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Dear Meredith:

Last night I had the interview with the two space ship men, Wayne Aho and Harry Fleenor. They did not know each other before attending the convention. We had only about an hour together so we couldn't cover much.

Aho was more interested in telling me about the space ships and the people who come here and what they have told him (and others) and how Jesus has talked to him and how he knows what's going to happen in the next 20 years, than he was in asking questions about the Urantia Book. In fact, he asked no questions. He is completely dedicated to his work, travels and lectures constantly on the space age, and is working hard to prepare the planet for Jesus' second coming, which he says will be sometime in the next 20 years. (I didn't dare tell him that someone else says it's going to be October 7!) I believe he really is spiritually minded, but mixed up. He has not read the book - only parts of it here and there - but those parts agree with his beliefs and he's enthusiastically recommending it to his audiences. I told him that many of the things he believed in were not in accord with the teachings of the book, and urged him most strongly to read it through so he would know what it really said. He claims he hasn't time - it would take three years. He said in his lecturing he has come across people who agree with him and know what he's talking about because they know something about the Urantia Book. He mentioned two in Oklahoma City, one name Craven and the other a real estate man, whose name he couldn't remember.

Fleenor is also interested in the space ship thing, but not in the dedicated way that Aho is. He claims he's read every word of the Urantia Book and from his very pertinent comments, I believe he has. He agreed with me that many of the things in the book did not agree with Aho's views and also urged him to read the whole book. I'm sure he's more open-minded. I emphasized to both men that the Brotherhood was not now and must not be connected with any organization, that we were concerned only with religion and must stand alone, and I read them my supporting quotes on pages 1087 and 1089. They understood and agreed and did not seem antagonized. Fleenor asked the usual questions about origin, money, and so on, and was satisfied with my answers and did not push the point of origin.

They both bought more books and left on a very friendly note. So - one more interview behind me, which I had dreaded. Each one gives me a little more confidence.

Cordially,

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Thought you might be interested.

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