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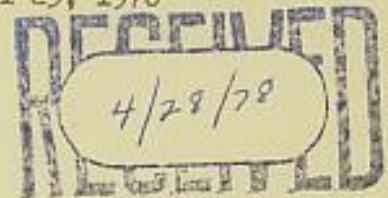
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April 25, 1978

Dr. Meredith Sprunger  
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Dear Dr. Sprunger:

It has been many years since I corresponded with you, I believe back in 1960. At that time I had completed an analysis of the Grand Universe including the detail arrangement and the numbering of major, minor, universe, constellation and local systems, with their relationship to earth. I recall you were surprised any mortal could determine God's hierarchy. Since then I have worked to spread the concepts of the URANTIA Book in many diverse ways, including many symposiums in NYC, through which over a hundred copies of the URANTIA Book have been sold. Recently I have had a number of copies drop shipped through the book store in Bryn Mawr, Pa., The Stacks. In March 1978, I ordered an additional eight copies for a special class I have been teaching.

In April 1977 I did an article on the URANTIA Book for a magazine Cosmic Frontiers. The article must have been well done and accepted because of numerous letters received, including one from Julia Fenderson in Culver City, California. But it was considered in poor taste by your legal department as per the letter of June 23, 1977, copy attached. I am truly sorry the Foundation took offense to this article. I feel I am one of your silent workers who does not seek notoriety but only the truth. Hence, if you have the time I would appreciate your reviewing the article yourself and tell me where I have offended the Urantia Foundation.

It is because of this situation with the article that I am now writing you. I have after 20 years of research been able to integrate some of the great knowledge from the URANTIA Book with some of my other research. The result is a book, "Your Energy Print From Earth To Eternity". I have completed a rough draft from which I have taught a ten week course. The book has been written for everyone, particularly the young, who are seeking to understand themselves and their relationship to others and to God's cosmic universe. Because I refer to information in the URANTIA Book in different chapters I would like to ask you who I should send the preliminary draft to for review. I am enclosing the first chapter if you would care to review it. In writing the book I have not put quote marks around information taken from the URANTIA Book but have used the technical reference notation technique. I would be willing to use whatever method is acceptable to the Foundation.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kindest regards,

*A. A. Zachow*  
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Encl: 1st chapter, "Your Energy Print....."  
cc: Julia Fenderson

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April 29, 1978

Mr. A. A. Zachow  
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Dear Mr. Zachow:

Thank you for your letter and materials enclosed. I do remember corresponding with you many years ago. It is good to know that you have been one of the quiet workers disseminating the teachings of The URANTIA Book.

Concerning questions regarding your article in Cosmic Frontiers and your manuscript, "Your Energy Print from Earth to Eternity," I can only give you personal opinions. All copyright matters are handled by URANTIA Foundation, the owner of the copyright to The URANTIA Book. URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood are separate organizations. URANTIA Brotherhood is primarily interested in disseminating the teachings of The URANTIA Book through study groups and fellowship.

My guess is that the legal counsel of URANTIA Foundation objected to your article in Cosmic Frontiers because it contains material copied or paraphrased from The URANTIA Book which constitutes copyright infringement. I would further conjecture that the Foundation found errors like "the fourth section was not finished until 1941" and references to a transporting station in Brown Mountain, N. C. and UFO's not only objectionable but since these observations have nothing to do with The URANTIA Book, they are clearly misleading.

You must get permission from URANTIA Foundation if you wish to use material from The URANTIA Book in your new book. Mr. Thomas Kendall is president of URANTIA Foundation. The Foundation has granted very few such requests. My personal advice, therefore, would be to not use material in your book which would constitute copyright violation. This may be frustrating but it is also a challenge to one's creativity. As I understand copyright law, ideas cannot be copyrighted; but words, phrases, and paraphrasing are covered by copyright law. In any case you must contact the Foundation for permission to use URANTIA Book material.

Best wishes to you in your desire to share these great teachings. I hope you will find a creative, legal way to do this.

Cordially,

*Meredith J. Sprunger*  
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President, URANTIA Brotherhood

bcc: Thomas Kendall