

Dear "URANTIA OFFICIALDOM": It goes without saying, I believe the TRUSTEES are handling the SHERMAN attack on the Forum, Dr. Sadler, his secretary, and the URANTIA BOOK, IN ACCORD WITH WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE PRECISELY RIGHT MANNER.

Similarly, I am. Everyone at headquarters is overworked, deeply in earnest, and oppressed by responsibilities, and--quite naturally--fears taking a wrong step. They all have my sympathy--"you all", perhaps I should say.

Unhobbled by official responsibilities, I am able to take a different view of Urantian matters. I think much of the future when we alive today, will all be gone. The REAL attacks on our Book will come in the future. Check the literature on Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science, on the Mormons, and you will realize how the records are combed for material to discredit a new "religion" or movement. The URANTIA movement and Book will have enemies a thousand times more powerful and determined than the mild enemies of C.S. and Mormonism.

I simply cannot, under any circumstances stand aside and let the SHERMAN attack stand unrefuted. 20, 30, 50 years from now--enemies of our beloved Revelation will have dug out the SHERMAN attack and will make great point of the fact that the FOUNDATION showed in its response it hadn't a leg to stand on against the SHERMAN allegations.

To me, it is imperative that the truth be spread on the record. Since SHERMAN made me a party to his dishonest tale, I have an obligation personally as well. To me--it is inconceivable that Dr. Sadler's name and character be blackened and no official denials be made. All old Forum members are slandered, demeaned, as well. So was the Doctor's Secretary. The response officially takes no note of these things. The small paragraph asserting the text was NOT humanly altered was not inserted until after I protested.

I know a good deal about the very powerful and wealthy organization that exists to destroy individuals, organizations, and beliefs that are less obnoxious to it than the URANTIA BOOK will be within a few years. What they could do with the attack and the Foundation's response! I know of other possible potential enemies of great power too.

Give headquarters credit for their caution and attitudes. They are carrying a sacred responsibility according to their best lights. In an altogether different position, so am I. Thus, what I send you herewith is to me vital. It is not to be promoted or generally exposed. It is for the record, and to perhaps squelch at this early stage a most dishonorable attack. If that attack is adequately handled now by us, it will prevent its being grossly mishandled by anti-Christians and the anti-religious in the future. Use it--the enclosed--only when you feel compelled to to straighten out troubled minds.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. The enclosures are with my compliments.



Dear Marian: I am afraid my list of Trustees and Directors of the Fndtn and Brotherhood is out-of-date. I have sent this to teh following. If I have omitted some to whom it should go as "officialdom" will you please tell me?

Tom Kendall	Harry Rowley
Christy	Meredith Sprunger
You	Barney Burton
Edith Cook	Barbara Newsom
Bill Hales	
John Hales	
Art Born	
Martin Myers	
Jim Mills	
Art Birch	

Hope you're doing fine!

December 11, 1976

Dear Clyde:

Thanks for sending me the Sherman material. I've just finished reading the long thing and in my opinion it is much better than the first one although I feel it is still too long.

In general, I agree with your description of things that happened, ~~xx~~ except your description of the Sunday afternoon meeting. Three of us here remember the details differently, in fact, more as Harold describes them. But then, who can remember for sure after 35 years?

We have had almost no inquiries about the book or Sherman - I think only three and those when the book was first discovered.

Christy, Edith, and I will write something to be notarized and put with your paper in the safe in case anything comes up in the future.

By the way, I remember that you ridiculed Meredith's title for his paper. That was not his choice. It was changed by the lawyer, and none of us were happy with it, including Meredith. In fairness to Meredith, I thought I should tell you that, in case he didn't mention it.

I'm enclosing a sheet which gives the names of the "Officialdom," by which I suppose you mean the trustees of the Foundation and the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood.

Hope you and Florence have a fine holiday.

My best,

Harry's term as Treasurer expired in June. Apparently the only one you missed was Lynne Kulieke. And Jim Mills is not one of the officials now.