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Dear Meredith:

Your letters always stimulate my thinking, and it seems to take a bit longer than it should to get back to you because the thoughts take awhile to sort and settle.

I fully agree that the next ten years will be a transitional period for URANTIA Brotherhood, and certain basic characteristics of this transition are slowly beginning to emerge. Your proposal at the Triennial--which I brought before the Executive Committee last meeting for the beginning of a long discussion--identified two elements which will become central to all that we are able to do in this period, the need for a unifying and coordinating framework for communication, and the need fully to professionalize the task of managing and carrying out the affairs of the Brotherhood with a full-time staff. Together, these actions will help bring URANTIA Brotherhood into a fully operational condition, which will be one of our major goals in the coming months and years.

For many years you have occupied a unique position within the URANTIA movement, and I do appreciate the clarification you have shared with me regarding the primary emphasis of your own future work. Your intellectual and spiritual vitality, and your great talent and experience make it seem altogether natural that you would bring this focus to your life. I can respond personally to this because I well recall our first meeting in Darien when you served as the resource leader for our young study group. The two days of that meeting you led were one of the high points in my life. Thus, I share with you your conviction that this is the kind of work where you will be highly effective.

Perhaps it is time for us to think of how we can systematically organize "small group discussions" about The URANTIA Book and its message. Maybe something akin to a Speakers Bureau. I would like to explore this idea in more detail when we meet.

You strongly urged that URANTIA Brotherhood begin a true periodical, and I have been devoting thought to how this can be done on a shoestring budget. I have some ideas, together with a tentative format, which are ready for the discussion stage. At the October 1 meeting of the Executive Committee, I plan to present what I have. But over and above this presentation, I would also like to share these ideas with you, and get your reaction and advice.

I can drive down to Fort Wayne on a Saturday, and be at your place in the afternoon, if this would meet with your schedule. I will suggest October 27. Please let me know.

You have great skills, and we will certainly need them in the substantial work ahead. I fully understand your action orientation, and will think of you especially in these terms. You seem to be just the right person to serve as the cutting edge of the expansion of this revelation in the religious and educational communities.

Warmest regards.

Paul Snider, President  
URANTIA Brotherhood

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