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Dear Marian:

Thank you for your letter. When I submitted the material that might be used to introduce the Urantia Book I thought it would be helpful. In some cases this may be true. But I believe I agree with the decision of the committee.

Have been undergoing a gradual but steady shifting of opinion regarding the Urantia Book and any institution - the Church or the Urantia Brotherhood or any other institution. Increasingly I am of the conviction that we must keep this revelation free from the possibility of being curtailed or captivated by any institution. At the same time we ought to cooperate ^{with} and befriend all individuals and all institutions. Therefore I think it is good to keep away from "official" introductions or anything else.

Coming from the Church background, this shift to a non-institutional emphasis has been slow but it is probably for the best. I believe that we should emphasize the non-institutional nature of the movement now so that in the days when the Brotherhood is a powerful organization, they will not have any historical precedents for misusing that power by attempting to be an inclusive or normative institution. Please express my appreciation to the committee for the wisdom of their decision. They have been a substantial help in the development of my own conception of the nature and function of the Urantia Movement in our modern world.

Sincerely yours,

Meredith