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Dear Mr. Arterburn:

It is nice to hear from you again and learn that you have found others in your area who wish to study The URANTIA Book.

Now that you have completed your first reading of the book, you will be able to begin a more in-depth study of this marvelous revelation. The constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood does make provision in exceptional circumstances for individuals to seek membership-at-large. URANTIA Brotherhood needs the support of loyal and patient workers who will assist in the task of slowly but surely encourage the spread of the URANTIA teachings on a person-to-person basis. What is needed is a worldwide foundation of thousands upon thousands of groups who get together to study The URANTIA Book. From these groups will come those sincere students of the teachings who eventually dedicate their lives to living these truths to the highest of their comprehension. It is a task which takes great steadfastness of purpose. Membership in the brotherhood should not be confused with the spiritual brotherhood of which The URANTIA Book speaks. The spiritual brotherhood is made up of all believers wherever they may be. They are members of this invisible brotherhood whether they are conscious of it or not. URANTIA Brotherhood is a human organization established to foster the spread of the URANTIA teachings. I take the time to explain this difference since many confuse the two and consider them one and the same. Possibly in the distant future, they may become more synonymous.

It is good to know you identify with our aims and purposes, and we look forward to hearing from you so that we might to know each other more fully.

The enclosed Application when completed, should be returned to us. I am sending you your copy of the constitution under separate cover, and you should study it carefully to understand the organization, structure, and function of the Brotherhood. You will note that the recommendation of a General Councilor or Field Representative is needed, as well as that of one other member of the Brotherhood.

Mr. Charles R. Arterburn

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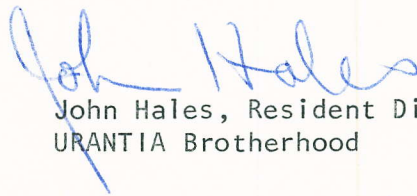
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As you requested, I am enclosing with the constitution various study aids which are available.

The Committee on Education is in the process of assessing the educational needs of the Brotherhood. There is no school here in Chicago in the traditional meaning of the word. Because of the far-flung geographic distribution of readers, I doubt that in the near future such a traditional school will be established. No doubt at some future time this may be a possibility. In any event you will be kept informed of our activities through the Bulletin.

We wish you well in your continued truth-seeking efforts and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



John Hales, Resident Director
URANTIA Brotherhood

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