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Dear Friend:

Recently I sent you a copy of the Urantia Primer - a condensation of the Urantia Book which I have made. Because I felt something of this nature should be done by the Urantia Foundation officially, I sent copies to its educational chairman, Dr. William Sadler, suggesting that some official attempt in this direction be made.

He replies, in part, "I certainly think it is a magnificent job. I was able to observe only one error - I think it is on Page 5. It concerns the three locations where the Life Carriers implanted the original life.

"But there is such a mass of direct quotations from the Urantia Book that something will have to be done about the matter as concerns the copyright law."

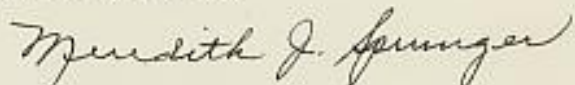
The exact quotation concerning life implantation is: "the central or Eurasian-African, the eastern or Australasian, and the western, embracing Greenland and the Americas."

Although this condensation may be of help to you, you can understand that the Urantia Foundation must be very careful about this sort of thing. If anyone were allowed to make such condensations and distribute them, material could be taken out of context which would result in distortion and confusion.

For this reason and since the condensation which I sent you is in violation of the copyright law, would you please return this condensation when you return the loan book. Those few who have gift copies and the few Urantia friends whom I have sent copies for evaluation I am asking to please return the copies to me when you are finished studying them.

I hope the Urantia Foundation will eventually bring out an official condensation so that these necessary precautions need not be taken. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,



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Dr. William S. Sadler
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Dear Dr. Sadler:

Thank you for your letter. I well realize the problems and dangers of permitting anyone to make condensations of the Urantia Book. This effort was undertaken for several reasons. First someone must take the initiative to stimulate the Urantia Foundation to make something of this nature available to common men and women. The best way I knew was to attempt such a condensation myself and send it to the Urantia Brotherhood as a point of departure in making an official Primer.

After introducing the Urantia Book to laymen who are above the average in intelligence, I have come to the conclusion that something of this sort is badly needed. I am rather sure that more confusion will result when men and women read the Urantia Book without first reading a well prepared condensation than when reading it after studying such a condensation.

Secondly, in my own personal contact and teaching I felt that I was not presenting the Urantia Book effectively unless I prepared such a condensation for those I taught. I will of course endeavor to collect all copies which are used by those attending these classes.

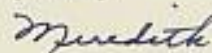
Those friends not apart of my local classes I have sent letters, a copy of which is enclosed, asking them to return such condensations. I well understand that if anything of this nature is circulated freely, it must come from the Urantia Brotherhood. And I do hope that something of this nature may be produced.

Personally I am not interested in circulating this condensation or any other to the public but only to those I am teaching or introducing to the Urantia Book. I would suggest that the Urantia Foundation advise me in this matter. If they want me to destroy my copies and not use them for teaching purposes, I will do so.

If the Urantia Foundation does not produce some such condensation, I believe they are making a mistake. But of course I could be wrong. I also realize that my exceedingly short experience with the Urantia Book hardly entitles me to even a voice among people who have been studying these papers possibly before I was born! What ever the decision of the group is, I will adjust to it. If for any reason you should like me to come to Chicago, I will be happy to do so.

Thank you again for your help. If I have trod on holy ground, I think you know my mistakes are more of the head than the heart.

Sincerely yours,



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