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MEREDITH J. SPRUNGER, MINISTER

May 9, 1958

Dr. William S. Sadler  
533 Diversey Parkway  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Sadler:

Thank you for the revised copies of Psychic Phenomena. It is the best answer to the mystery of the origin of the Urantia Book available. It is also a very useful organization of marginal or subconscious phenomena. I'm glad to have them to use with ministers and other critically minded people.

We just returned from our annual Synod meeting which this year was held near Detroit. We have a young man, Paul Gehart, at Albion, Michigan who seems ripe for the Urantia Book and I have loaned him a book. Dave Schlundt will no doubt be writing you about coming to Chicago each week to take courses in the Urantia School. I have encouraged him in this desire.

Dr. David Morton, superintendent of the Norman Beatty Mental Hospital, not too far from here is interested in having me work as a clinical psychologist. I am greatly interested in plans he has for the hospital. I would continue to serve the church here evenings and week ends. So I will probably take part time work at Purdue during the coming school year picking up some practical techniques, like the Rorschach and other projective techniques along with part time work in the hospital. If all goes well I would probably work full time as a clinical psychologist. This arrangement of psychological work and preaching appeals to me much more than straight church work. I'm just not an institutionalist. I know that psychiatrists sometimes look at clinical psychologists with raised eye brows, but I was wondering if you had any advice to give one of these lowly creatures?

Thanks again for the sheets. If you folks can get to Culver this summer, we would be glad to have you visit us.

Sincerely yours,

*Meredith*

May 12, 1958

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger  
307 N. Plymouth St.  
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Dear Dr. Sprunger:

Glad to hear from you and learn of other interests, like Dr. Morton. I have a letter from Pastor Schlundt, over at Goshen, telling me that he wants to arrange to come up next year and attend Brotherhood School.

I am not surprised to hear that you are going to get yourself interested in clinical psychology. As far as my experience goes, clinical psychologists have been very helpful to psychiatry. I know there has been some trouble here and there - psychiatrists saying that psychologists go too far in trying to diagnose and treat serious mental disorders.

I think the clinical psychologist has been far more useful when working in institutions or with groups than when he has tried to go it alone as an individual practitioner. But the best excuse for his function is the fact that the country is short on psychiatrists; and this shortage is to some extent compensated by the clinical psychologist, the psychological social worker, as well as ministers who are more and more helping out with the minor mental disturbances.

Always glad to hear from you and get the news.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler

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