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Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger  
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Dear Dr. Sprunger:

Replying to your letter of February 6 let me say that I can very greatly understand your attitude. Some time back my son got the inspiration to work on a simple version of the Urantia Book. It did not deal so much with quotations but with an attempt to tell the story in primer fashion. After spending some time on this project he decided to give it up. I think he entertained mixed emotions about the project. The matter was never brought up for action by the Foundation Trustees.

I think if you and I could sit down we could work out some plan whereby we could receive permission to make quotations from the Urantia Book for use in classes, as I did in my Doctrinal Studies. Such productions would carry the notation of copyright permission, and there would have to be some understanding as to limitation of circulation. I cannot speak officially in this matter, as I am not a member of even the Board of Trustees of the Urantia Foundation. When they gave me permission to make quotations for my Doctrinal Studies they also required that I copyright the manual to control its circulation and to prevent duplication.

Some time in the next month let's have a conference and I will take on the job of taking the matter up at a Foundation meeting.

It is possible that the only way to get around this problem is for some one to prepare an introduction to the Urantia Book in his own language with permission to use limited quotations, and with the understanding that they copyright the manual so as to keep full control of it.

At any rate, let's get together in the near future and talk over these problems.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler

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