you know of the past--you personally and all your memories--all the physical objects surrounding you in your homes that came from the past, even if it was only yesterday and the food you bought to stock your refrigerator--and all your tomorrows that you can plan for, and need to plan for, and organize and wonder about: it is all now. It is all happening now. So it is good just to be aware of this, and rest in it, this absolute assurance as your heart keeps beating, your lungs keep breathing, and your body keeps living. It is good to appreciate this, and take comfort in it, because as much as it is changing simply because you are a living being, it is still now. And this value of each particular moment is capable of such expansion with your appreciation of it.

This experience also brings you back to the fact that, as your personality is unique, and the particular group of all the folks you share your time with--your children, your parents, your brothers and sisters, and then your surrounding community and friends; all your co-workers—(even those of you that live much of your lives alone)--so too your personal experience of time, my dear ones: your time too is so unique to you. To be aware of this is where it gives you a handle on the ungraspable: a handle on how to change your time.

How much of time is a matter of your will rests on the very degree you can get beyond unconscious habits. Consider how much you can make your time expand by making it conscience, accepting the effort, the real work, of consciously deciding everything, day-to-day, right among all of your timed programs of family, and work; the difference between a week day and a weekend; different seasons; time for vacations-- all this: to bring all this into consciousness does take effort. It does take your morning meditations of realizing how much you yourself have chosen, and are choosing, to be where you are, and how you are. It’s how all those choices of past time have led you to where you are now.

This is the key to responsibility--your ability to respond with the freshness of creative spirit--just by realizing how much you are doing this choosing all the time, or how much your habits are doing it for you. True enough: there are good habits and bad habits, and simply those habits such as getting up and brushing your teeth in the morning and evening before you go to bed--simple physical things for your health and your strength.

Do everything with a beginner’s mind and not a sense of déjà vu, going through life as if it all happened some time before. Do things with freshness, as if brushing your teeth in the morning has never happened before: the exact opposite.

How do you make things new so you can re-evaluate them, so you can make choices and exercise your free will and, as you say, be your own boss and not just a slave to who you have been? This is this effort that is so rewarding and gives you so much back for what you expend. Like learning a new musical instrument, you have to put so much of yourself and such an effort into it just to begin with, just to get going to learn a new thing. But then when it gives back to you with the responsiveness of this human reality you find yourself in, this is the delight when your own body, your own self, your own spirit responds. To know that, and experience that, and have that response? This is what fills your soul because, in one way, it is the not-you, responding to you, that shows you the way to go. This is what works!--when you bring into consciousness all these little aspects of your day-to-day life.

And so, my dear ones, let me throw out another big tease: what is time? What is your unique time? How can you respond to it? How can you get that response from it?--from all those out there, those other folks?--from all the stuff, the marvelous tools you work with? This is your human life and truly it will be your life forever, dealing with things and dealing with others, other spiritual beings like yourself.

This is how we celebrate an eternal New Year each new day, the next hour, even the next moment if you are hanging by your fingertips on the side of the cliff. This is the human adventure you were very deliberately put into by our Father.

Now if you have any questions or comments this evening, about this or anything else, feel free to come forth.

Student: Hello, Michael, can you hear me?

Michael: Yes.

Student: Good--OK. I have a couple of questions. I guess one is fairly personal. I have some ideas how to get to work politically, and stuff, that takes a lot of time. Yet I also have the opportunity, possibly, to go and do some work instead. I’m trying to figure out if I could really make a difference, or if I should go to work and make some money?

Michael: Well, my son, it is nice to combine those if you can. Since you are a human being with a physical body, you do have needs for food and shelter, transportation and clothes: all those things that require money. Yet, if you are kind of “fat for a while”--as you say--any kind of volunteer work is always so welcome. The genuine thing adds so much to your soul of what you can give and do for others.

This is what I talked about this evening. You get up every morning and do your meditation to make this a conscious decision, sometimes even a kind of day by day decision. I understand too that sometimes your work involves others and requires a commitment to them. So this one of those things no one else can decide for you.

Student: Shucks! OK. I have one other question. I have the idea that we should try to live a morontia life now, which kind-of rings true. I like that idea. But we really don’t know too much about the Morontia Worlds, you know, and I was wondering if you could… Shouldn’t we know kind-of what we’re getting into, so we can prepare for it; so we could live it now? Can we get a little more of an idea what we are getting into?

Michael: Oh yes!--for sure. This is why the Urantia Book goes into such detail about it. I always recommend reading that part of the Urantia Book that talks about what happens immediately after your death. But I also like to give you the idea that you already have one big toe in the morontia realm. Consider the word “morontia.” The closest English equivalent is “soul.” When you re-awaken on the morontia worlds you will be in a more soulful reality.

So if this is something you want a taste of, it is right inside you already. It’s your soul, a living spiritual counterpart of your life co-authored by God himself. His presence within you is what is keeping this spiritual morontia record of all your experience--all your spiritually significant experience.

One way to touch the morontia realm is right in your meditation. Just let previous experiences of your life swell forth and lose yourself, re-experience for even a few precious moments, what it was like to be seven years old, or seventeen, or twenty-seven. Open yourself to your own soul, my son. This is the morontia realm. It’s why I say you already have a big toe in that realm.

It’s what the word “soulful” means to you. It’s a reality that is counter-parted and half fully pure spirit by the presence of God within you--your Thought Adjuster. This is the key. So in your meditations, just say, “OK, God: what do you have for me?”

Student: One thing I am kind-of interested in: I know I’m in a relationship now, and I enjoy it. I wonder what relationships will be like in the morontia worlds. Will I have personal relationships still? I’m very curious about that.

Michael: I can just offer you one word: more. Everything is just more so. You will be reawakening in a body that is something your Urantia Book goes into enormous detail about--the Resurrection Halls, and the kind of body you will have being so much more subtle than this one you have now. Your own soul and your own Thought Adjuster will be so much more conscious, you will walk out into a reality that will be so strangely, inexplicably, wondrously familiar.

As your own soul becomes much more conscious, it will be like returning home, even though you have never been there before. I don’t know if you have had these experiences a couple of times already in your life, but there your ability of recognition, of re-knowing something, will be so enhanced you will just be overwhelmed that you simply are so much more. Your soulful full human experience, you might say, will be “right up front”--another one of your expressions.

This is why, as your Urantia Book reassures you, your ability to recognize, and be recognized by, former compatriots, is also enhanced. They might even be there to greet you. And as your quality of recognition is so enhanced, your relationships will be so much more enhanced for that very reason. It will be a more spiritual reality; a more--if you will—something you can think of it as a more naked kind of reality. You and everyone else will be more who you are right on the surface with your whole life’s experience. I love that wonderful expression that: “Every face bears the full stamp of the human condition.” In the next world to come, who you are, and what you are, and what you have been will be so much more “out there.”

The depth of relationships will be so enhanced, and this, my son, is the real glory of the worlds to come--let alone the fact you will be able to see and relate with spiritual beings, starting with the little cherubim and seraphim. You’ll even be able to feel the presence of the angels—the seraphim--around you. Then too, the Melchizedeks and so forth; all the really higher spiritual beings can make themselves visible to you. Read again--or for the first time--those parts of the Urantia Book that go into such detail of your first couple of days and weeks on the morontia realms. You will be delighted.

Student: OK, thank you for that.

Michael: Oh, I love your expression, “It will blow your mind”--in the most wonderful way. A lot of folks walk out of the Resurrection Hall and fall to their knees in a wonderful, wonderful expression of: “Thank you, Father! Thank you for once again blowing my mind--presenting me with so much soulful reality.” This is the essence of worship, is it not?--of thankfulness. Be in my peace.

Student: Thank you.

Michael: Well, my dear ones, if there are no more questions or comments, I guess I have teased you enough for this lesson--of all that awaits you in the eternal life that is yours to choose.

There is another wonderful expression of: “More power to you.” For true power, true spiritual creative power, corrupts no one. All the poor, crippled, withered and tortured souls that you have, and you see around you, and you are introduced to in your news, that do such truly obscene, hideous things to their fellow men and women, and even children; it’s because they have no inner touch with their true power, or even the presence of God within them. They can’t know that absolute power of God’s, but only the very, very relative power of what they can inflict upon another human being, even another little child crushed to death under a collapsing, bombed building: or worse.

So feel the true power of creativity, of tuning into, and appreciating, and bringing forth your own creative spirit, not only for yourself, but to be this spontaneous, creative being for all those around you--all your loved ones, or even a smile for that stranger coming down the sidewalk of a big city. What you can share in that meeting of eyes has no counterpart, does it?--what you can share with another.

This is God’s true power and his gift, just the fact that there are all of us, in a whole universe of us. This is the way to a Happy New Year, a happy another day, another hour, in the next wondrous adventure.

Mother Spirit sends you her love, and I bid you be in my peace. Feel it deeply, and rest in it. It is your creation too, right along with mine. Good night, dear ones.