Golden Gate Circle for students of THE URANTIA BOOK

January 3, 2002

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for your letter to the G.G.C. dated 12/13/01 regarding the recent newsletter. Of the nearly 1,000 newsletters that were sent I've received only two comments prior to yours — one praising the newsletter and another expressing concern. I expect that by a wide majority the people receiving the newsletter are not Urantia Book readers.

I agree with your conclusion that several articles in the newsletter gave it a New Age slant. And I agree that *The Urantia Book* is not a religion, nor is it New Age. You said you thought the G.G.C. was a study group — the newsletter is a product of our Society. The Society promotes study groups, conferences, and various outreach projects.

That this newsletter presented a New Age face is unfortunate. The problem is that this and all other Societies run on volunteer effort and the GGC has a number of members active in teaching mission, stillness, and healing activities. Some of us believe these activities fall outside of Urantia Book teachings, just as some of us believe that those who try to incorporate A Course in Miracles with Urantia Book teachings are mistaken as well. Yet we still appreciate our friends on a personal level and are happy they choose to participate in Society activities.

May I suggest that you write a short article to express your views for publication in the next edition of the newsletter. Send a copy to me and to the editor (Byron Belitsos, 5 Welch St., San Rafael, CA, 94901, or to bbelitsos@earthlink.net). We intend for the newsletter to be open to various points of view.

Thank you again. Take comfort in knowing that while this may be California we're not all crazy.

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