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MEREDITH J. SPRUNGER, MINISTER

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Dr. William S. Sadler
533 Diversey Parkway
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Dear Dr. Sadler:

Have just returned from Cleveland where I was a delegate to the Uniting Synod of the United Church of Christ. This is no doubt the most significant church union in the history of Protestantism in the United States. It represents four denominations of different polity and national backgrounds and is the beginning, I believe, of significant developments in the American Church.

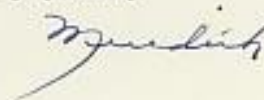
Slowly the seeds that have been planted during the past year are producing growth. Unusual developments are the most interesting. Last Fall I gave a copy of the Urantia Book to a friend who is a denominational executive. I hesitated in giving the book to Henry because his wife always appeared to be a straight-laced individual who would brook no nonsense. This week at Cleveland she said, "We have a book of yours; I'm wondering if you're anxious to have it back?" Hesitatingly I replied, "Which book is that?" When she referred to the Urantia Book and told me she was enjoying reading it, I was amazed. She referred to the rephrasing of the golden rule and other things which she considered excellent. "If people would read this book," she said, "their thinking would be favorably changed about a lot of things." I would have never expected that from her! Henry has been too busy to read the book but she assured me he would get around to it - and with that kind of a lady there to see about it, I know Henry will read it!

With a number of ministers and other educated people becoming critically interested in the Urantia Book, I realize that I must write up a brief history of the human side of the story - that which can be told. It seems this must be done for two reasons, first to insure accuracy and second to be a bit more comprehensive. I hope that I might get together with you sometime this summer to take notes on this material. We will be up north from July 1-17 and from Aug. 1-15. May be we can get together after August 15th.

I have also been increasingly compelled with the idea that this winter I should make a serious attempt to write a book possible entitled A Critique on Crisitianity in which I attempt to present the insights of the Urantia Book which are reasonably clear from the standpoint of our evolutionary knowledge. This could be one of the forerunners preparing our society for an eventual introduction to the Urantia Book. This book would, however, be entirely evolutionary in its argument and point of view. If a large number of people would read such a book, the introduction of the Urantia Book might be much easier. I will appreciate any wisdom you have on the subject.

I hope that you are having a pleasant summer. Best wishes to the family.

Sincerely yours,



July 1, 1957

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger
307 N. Plymouth St.
Culver, Indiana

Dear Dr. Sprunger:

Glad to get your letter of June 28. I will be home the week beginning August 19. Tuesday would be a convenient day for me to see you if that would be acceptable to you, but any time during the week except Saturday.

I was very much interested in the story you told about your minister friend and his wife. Lots of interesting things are happening. We will talk them over when we see you.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler

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