

FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF HOUSTON

Box 26575 Houston, Texas 77207

July 27, 1979

To:
Members of the General Council
 of the Urantia Brotherhood, and
Other Fellow Urantians

Soon it will be a year since the last annual meeting of the General Council, August 12, 1978. At that meeting, by majority vote, the Councilors rejected a motion to expell from the Brotherhood the First Urantia Society of Houston for the reason that the Society members had disapproved, and chosen not to sign, the Licensing Agreement proposed by the Urantia Foundation.

In response to the Council's request to have a report on the status of this matter at its next meeting, scheduled August 19, 1979, we provide the attached Resolution adopted by our Society members.

Presented sincerely in the spirit of Jesusonian teachings,

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a. Among its purposes are "the study and dissemination of the teachings of the Urantia Book, and inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and of all countries wherein Urantia Brotherhood may extend"; and

b. "It shall be composed of members associated together for the purposes expressed in this Constitution in Urantia Societies, autonomous in the conduct of their local affairs, but subservient to this Constitution; and

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2. WHEREAS, the First Urantia Society of Houston:

a. Has been a chartered society of the Urantia Brotherhood since 1970, maintained in good standing by its members who have supported and fulfilled the provisions of its Constitution; and

b. Whose members believe that our effectiveness in disseminating the teachings of the Urantia Book, as an organization or individually, depends upon our loyalty to those teachings in conducting the affairs of the Brotherhood and its Societies, lest we disappoint and disillusion those who look to us for guidance in their search for truth and their striving for spiritual growth.

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3. WHEREAS, the Urantia Foundation:

a. Is a separate, independent organization which, under its own constitution known as the "Declaration of Trust", is bound to purposes and functions different and apart from those of the Brotherhood and its Societies; and which

b. Has proposed to establish direct legal relations with the First Urantia Society of Houston by executing a contractual Licensing Agreement concerning the use of trademark and service mark;

4. WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Urantia Brotherhood does not specifically or generally, provide for its Societies to enter into agreements with the Urantia Foundation or with any other legal entity, consideration of the Licensing Agreement therefore is a responsibility and right resting wholly and solely within the local autonomy of the First Urantia Society of Houston;
5. WHEREAS, the provisions of the Licensing Agreement are inconsistent with, and contradictory to, the teachings of the Urantia Book, and serve to contravene the spirit and purposes expressed in the Constitutions of both the Urantia Brotherhood and the First Urantia Society of Houston;
6. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First Urantia Society of Houston:
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7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of the First Urantia Society of Houston, as we have observed and faithfully fulfilled in the past all conditions presented with our charter, reaffirm and pledge our loving support to the Urantia Brotherhood and to its avowed purposes of sharing freely with all people the revelations in the Urantia Book and of fostering fellowship among its students.

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