

ing their easy divorce laws, the present rate of divorces is only one tenth that of the civilized races of Urantia.” P811:4, P812:2

“Family life is the progenitor of true morality, the ancestor of the consciousness of loyalty to duty. The enforced associations of family life stabilize personality and stimulate its growth ...” P942:1, 84:7.30

“But even more, a true family—a good family—reveals to the parental procreators the attitude of the Creator to his children, while at the same time such true parents portray to their children the first of a long series of ascending disclosures of the love of the Paradise parent of all universe children.” P942:1, 84:7.30

“Marriage is the mother of all human institutions, for it leads directly to home founding and home maintenance, which is the structural basis of society.” P939:3, 84:6.8

“The family is vitally linked to the mechanism of self-maintenance; it is the sole hope of race perpetuation under the mores of civilization, while at the same time it most effectively provides certain highly satisfactory forms of self-gratification. **The family is man's greatest purely human achievement**, combining as it does the evolution of the biologic relations of male and fe-

male with the social relations of husband and wife.” P939:3, 84:6.8

“Marriage, with children and consequent family life, is stimulative of the highest potentials in human nature and simultaneously provides the ideal avenue for the expression of these quickened attributes of mortal personality. The family provides for the biologic perpetuation of the human species. The home is the natural social arena wherein the ethics of blood brotherhood may be grasped by the growing children. The family is the fundamental unit of fraternity in which parents and children learn those lessons of patience, altruism, tolerance, and forbearance which are so essential to the realization of brotherhood among all men.” P941:9, 84:7.28

### What is the value of marriage and family life?

“Marriage is enduring; it is not inherent in biologic evolution, but it is the basis of all social evolution and is therefore certain of continued existence in some form. Marriage has given mankind the home, and **the home is the crowning glory** of the whole long and arduous evolutionary struggle.” P913, 82:0.1

“While religious, social, and educational institutions are all essential to the survival of cultural civilization, *the family is the master civilizer*. A child

learns most of the essentials of life from his family and the neighbors.” P913:2

“It is because of the sex urge that selfish man is lured into making something better than an animal out of himself. The self-regarding and self-gratifying sex relationship entails the certain consequences of self-denial and insures the assumption of altruistic duties and numerous race-benefiting home responsibilities. Herein has sex been the unrecognized and unsuspected civilizer of the savage; for this same sex impulse automatically and unerringly *compels man to think* and eventually *leads him to love*.” P922:3

“The relations between the sexes are evolving favorably; many advancing peoples are gradually substituting somewhat idealized concepts of sex attraction for those older motives of utility and ownership. Sex impulse and feelings of affection are beginning to displace cold calculation in the choosing of life partners.” P923:5

“Character is something more than mere mind and morals. Of all social relations calculated to develop character, the most effective and ideal is the affectionate and understanding friendship of man and woman in the mutual embrace of intelligent wedlock. Marriage, with its manifold relations, is best designed to draw forth those precious impulses and those higher mo-

tives which are indispensable to the development of a strong character.”  
P1776, 160:2.6

[The Urantia Book](#) describes the family as the most important institution on earth.

More references:

P929 The Idealization of Marriage  
P930.1 ... ideal mortal marriage is  
humanly sacred  
P931 Marriage and Family Life  
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P1603 The Lesson on Family Life  
P1604:1... Jesus stated that a true family  
is founded on ...

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“The most effective of all social groups is the family, more particularly the two parents.” P1775:5, 160:2.4

“Almost everything of lasting value in civilization has its roots in the family. The family was the first successful peace group, the man and woman learning how to adjust their antagonisms while at the same time teaching the pursuits of peace to their children.” P765:5, 68:2.8

From Paper 72, GOVERNMENT ON A NEIGHBORING PLANET: “These people regard the home as the basic institution of their civilization. It is expected that the most valuable part of a child’s education and character training will be secured from his parents and at home, and fathers devote almost as much attention to child culture as do mothers....Divorce regulations are somewhat lax, but decrees of separation, issued by the parental courts, may not be had until one year after application therefor has been recorded, and the year on this planet is considerably longer than on Urantia. Notwithstand-