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X filed to Jim Brydon

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Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of May 9 regarding Jim Brydon. I am not at all surprised at his reaction after listening to him at the Darien meeting last November. Perhaps he does not know that the word is being spread all over the world, even to Africa, and at the rate the books are being sent out from here we know that the word is being broadcast.

We have been told: "The Urantia Book is a part of the natural evolution of religion on this world and that over-rapid growth would be suicidal; the world is not ready for the Urantia Book but it is given to those who are ready for it long before its worldwide mission. It belongs to the era immediately to follow the conclusion of the present ideological struggle. That will be the day when men will be willing to seek truth and righteousness." In the Urantia Book Page 1533, par. 4 Jesus said, "...and remember that my kingdom is not to come with noise and glamor, but rather must it come through the great change which my Father will have wrought in your hearts and in the hearts of those who shall be called to join you in the councils of the kingdom." The Urantia Book further says that Jesus chose to establish the kingdom of heaven in the hearts of mankind by natural, ordinary, difficult, and trying methods just such procedures as his earth children must subsequently follow in their work of enlarging and extending the heavenly kingdom. See also Page 2076, par. 6 starting with, "...this bank of human experience..."

Our responsibility consists in becoming so saturated with the fragrant truths of this revelation that all persons coming in contact with us will feel that we are truth lovers and spiritual explorers, that we are cosmic citizens engaged in the fascinating adventure of searching for God and dedicated to the supreme passion of doing his divine will.

Discussion groups in my estimation are for the purpose of studying the teachings of the book. I think the word should be "study" groups instead of "discussion" groups. How can one spread the truth presented unless one is well-acquainted with the book from beginning to end? I have spent many years studying the Urantia Book and every time I re-read it or hear it read and discussed I find new angles, and I have greater appreciation of the truths revealed therein.

However, Paul, remember that Jesus said to the apostles: "Do not strive with men." Perhaps Jim needs a little time to just absorb what he has read. We have had down through the years many "eager beavers" but it has been my observation that as they grow in the knowledge of this great revelation they realize that it cannot be forced upon any generation. It must grow naturally. Since this is largely what the revelators have told us, we must be guided accordingly. We must learn to possess our souls in patience.

Sincerely,

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