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Meredith's Question of Origin

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Dear Julia:

I appreciate receiving your ideas and concerns regarding a ministry to the churches. We certainly share a concern for world unity in brotherhood. Where this ministry starts is not as important as its nature and message. Although Western Civilization may be evolutionarily a little more ready for The URANTIA Book than some other places in the world, I don't believe any "big well-known monolith" will develop around the book for a long, long time. The American institutionalization of URANTIA Brotherhood will do far more to discourage international development than will Christian leaders who read the book.

Thank you for your encouragement and the list of quotations which are relevant to my goals and purposes in bringing a ministry to the churches. There will, no doubt, be many difficulties which we will have to face as they arise.

Thank you, also, for the many helpful suggestions for improving the paper "The Question of Origin." Many members of the Executive Committee were opposed to anything being written but Christy's encouragement and support enabled us to get it approved. I did have Rudolf Bultmann's name in the second paragraph but some of the Executive Committee suggested that no names should be in the paper. I will share your paper with John and when he gets out another printing, we may wish to include some of your suggestions.

The reference on p. 966 refers to the sentence "No cult can survive unless it embodies some masterful mystery..." The origin of the fifth epochal revelation is itself a key "masterful mystery" which will contribute mightily to the enhancement of the religious expressions and institutions of the future.

Your positive contributions and considerable help to so many of us over the years has been great. Thank you for being there to lend an ear and a hand. We all love you.

Cordially,

Meredith J. Sprunger