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Dear Christy,

With the passing of time that goes into years when we are absent, one from the other, it is comforting to know that the work goes on, each doing that which is given him to do, knowing that it is the same spirit within each, the Spirit of the one God, being shared in the overall scene.

And I would have you know of matters which concern me greatly.

C. I, along with some others, believe that an injustice was given to those in attendance at the memorial service for Bill Fenderson, the several readers whose love is in the light of truth as portrayed in the writings as given in The Urantia Book, and who have perceived that the one who spoke at length was speaking for his own aggrandizement rather than for the force of love which was being served in bringing together the multitudes who came to share a beautiful remembrance of a departed friend.

P. We are aware that the presentation of an editorial reprint (enclosed), written by Bill, was used in a very subtle way to bring attention to the speaker, as opposed to a loving recital of the (much) good that Bill did while on earth. Even some appropriate quotes from The Urantia Book would have been in good taste as hand-outs, and would have served as an inspiration to every one, whether or not he knew of The Urantia Book.

Y. If the editorial reprint were passed out to everyone who entered the chapel at the request of the widow, as we were informed early in the address, then the one who served as counselor, could, in the light of his own involvement, have taken a lesser seat to portray another vision, without calling attention to himself.

Only a few lines were read from the last Paper, said to be Bill's favorite Paper. The long address was felt by many to be a recital of a personal relationship which existed between the speaker and the deceased, citing dates of visits and phone calls and what was said by each of them, with numerous quotations from other editorials, along with his many earthly accomplishments. A beautiful eulogy was in order, but hardly this

Were the speaker more familiar with the truths as given in The Urantia Book, he would be able to quote these truths more favorably in a memorial address to be heard also by those who have not seen them in print, perhaps even leading some to read and ingest these truths into their own personal lives. And some may well do just that since Truth has its own way of getting around, despite misquotes, here and there.

It was stated that Bill was searching for "truth, beauty, goodness, and love." Had our speaker remembered, he could have explained that we do not have God AND love, but when we have God we have love, because God is love. The Urantia Book does not separate truth, beauty, and goodness from love, but explains: "But love, the sum



total of these three qualities, is man's perception of God as his spirit Father." cf. page 648. And again, "To finite man truth, beauty, and goodness embrace the full revelation of divine reality." Also, same page: "...and they know that God is love."

When our friend-and-brother speaker drew a round of audible laughter from the young "long-hairs", new readers, sitting next to me, and from some of the others in the audience, with the statement that Bill "loved God, Jesus, and Julia," I was all but overcome with sadness that "on such a world as this," one of my brothers-in-faith could speak thusly! And later, outside the chapel, I found I could not go near this man... what could I possibly say?

In view of all of the above, consider this: The speaker has set up a tax-free foundation in connection with his livelihood and is known to have drawn upon the name lists of certain Urantia study groups, unabashedly soliciting funds to help support his radio programs.

To the more spiritually enlightened individuals, the solicitation of donations, even tax-free ones, is considered a form of plagiarism, when using material from The Urantia Book without mentioning the source thereof.

It is disheartening to observe that the marketplace has returned to the temple, whether it be used as a basis for organizing selling groups, or for soliciting donations, or for any purpose beyond the simple fact of sharing one's love for the things of God, and these things "are not of this world."

Our speaker friend's own persuasion foisted upon some of his young 'innocents' in his foundation-commune-regime --- as well as other Urantia groups, to promote the sale of stock in the wheat market, to be sold to Russia under the Nixon administration, the profits of which are to be used for the support of the Family of God Foundation, leaves one with somewhat of a feeling of repugnance. In fact, some of the Los Angeles group have remarked about what a good thing Vern has going for himself.

While there may be merit in the overall manner in which our speaker-friend chooses to serve as a minister in bringing youth to The Truth, the question is begging as to how his ambitions are being granted approval by those who love truth as shown in The Urantia Papers, especially in view of the fact that The Urantia Book material in the radio broadcasts are made as though they were his own. Warnings are given by many religious writers as to what happens when claiming truth as one's own. We must remember, the way of achieving a goal is as important as the goal itself, that the end does not justify the improper means, as we read page 193, last paragraph: "Moral acts are those human performances which are characterized by the highest intelligence, directed by selective discriminations in the choice of superior ends as well as in the selection of moral means to attain these ends."

The content of this letter has not been, nor will it be mentioned to the widow of the deceased as she commands respect in her own right, especially now considering her bereavement, even though in the past, she has found high esteem in the form of continual personal flattery regarding the value of supporting these radio programs; on this we have Jesus' admonition: "...and I would warn you to beware the slippery paths of flattery," page 1897.

It is not with pleasure that I call your attention to the foregoing, but my own interest with The Urantia Book deals largely with the spiritual aspects of Truth along with certain social repercussions, and it is with this interest in mind that this letter is conceived and sent, in confidence, to you at this time.

Most sincerely,

TK. S —

as a struggling potential  
faith son of our Father.

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