

Distributivity and Self-Knowledge

Personal presentation

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One summer's day, when she was just under six years old, Sophie was sitting in front of a small pond, watching the light shimmer on the rippling water, when suddenly a curtain was lifted, revealing the evidence of the invisible world. The child grew up and had a similar experience at the age of 11, sealing her faith. This possibility of direct connection would have a lasting impact on her spiritual quest.

Sophie comes from an atheist background and living her faith was initially a struggle. Living in a small, fairly isolated village as a child, she went to see the priest and became assiduous in attending what was available to her, the parish, mass, as well as reading the Bible, a real novel full of adventures in which she immersed herself and travelled with delight.

As a teenager, she considered joining a religious order. But she was also drawn to family life and the desire to have children. She found a way to reconcile the two by joining an ecumenical spiritual community, open to all religions and seekers of truth. At the age of 20, she was given the book 'Dialogues with the Angel', which would guide her for many years and insidiously lay the foundations for welcoming The Urantia Book in 2014.

At the same time, she also found her calling in the field of healthcare. She became a speech therapist, a profession at the crossroads of medicine, psychology and language. She practised in various settings and places, deliberately increasing the diversity of the pathologies she treated. Her practice became a special place for her to observe human beings.

Her in-depth research concerns how spiritual life and human life are combined. First through actions. Then, further upstream, in being. She hypothesises that the child does not arrive on earth neutral. Just as he is physically conditioned by a biological heritage, mentally conditioned by a sociocultural and spatiotemporal framework, he arrives conditioned on a spiritual level.

This hypothesis requires numerous observations, which it pursues over the long term (decades), to advance what it calls a 'soul typology'. The Urantia Book provides it with the necessary explanations corroborating the basic hypothesis, the fruits of which it shares with you in this lecture.