



# Logical Consistency vs. Personal Creativity

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# Personal Creativity

- *Personal creativity is an expression of your individual relationship with God the Father.*
- “Personality inherently reaches out to unify all constituent realities. ... Such unifying creativity of all creature personality is a birthmark of its high and exclusive source and is further evidential of its unbroken contact with this same source through the personality circuit, by means of which the personality of the creature maintains direct and sustaining contact with the Father of all personality on Paradise.” (56:4.2)
- **But is your creativity therefore divine?**



# Personal Creativity

- “Personality is inherently creative, but it thus functions only in the inner life of the individual. ... It is the creativity of the inner world that is most subject to your direction because there your personality is so largely liberated from the fetters of the laws of antecedent causation. ... [T]here rests upon each person the responsibility of choosing as to whether this creativity shall be spontaneous and wholly haphazard or controlled, directed, and constructive.” (I I I:4.5–9)
- Creativity is not innately divine; you must choose its conformity with the cosmos.

# Logical Consistency

- *Logical consistency is a reflection of your cosmic relationship with God the Mother.*
- “The partially evolved mental mechanism of mortal man is not overendowed with consistency and wisdom. Man’s conceit [flight of imagination] often outruns his reason and eludes [outplays] his logic.” (195:7.7)
- Through your subjective, adjutant mind, you can give your personal creativity a rational consistency; but this does not imply that it also has logical consistency.



# Logical Consistency

- Personal creativity seeks unity.
- “But mind can never succeed in this unification of the diversity of reality unless such mind is firmly aware of material things, intellectual meanings, and spiritual values; only in the harmony of the triunity of functional reality is there unity, and only in unity is there the personality satisfaction of the realization of cosmic constancy and consistency.” (102:2.5)
- This firm awareness of threefold actuality is available through the objective insight of *the three cosmic intuitions in the Holy Spirit.*

## Versus—*with not against*

- Logical consistency is not *in contest against* personal creativity (such as plaintiff vs. defendant), but it must be recognized *in contrast with* personal creativity.
- Your personal creativity is made *true* through logical consistency—conformity with the cosmos. Your thoughts are rational if they are reasoned, but they are logical only if they are correctly reasoned.



# Self-Sophistry

- *Fallacy is deceptive, but sophistry is seductive.*
- Have you had the thought, or said: “Well, that’s what you think, but I think ...”?  
Why are you interested in what you think, your self-view? Do you consider your thoughts to be authoritative?
- “Of all the perplexing problems growing out of the Lucifer rebellion, none has occasioned more difficulty than the failure of immature evolutionary mortals to distinguish between true and false liberty.” (54:1.1)



# Revelation or Affirmation

- Do you hold to *The Urantia Papers* as the fifth epochal revelation of truth, or do you point to them as an affirmation of “your own preconceived opinions, settled ideas, and long-standing prejudices” (109:5.3)?
- Do you subject your thoughts to critical examination in the light of the revelation?
- Do you strive to think like the revelators, to reform your mind toward harmony?





# Harmony, Mota, and Revelation

- Mota is the morontia-mind motion which can view the cosmic system of harmony.
- “Faith and reason, unaided by mota, cannot conceive and construct a logical universe.” (103:6.13)
- “Revelation is the only technique which can compensate for the absence of the truth sensitivity of mota in a material world.” (103:6.8) “Revelation compensates for the absence of the morontia viewpoint by providing a technique for achieving unity in the comprehension of the reality and relationships of matter and spirit by the mediation of mind.” (101:2.2)



# The *True* Scientific Method

- Regarding what is commonly called the “scientific method”, the midwayers say:
- “The ‘scientific method’ is merely an intellectual yardstick wherewith to measure material adventures and physical achievements. But being material and wholly intellectual, it is utterly useless in the evaluation of spiritual realities and religious experiences.” (195:7.2)
- The fifth epochal revelation permits us to expand this technique, so that it is not merely “material and wholly intellectual”.



# The *True* Scientific Method

- The primary intent behind the scientific method is to militate against the difficult facts that, subjectively, *you can rationalize anything and you can believe anything.*
- The key is to attempt to refute an idea, rather than to look for confirmations.
- *If* an idea has resisted extensive attempts to disprove it, *then* it is worthy of some measure of belief—mental acceptance.



# The *True* Scientific Method

- With the revelation, now all ideas, not just “scientific” ideas, can be tested for truth.
- Before you put forth an idea, use the revelation to attempt to refute it. Test even the words you use. Does your use of language conform with the cosmos?
- If your idea can withstand a full critique by every paragraph in *The Urantia Book*, then maybe some truth flows through it.