

February 15, 1983

President
URANTIA Foundation
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Dear Thomas:

Please consider this a response to John Hales' letter to Merritt Horn on February 3, as well as your letter of January 31. We hope the following comments will be beneficial in furthering understanding between us.

As you may be aware, Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver voted unanimously on February 5th to make the Boulder School for the Study of The URANTIA Book an officially sanctioned service project of RMUSD. A slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees was also unaimously approved.

In view of our Society's actions, the Boulder School becomes an official activity of the Society, and subject to the requirements of the Licensing Agreement regarding usages of the registered marks outside the listed applications in item 1. Additionally, we recognize the desirability of a review of the Boulder School by representatives of URANTIA Foundation to ascertain that the provisions of the Licensing Agreement and the spirit of the stated purposes of the URANTIA Brotherhood are manifested in our School. The Licensing Agreement provides the means to insure the observance of its provisions, and we look forward to a visit from you or Foundation representatives to fullfill such responsibilities.

It is our consideration that the heart of this issue concerns the interpretation applied to the expressed autonomy of societies and their activities. The autonomous relationship specified in our Brotherhood Constitution states: "Each URANTIA Society shall be autonomous in all matters of its government and activities ... except as limited by this constitution or delegated to the General Council, the Executive Committee, or to one or more of the Departmental Committees." We do not read however, that it follows when we sanction our activities URANTIA Brotherhood must perforce review and officially sanction, or not sanction, such programs as the Foundation does, before we may identify our Society with our projects by registered word and symbol. When we were granted autonomy to function, we understood the Licensing Agreement and the Constitution to convey by virtue of our charter an expressed trust to create and execute activities which facilitate the requirements of the stated purposes of URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood.

URANTIA Brotherhood chose not to be officially connected to an educational effort such as the Boulder School. While we are puzzled by this decision, when we perceive the aims of the Education Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood are in accord with the stated purposes of the Boulder School, it is our view that URANTIA Brotherhood does not act parentally concerning the activities of

a society; and URANTIA Foundation, while having expressed rights of review of any activity using the registered marks, has allowed "official" approval of their use "in connection with official Society activities" when entering into a Licensing Agreement with a society. We see the requirement for written permission and inspection by the Foundation as a necessary way of overseeing the resulting usage of the marks, but in conjunction with item 2(h) in the Agreement, we feel the Foundation should have no trepidation in officially approving ipso jure the sponsoring society's use of the registered marks.

It is our understanding that the very nature of the stated purposes of the Brotherhood are national and international in scope, and that a school dedicated to those purposes would likewise embrace international goals. We do not interpret "local" as it is used in Article III of the Brotherhood Constitution to be a limitation on the scope of our activities. Should a locally initiated project grow to encompass national and international aspects, we look forward to the mutual assistance of the entire Brotherhood in the spirit expressed in the preamble of our Constitution; for we see such a future as the real measure of our spiritual unity and not a circumstance for absorption of our project by URANTIA Brotherhood.

Regarding the observation that we both draw resources from the same pool of donors, we would only comment that the Master told us when we seek first the Kingdom of God, all things needful will be added unto us. Our consecration to the Father's Will dissolves such concerns.

Finally, we think John's suggested visit is an excellent idea, and we will be glad to accommodate you at your convenience. While we have worked for clarity in this matter, we too recognize the need for the mutual sharing of ideas that will fashion a decision exemplifying the true nature of our common bond and commitment to the Father's Will. Accordingly, we will ask all other societies to contribute their insights to you, as soon as possible.

We hope these comments will benefit your discussion on the 25th, and we anticipate your respective visits with the shared high spirits of true brotherhood on Urantia.

Haec Olim Meminisse Juvabit

Toward's Paradise,

Terry Kruger, President
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