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Rev. Meredith J. Sprunger
307 North Plymouth St.
Culver, Indiana

Dear Mr. Sprunger:

Thank you much for your most interesting letter of the 2nd and enclosures, and it seems to me you have done a remarkable job in the way of introduction to the Urantia Book.

I would like so much to know as to whether or not this introduction you have prepared has been submitted to Dr. Sadler and received his approval, also the sheet of most helpful and enlightening excerpts. If these have met with his approval and are released for such distribution as we may desire to make of them from time to time for the enlightenment of interested persons, then I would like to have about a dozen copies of each, in case you are running these off on multigraph or similar device so that you can spare extra copies without re-writing. If that is to be done, we can do it ourselves in our own office.

I am indeed glad to see something in the way of a really informative introduction being prepared to go with the Book.

In case you are at any time re-writing this matter, you will of course note in the introduction sheet that there are a couple of cases where there is repetition of the same words in typing - not a serious matter, however, or one that requires any special attention.

It just occurs to me that it would be most enlightening to one reading for the first time if you would write near the beginning of your comments, just a line of explanation that "Urantia" is the name that has been given our planet. I know that it should by most intelligent people be comprehended before reading far, but it just seems to me if explanation is made at the first as to why this name "Urantia" is used and what it means as to our own world, that would be helpful.

In the last paragraph of the first page you make reference to me, and that is perfectly all right, and need not be changed at all unless you are doing a re-write at some time in the future, and if so, then have me classified as Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Company instead of as you have it, "president emeritus". I am enclosing one of our 50-year books that we are just sending out, giving an outline of the developments of the company, and if you will note Page 7, the last paragraph, you will observe the personal explanatory statement.

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When you get your organization in hand and are gathering contributions to adjust the matter of the cost of the Books, I would like to make a contribution to that fund, but I suggest that you first write to Dr. Sadler and find out just what he would suggest, because I have the impression, although I may be wrong, that they would be inclined to reduce the price somewhat on 24 books.

You may have met Mrs. Rawson, as she is now the lady at the reception desk in Dr. Sadler's offices, and is a very fine personality. Her husband was a fine man, too, and it is just too bad he had to pass on so early in life. I came to know him quite well and regarded him highly.

The Sadler family have been friends of mine for over 35 years, and I have every reason to have implicit confidence in them. Dr. Lena Sadler was one of the most capable and brilliant women I ever met - most energetic, and she was also a medical doctor and surgeon. She took my tonsils out many years ago, and I have also had two operations by Dr. William Sadler before his arm was broken in an automobile accident, and thus he had to give up surgery. He was at that time, as I remember it, a senior surgeon in Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

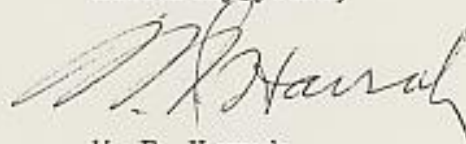
I believe you know that Mrs. Sadler's father was brother of the nationally known Dr. Kellogg, head of the sanatorium at Battle Creek during much of his lifetime, and another brother was the head of the Kellogg Food Company at Battle Creek, so they really were very able people.

My first contact with Dr. Sadler was when I was on a board of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, and we had him give a lecture at an annual dinner in Detroit, entitled "The Human Machine", and it certainly was splendid. From that our acquaintance grew into a lifelong friendship.

I am sure you would greatly enjoy going over to just a few miles west of Michigan City, where Sadlers have a very nice and good sized cottage on the top of a little hill overlooking the lake.

I sincerely hope the good work you are doing in connection with this most unusual book will meet with great success.

Sincerely yours,



W. F. Harrah

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