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Dr. William S. Sadler  
533 Diversey Parkway  
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Dear Dr. Sadler:

Thank you for your letter. Unless you have a conflict, I should like to suggest meeting with you Wednesday, January 2 at 12:00 noon. We might eat together and thus not take so much time from your work. My wife may or may not accompany me. We shall plan nothing for that evening so will not have to return at any particular time.

It would be a pleasure to meet with the First Urantia Society. We could make the 3:00 o'clock meeting in good weather. We shall look forward to being with you as soon as the weather is dependable - unless there is reason to come sooner. As a "babe" in your midst, there is so much that I could receive by this association.

Will write up the gist of the sermon series in which I am introducing the Urantia Book. Following this I shall organize study groups. Am hoping that our congregation will see the immense importance of the Urantia Book. If so, we will be able to channel part of our benevolence money into promotion work. Traveling expenses to make a presentation to certain significant groups (seminary faculties, research groups, etc.) and complimentary copies to such key people could thus be financed.

Under separate cover I am sending you some literature I have used with study groups before reading the Urantia Book. Am sending it only as it might have browsing curiosity value - it would be a waste of time to read - because it demonstrates how I was unknowingly prepared at key points (possibility of new revelation, doctrine of atonement, virgin birth, unlimited spiritual cosmology, etc.) for the Urantia Book.

Am naturally pleased that the Foundation thought the Introduction useful enough to pass on. But already I would change the selective parts to read first, I want to think this through very carefully before making recommendations to others.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which I sent William, Jr. before we met in October. Am enclosing it because it gives something of my own personal background and some of the problems which give me some concern. Am wondering also if some sort of history of the Urantia Society ought not to be worked out.

Cordially yours,

*Meredith J. Sprunger*  
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December 12, 1956

Meredith J. Sprunger, Ph.D  
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Dear Dr. Sprunger:

Replying to your letter of the 8th let me say that it will be very convenient to have a meeting with you, and I trust also your wife, on Wednesday, January 2.

We will be looking for you around noon, and we will have lunch here at our house, say around 12:30. We will then talk over some plan, a little later on when we are sure the roads will be good, for your coming over some Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

I will arrange my work in the office so, as far as possible, to get my appointments through with on Wednesday morning so that I will have the afternoon to talk with you about the Urantia Book and all the many things that pertain thereto.

In the meantime we send to you and yours our best wishes for a happy Christmastime, even if the date doesn't happen to be factual.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler

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