

# ***The Lucifer Rebellion Adjudication Time Frame***

Establishing Realistic Expectations

*"Be as wise as serpents..." - Jesus*

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Significant differences exist among students of the *Urantia Book* over the question of Caligastia's continuing career on our world.

Some even believe that the Lucifer Rebellion has already been adjudicated.

The goal of this presentation is the clarification of these issues and their significance, *according to the teachings that are provided within the Urantia Book.*

As we shall see, the authors of the *Urantia Book* warn us very clearly that Caligastia and Daligastia are going to be around *for a long time to come*.

With great care, they explain the universe policies that govern this state of affairs.

*Why is this question important?*

Caligastia has made it his mission in the past to *sabotage progressive planetary evolution.*

We have no reason to believe that his agenda has changed.

*"It was one of the most profoundly shocking episodes of this rebellion for me to learn of the callous perfidy of one of my own order of sonship, Caligastia, who, in deliberation and with malice aforethought, systematically perverted the instruction and poisoned the teaching provided in all the Urantia planetary schools..." (50:4.12.)*

*"Although Caligastia and Daligastia had been deprived of much of their power for evil, they did everything possible to frustrate and hamper the work of preparing the Garden."*

*(73.2.5)*

*"Caligastia offered crafty and effective opposition to the Adamic mission..."*

*(51.3.4)*

*"Though Jesus knew that the plan for his death had its origin in the councils of the rulers of the Jews, he was also aware that all such nefarious schemes had the full approval of Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia." (183.0.4)*

*"...God in heaven did not will it, neither did the archenemies of Jesus dictate it, though they did much to insure that unthinking and evil mortals would thus reject the bestowal Son." (183.1.2)*

But what about *NOW*?

I think it is safe to assume that Caligastia will again attempt to "*do much*" to "*insure*" that the Fifth Epochal Revelation will ALSO be rejected, to whatever extent he can manage it.

To be "*wise as serpents,*" we must expect that he will have a "*crafty and effective*" plan to "*systematically pervert the instruction*" and "*poison the teaching*" that we have been given in the *Urantia Book*.



Given that this would probably be one of his highest priorities, we must then wonder if he has the power to carry out his evil schemes, and what his methods might be.

We know that he is no longer "*god of Urantia.*"

His power and influence have been tremendously curtailed since the days when he was the *absolute ruler* of this world.

*"...this rebel of the realm, shorn of all power to harm his former subjects, awaits the final adjudication, by the Uversa Ancients of Days..."*  
(66:8.7)

Does this mean that Caligastia is *completely* powerless?

To be consistent with *other descriptions* of his current status, this must be referring only to the fact that he is no longer able to *directly* approach normal human individuals — "his former subjects."

For example, we also have this statement:

*"Caligastia has been **comparatively** impotent since the cross of Christ." (53.8.9)*

This is **not** saying that his influence is totally meaningless or insignificant. It was greatly **restricted** following Michael's bestowal, especially by the release of the Spirit of Truth and the universal gift of Thought Adjusters.

But he is still a Lanonandek Son of superhuman brilliance.

We have been given *personal* assurances.

For example:

*"Even before Michael's bestowal on Urantia, neither Caligastia nor Daligastia was ever able to oppress mortals or to coerce **any normal individual** into doing anything against the human will." (66:8.6)*

But even these assurances are not without qualification:

*"Caligastia, your apostate Planetary Prince... has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men, neither can he draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt them unless they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence." (53.8.6)*

Here is another:

*"...since the day of Pentecost this traitorous Caligastia and his equally contemptible associate, Daligastia, are servile before the divine majesty of the Paradise Thought Adjusters..." (53.8.7)*

But we also know that humans can be *abandoned* by their Adjusters :

*"Spiritual (soul) death. If and when mortal man has finally rejected survival, when he has been pronounced spiritually insolvent, morontially bankrupt... thereupon do the rulers of Orvonton order the immediate *release of the indwelling Monitor...* This kind of death is final in its significance *irrespective of the temporary continuation of the living energies of the physical and mind mechanisms...*" (112.3.2)*

Audience with Caligastia, *in his immediate personal presence*, would thus be a possible “reward” for achieving such a state.

These mortals could be highly intelligent and highly functioning while they “*temporarily continue*” in positions of power and influence, acting as human proxies for Caligastia.



*"...this release of the Adjuster in no way affects the duties of the personal or group seraphim concerned with that Adjuster-abandoned individual." (112.3.2)*

In other words, Adjuster-abandoned mortals *are still active in the affairs of the world*. Rejection of survival causes no impairment to mind or body.

The personality continues to function while the body and mind remain alive, but it merges with the Supreme after physical death...

*“...Having appeared in response to the Father's will, personality will attain Deity destiny, but **man must choose** whether or not he will be present at the attainment of such destiny. **In default of such choice**, personality attains experiential Deity directly, becoming a part of the Supreme Being. The cycle is foreordained, but **man's participation therein is optional, personal, and experiential.**”*  
(112:5.2)

Soul death is really *soul suicide*.

It is the result of a *fully conscious* act of will.

Rejection of survival during the mortal lifetime requires a *deliberate, final and irrevocable decision*.

“...*all will creatures are to experience one true opportunity to make one undoubted, self-conscious, and final choice.*” (112:5.9)

These passages are telling us that it is indeed *still quite possible* for humans to join Caligastia's cause and assist with his "*nefarious designs*" — even if it requires the death of one's soul.

He is completely free to establish strategic alliances with humans — or groups of humans — who *knowingly desire* his intoxicating superhuman presence and his seductive influence.

Being the deceiver that he is, Caligastia would probably be the last to point out the *eternal consequences* of submitting to his leadership.

Soul death, however, might not seem like such a high price to humans who *already deny the Father's existence* and do not believe in the possibility of an afterlife.

In addition to these direct methods of influence, we have also been warned about Caligastia's ability to work through "blind agents" — sincere individuals who believe they are doing the right thing, as in the case of Serapatatia:

*"Serapatatia... was entirely honest and thoroughly sincere in all of his activities; he was never conscious, even later on, that he was being used as a circumstantial tool of the wily Caligastia."*  
(75.3.3)

Caligastia may be iniquitous, *but he is not stupid.*

He is not likely to waste his time on trivial or inconsequential mischief, except insofar as it creates misdirection and confusion regarding his presence and real purposes.

*"...The devil has been given a great deal of credit for evil which does not belong to him." (53:8.9)*

Nonetheless, the seductive brilliance of his diabolical *schemes and deceptions* — and the power, wealth and other unfair advantages that he could thereby offer — could easily be an overpowering temptation for susceptible individuals.



But we can expect that he would be *VERY shrewd and cunning* in his selection of human collaborators, whether witting or unwitting.

Absolute secrecy would no doubt be a critical requirement for those who wish to *knowingly join his camp*, and he would likewise be sure to conceal his real purposes from his human "friends."

Caligastia has had lots of practice working with humans:

*"...It was likewise **easy to win the support** of the primitive-minded evolutionary mortals."*

*(67.4.6)*

This brings us to the BIG question:

*How long are Caligastia and Daligastia going to be around?*

While the *Urantia Book* does not offer a precise prediction as to the overall time frame of the adjudication of the Lucifer Rebellion, the authors do give us clear statements of the issues involved and *the conditions that must be met prior to final adjudication*, along with several estimates of the amount of time that will likely be required.

Confusion over the adjudication question seems to grow out of the fact that the rebellion found support on *three distinctly different levels*:

- 1) The Satania system worlds
- 2) The superhuman administration of evolutionary worlds
- 3) Mortal affairs on the evolutionary worlds

Statements in the *Urantia Book* that refer to the status of the rebellion must always be interpreted with these *three possibilities* in mind.

For example, from the point of view of a Melchizedek, the rebellion "*...ends on the fallen worlds as fast as divine Sons arrive.*" (53:9.7)

This is true, but only with regard to the *superhuman administration* of those worlds, which does, of course, assure the *eventual* outcome on the mortal level.

We find a similar perspective in this statement from Paper 134:

*"And when Jesus came down from his sojourn on Mount Hermon, the Lucifer rebellion in Satania and the Caligastia secession on Urantia were virtually settled." (134:8.9)*



*"...There on Mount Hermon, as an unaided mortal of the realm, he had met and defeated the Urantia pretender, Caligastia, the prince of this world. That eventful day, on the universe records, Jesus of Nazareth had become the Planetary Prince of Urantia." (136:3.1)*

Jesus ended the rebellion on this world, *administratively speaking*, when he confronted the rebels on Mount Hermon and became our new Planetary Prince.

Caligastia was finally stripped of all standing and authority, and *all of his superhuman supporters* (apart from Daligastia) were removed from the planet.

*"...during the life of Michael in the flesh, this traitorous Prince was finally shorn of all authority on Urantia." (66:8.5)*

*"The entire group of rebel midwayers is at present held prisoner by order of the Most Highs of Edentia." (77:7.8)*

*"...the rebel cherubim and seraphim who also were on earth up to the time of Christ's death and resurrection." (77:7.4)*

It was at this time that the Jerusem commission of twenty-four former Urantians was established by Michael, to be his representation on the quarantined worlds.

*"One of this council is now always resident on Urantia as resident governor general."  
(114:1.1)*

The installation of a loyal superhuman administration on a mortal sphere, however, *does not instantly or arbitrarily change human thinking or human sympathies.*

Human free will is never violated or suppressed by higher universe authority.

Human participation in the Lucifer Rebellion is given *unrestricted opportunity for expression*, even under the auspices of a loyal superhuman administration.

As the Son of Man, Jesus achieved and demonstrated the human defeat of universe rebellion.

The *final* termination of the rebellion on our world now only awaits a future time when ALL humans freely choose to do likewise.

But this is not expected *until far into the distant future*, as we shall see.

The attempt by the rebels to corrupt Michael's bestowal mission did bring an end to all sympathy on the *Satania system worlds*, thus bringing the rebellion to an end at the *system* level.



*"...Subsequent to their effort to corrupt Michael when in the bestowal flesh, all sympathy for Lucifer and Satan has perished throughout all Satania, that is, outside the isolated worlds of sin." (53:8.2)*

The rebellion ended at the system level because the rebel leaders lost all sympathy and support.

HUMAN sympathy for the leaders of the rebellion, however, *has NOT come to an end*, which is why the rebellion is still ongoing on the mortal level.

*"The bestowal of Michael terminated the Lucifer rebellion in all Satania **aside from the planets of the apostate Planetary Princes.**"*  
(53.8.3 )

The *leaders* of the rebellion on this world must therefor remain free:

*"Caligastia, your apostate Planetary Prince, is still free on Urantia to prosecute his nefarious designs..." (53.8.6)*

*"Matters will undoubtedly rest as they now are until the entire Lucifer rebellion is finally adjudicated and the fate of all participants decreed." (67.4.5)*

Caligastia and Daligastia know that the rebellion on the mortal level is the only remaining factor prolonging their lives.

It is in their interest to keep it going for *as long as possible*.

Meanwhile, the rulers of the universe are *not* arbitrarily delaying adjudication:

*"Shortsighted and time-bound mortal minds should be slow to criticize the time delays of the farseeing and all-wise administrators of universe affairs." (54.6.8)*

The adjudication process is governed by unchanging universe policy, which requires the complete ending of ALL sympathy for the rebel leaders and their seductive sophistries:

*"...the Ancients of Days refuse to annihilate any being until all moral values and all spiritual realities are extinct, both in the evildoer and in all related supporters and possible sympathizers." (54:3.3)*

*"The Faithful of Days on Edentia advised the Constellation Fathers to allow the rebels free course to the end that all sympathy for these evildoers should be the sooner uprooted in the hearts of every present and future citizen of Norlatiadek — every mortal, morontia, or spirit creature." (54.5.9)*



Note that this includes *ALL mortals — present and future* — not only on Urantia, but on all the rebellion planets in Satania.

*"To keep open the Paradise doors of ascension to the beings of Norlatiadek, it was necessary to provide for the full development of rebellion and to insure the complete determination of attitude on the part of all beings in any way concerned therewith." (54.5.10)*

Deliberate, purposeful evil and conscious denial of the Father's existence are obviously still *very much in play on this planet.*

Both are expressions of false liberty derived from the Lucifer Manifesto.

*Both are applauded by Caligastia.*

Purposeful, calculated evil *is NOT in the same category* with ordinary evolutionary evil, like greed, selfishness, revenge, aggravated violence, shortsighted passions, etc.

Deliberate evil *crosses the line* into sin and iniquity, in the *Urantia Book's* meaning of these terms.

Jesus explains it this way:

*"Evil is inherent in the natural order of this world, but sin is an attitude of conscious rebellion which was brought to this world by those who fell from spiritual light into gross darkness." (148.4.6)*

And this is the divine response:

*"The Divine Minister of Salvington issued as her third independent proclamation a mandate directing that nothing be done to half cure, cowardly suppress, or otherwise hide the hideous visage of rebels and rebellion. The angelic hosts were directed to work for full disclosure and **unlimited opportunity for sin-expression** as the quickest technique of achieving **the perfect and final cure** of the plague of evil and sin."*

*(54.5.11)*

Arbitrarily removing Caligastia and Daligastia *prior* to achieving the "perfect and final cure" (while they are still able to enlist human sympathy) would obviously *NOT be consistent with this policy.*

So how long will it take to reach this "*perfect and final cure*"?

How long will it be before sin and iniquity *can no longer be found* on Urantia?

*"...the Uversa tribunals have not yet rendered the executive decision regarding the appeal of Gabriel praying for the destruction of the rebels, but such a decree will, no doubt, be forthcoming **in the fullness of time** since the first step in the hearing of this case has already been taken." (53.8.4)*



The following passages suggest that this *"fullness of time"* could take anywhere from *100,000 to 800,000 years* of Urantia time, perhaps reaching even to a *"future age"* when our planet is on the threshold of Light and Life...

*"...And yet that would be nearer a comparison with the length of Lucifer's life even if his adjudication, now begun, should not be completed for a hundred thousand Urantia years..." (54.5.13)*

The next two passages, when combined,  
suggest 800,000 years...

*"...The entire Uversa corps of counselors concurred in advising Gabriel to permit the rebellion to take its full and natural course, even if it should require a million years to wind up the consequences." (54.5.12)*

*"...the case of Gabriel vs. Lucifer, placed on the records of the Uversa supreme court almost two hundred thousand years ago, as you reckon time." (53.9.3)*

1,000,000 years (total time estimate)

minus 200,000 years (elapsed time so far)

= *800,000 years*

And we also have this statement:

*"... It is altogether possible that, in some future age when Urantia is approaching the era of light and life, after the affairs of the Lucifer rebellion and the Caligastia secession have been finally adjudicated, we may witness..." (93.10.8)*

Urantia *"approaching the era of light and life"* is consistent with the distant reaches of time suggested by the other two estimates.

The authors would not use the word *"finally"* if such a development could be anticipated anytime soon.

Additional justification for allowing Caligastia to remain so long on the planet is provided by the following explanation...



*"...The passing of time has enhanced the consequential good to be derived from the Lucifer folly; and since the evil to be penalized was quite fully developed within a comparatively short time, it is apparent that the all-wise and farseeing universe rulers would be certain to extend the time in which to reap increasingly beneficial results..."*

*"...Regardless of the many additional reasons for delaying the apprehension and adjudication of the Satania rebels, this one gain would have been enough to explain why these sinners were not sooner interned, and why they have not been adjudicated and destroyed." (54.6.7)*

Meanwhile, the *"increasing beneficial results"* from allowing Caligastia to remain on the planet *far outweigh* any short-term advantage that might be gained by having him removed arbitrarily, prior to the final outworking of these problems.

One of the remarkable outcomes of the Lucifer fiasco will be the development of a civilization on this world that is *thoroughly resistant to universe rebellion.*

Urantia will eventually reach Light and Life *in spite of* the counter-efforts of a rebellious former Planetary Prince and his human supporters.

Living in the presence of rebellion is apparently seen as a rare and valuable type of experience within the overall scheme of things.

It provides *effective inoculation* against any possibility of future rebellion.

Countless Urantians will carry this powerful wisdom, individually, *through all future time and eternity.*

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