

Planetary Mortal Epochs

From the inception of life on an evolutionary Planet to the final stage of light and life, seven distinct stages are experienced determined by the planetary missions of the divine Sons and usually appear in this order:

1. Pre-Planetary Prince Man
2. Post-Planetary Prince Man
3. Post-Adamic Man
4. Post-Magisterial Son Man

5. Post-Bestowal Son Man
6. Post-Teacher Son Man, and
7. The Era of Light and Life

When worlds of space are suitable for life, they are placed in the registry of the Life Carriers and these Sons are dispatched for the purpose of initiating life. (52:0.1,2)

Primitive Man

Up to the arrival of the Planetary Prince, evolutionary creatures are called *primitive men*. From one-hundred and fifty thousand years and more than one million years, six basic types or races successively appear in the order of the spectrum colours. The primary races are the 1st, 3rd, and 5th, the secondary races being the 2nd, 4th, and 6th.

Primary Races	Secondary Races
red	orange
yellow	green
blue	indigo

(52:1.1,2)

Primitive man develops a simple language and begins to exercise creative imagination. They are mighty hunters and fierce fighters. The law at this stage is the survival of the fittest. Usually the secondary races are obliterated during these early racial struggles with the survivors eventually blended with the later imported violet race (Adamic peoples). The performances of primitive man represents a splendid — even heroic chapter — in the annals of an evolutionary world of time and space. (52:1.3,4,5)

Early evolutionary man dwells in caves, on cliffs, or builds crude tree huts. Larger animals are quickly vanquished and some of the larger flying animals are used for transportation. Ethical judgement is coincident with the appearance of early language. Upon attainment of the human level, these beings become receptive to the temporary indwelling of the divine Adjusters. Spiritual survivors are sealed by the archangels for subsequent resurrection and Spirit fusion which accompanies the arrival of a Planetary Prince and simultaneous dispensational adjudication. (52:1.5,6)

All indwelt mortals possess the capacity for seeking reciprocal contact with divinity. The early religion of primitive man is largely a persistence of animal fear coupled with ignorant awe and tribal superstition. Early fear religion serves a valuable purpose in subduing the fiery tempers of these primitive creatures — the forerunner of civilization and the soil for subsequently planting the seeds of religion by the Planetary Prince and his associates. The Planetary Prince arrives approximately one hundred thousand years after primitive man acquires erect posture and after the Life Carriers report that will is functioning. (52:1.7,8)

Post-Planetary Prince Man

With the arrival of the Planetary Prince on a normal world

- a new dispensation begins (52:2.1)
- approximate dispensation duration is 500 thousand years (52:2.2)
- Government appears on earth (52:2.1)
- an advanced tribal epoch is attained (52:2.1)

- mortals attain a high state of civilization (52:2.1)
- Though Adjusters come in increasing numbers (52:2.2)
- Seraphic guardians amplify their regime of mortal supervision (52:2.2)
- mortals receive the first revelations of higher truths

- and universe organization (52:2.3)
- specialized systems of religious and philosophical thought tend to develop (52:2.4)
- each expanding group of mortals tend to seek isolation favouring the existence of many languages (52:2.6)
- national life begins to replace tribal organization (52:2.6)
- the great social achievement is the emergence of family life (52:2.6)
- the realization of sex equality (52:2.7)
- agriculture appears (52:2.8)
- the races are purified and brought up to a high state of physical perfection and intellectual strength (52:2.9)

Post-Adamic Man

- On all evolutionary worlds, when man has achieved his highest biological standing—the apex of animal development—there arrives a second order of sonship—Adam and Eve—the dispensation of grace and ministry is inaugurated. (52:3.1)
- the Adams do not possess Adjusters, but their offspring—direct and mixed—are legitimate candidates for Adjusters (52:3.2)
- At the terminations of the post-Adamic age only the fusion Adjusters are not yet universally bestowed. (51:3.2)
- Developing man moves from the hunter-herder stage to that of the agriculturist-horticulturist to be later replaced by the urban-industrialist adjuncts to civilization. (52:3.3)
- 25,000 years of conjoint wisdom of the Planetary Prince and the Material Sons ripens the sphere for the advent of a Magisterial Son. (52:3.3)
- This age results in the completion of the elimination of the unfit and the still further purification of the racial strains. (52:3.4)
- Adamic progeny never amalgamate with the inferior strains of the evolutionary races. (52:3.5)
- The Adamic gift is an immediate up-stepping of the intellectual capacity and an acceleration of spiritual progress. (52:3.6)
- It is an age of great invention, energy control, and mechanical development. (52:3.6)
- In addition to multiform manufacture, the control of natural forces, a the final subduing of the planet. (52:3.6)
- The beginning of the development of the physical sciences. (52:3.6)
- All the races have become blended (one blood). (52:3.7)
- The majority of the world races become omnivorous. (52:3.9)
- Nationalism wanes and the brotherhood of man begins to materialize. (52:3.10)
- Universal Peace and co-operation results when the races are fairly well blended and all speak a common language. (52:3.10)
- Truth is revealed up to the administration of the constellations. (52:3.11)
- World-wide peace, the brotherhood of man are indicators that the planet is ready to the third order of sonship—the Magisterial Son. (52:3.12)

Post-Magisterial Son Man

- The age opens with all the mortal races and nations blended—one blood—and biologically fit. (52:4.1)
- The brotherhood of man flourishes—nations are learning to live in peace and tranquillity. (52:4.1)
- These conditions lead to the arrival of a Magisterial Son (Avonal) on a ministerial mission. (52:4.2)
- When Paradise Avonals come on an initial magisterial mission, they are always incarnated. (52:4.3)
- Even though incarnated, they do not experience birth or death. (52:4.3)
- Magisterial Sons extend the revelation of truth to portray the affairs of the local universe and all its tributaries. (52:4.4)
- The races soon effect their *economic liberation* — daily work required would be represented by two and one-half hours. They soon realize how to use their leisure time for self-improvement and planetary advancement. (52:4.5)
- Self-government and improved social administration is fairly well established by the end of this age. (52:4.6)
- Adjusters of fusion destiny are not yet bestowed upon all planetary mortals—it is still necessary for the will creatures to choose the Mystery monitors. (52:4.7)

- Mortals are learning to live more naturally and effectively. (52:4.8)
- This is the age of the flowering of art, music, and higher learning with physical sciences reaching their height of development. (52:4.8)
- This age witnesses the fullness of a great religious awakening signalling the arrival of the bestowal Son for the inauguration of the fifth mortal epoch. (52:4.8)
- Sometimes a second or more Magisterial Sons may be required—the arrival of each one marks the end of one dispensation and the beginning of another—to advance the mortals to the level required to prepare the way for a Bestowal Son. (52:4.9)
- These Magisterial Son dispensations cover anywhere from twenty-five thousand to fifty thousand years of Urantia time. (52:4.10)

Postbestowal Son Man

- The races have ascended to the highest levels of intellectual development and ethical attainment. (52:5.1)
- These Sons are usually of the Magisterial or Avonal order. Once in each Local Universe, the Creator Son carries out his final bestowal on some evolutionary world as a Postbestowal Son Man as did Michael of Nebadon. Only one world in ten million can enjoy such a gift. (52:5.2)
- This is an age characterized by the world-wide pursuit of moral culture and spiritual truth. (52:5.3)
- The revelations of truth are extended to include the superuniverse. (52:5.3)
- The bestowal Son lives and dies for the spiritual uplift of the mortal races of a world. He establishes the “new and living way” — his life is an incarnation of Paradise Truth in mortal flesh—the Spirit of Truth—in the knowledge of which men shall be free. (52:5.4)
- Ever since the day of Pentecost, Urantia mortals again may proceed directly to the morontia spheres. (52:5.5)
- After yielding up his incarnated life, he is resurrected on the third day and ascends to the right hand of the Father to receive assurance of the acceptance of the bestowal mission and returns to the Creator Son of the local universe, whereupon the bestowal Avonal and the Creator Michael send their joint spirit—the Spirit of Truth into the bestowal world—the “spirit of the triumphant Son is poured out upon all flesh.” (52:5.6)
- After the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, all normal mined will creatures of that world will receive Adjusters as soon as they attain the age of moral responsibility, of spiritual choice. (52:5.6)
- If such a bestowal Avonal should return to a world, he would not incarnate, but would come “in glory with the seraphic hosts.” (52:5.7)
- The postbestowal Son age may extend from ten thousand to one-hundred thousand years. (52:5.8)
- During this age, it is possible to put the golden rule into practical operation. Problems of delinquency and disease are virtually solved (mastered). (52:5.8,9)
- During this age, life expectancy climbs well above the equivalent of three hundred Urantia years. (52:5.9)
- True self-government begins to function, fewer restrictive laws are necessary, military becomes unnecessary, there are many land-determined nations, but **there is only one race—one language—and one religion.** (52:5.10)

Urantia’s Postbestowal Age

- The bestowal Son is the Prince of Peace. Urantia is not proceeding in the normal order. Jesus said, “Think not that I have come to bring peace upon earth.” (52:6.1)
- Religious revelation is essential to the realization of brotherhood on Urantia. Social brotherhood on Urantia depends much on the achievement of the following personal transformations and planetary Adjustments: (52:6.2)
 1. **Social fraternity.** Multiplication of international and interracial contacts and fraternal associations through travel, commerce, and competitive Play. Development of a common language and the multiplication of multilinguists. (52:6.3)
 2. **Intellectual cross-fertilization.** Each race must become familiar with the thought — through an exchange of national and racial literature—and must know the feeling of all nations—suspicion is incompatible with the essential attitude of sympathy and love. (52:6.4)

3. **Ethical Awakening.** Only a moral conscience can condemn the evils of national envy and racial jealously. (52:6.5)
4. **Political Wisdom.** Emotional maturity is essential to self-control which will ensure the substitution of international techniques of civilized adjudication for the barbarous arbitrament of war. Selfish political sagacity is ultimately suicidal—destructive of all those enduring qualities which ensure planetary growth survival. (52:6.6)
5. **Spiritual insight.** Mutual understanding and fraternal love are transcendent civilizers and mighty factors in the world-wide realization of the brotherhood of man. (52:6.7)
 - A normal world is in the spiritual circuits of its realm, and it enjoys all the advantages of the universe broadcasts and the reflectivity services of the superuniverse. (52:6.8)

Post-Teacher Son Man

- A Teacher Son is assisted and supported by:
 - seventy primary Sons,
 - twelve secondary Sons, and
 - three of the highest and most experienced Daynals (52:7.2)
- They remain long enough to effect the transition to the era of light and life—not less than one thousand years of planetary time. (52:7.2)
- The revelation of truth is now extended to the central universe and to Paradise. (52:7.3)
- This is the dispensation when many mortals are translated from among the living. (52:7.4)
- Natural death becomes less frequent as the Adjusters increasingly fuse with their subjects during the lifetime in the flesh. (52:7.4)
- Degeneracy and the antisocial end products of the long evolutionary struggle have been virtually obliterated. (52:7.5)
- The length of life approaches five hundred years and the reproductive rate of racial increase is intelligently controlled. (52:7.5)
- The state of society approaches the ideals of social brotherhood and spiritual reality. (52:7.5)
- The rule of individual self-control replaces representative government. (52:7.5)
- The physical difficulties and material problems have been largely solved—the planet is ripening for advanced life and a more settled existence. (52:7.7)
- The mortals of such an age are described as ***a chosen generation***, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and an exalted people. (52:7.13)
- With the termination of the mission of Trinity Teacher Sons, the Planetary Prince is elevated to the position of Planetary Sovereign who proclaims his world to be in the era of light and life. (52:7.10)