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Dear Dr. Sprunger:

I know you are exceptionally busy at this time of the year: at least all the ministers I run into these days (and I run into a lot of them) say they have no time for anything, what with the Lenten period with us and Easter not too far off. I persist quietly in my ministry each Sunday going to different denominations and almost always leaving a book. It's so easy recently, because the ones I've attended have a social coffee hour afterwards, and I always get an opportunity to speak with the pastor under these easy circumstances. To date, leaving Grauer out, only one has returned the book, and he said he just didn't have time for such extensive reading and because he had only glanced at it he couldn't even presume to give a fair judgment of the book. Ships that pass in the night. But I have had only one favorable reaction, that of Dr. Kingham in Evanston. I go to his Bible Study every Sunday and I always manage to infect a bit of Urantian philosophy into the discussions; there's always a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face after he's let me have my say. The amazing thing about the whole thing, though, is no one ever asks where I get my material.

As reported last Sunday in open meeting, progress is being made and interest is developing in many areas of our country and elsewhere. The assistant to the publisher of Time Magazine asked for an interview on a personal basis. He is leaving the country now and will be back in October; he said he will have finished the book by then and he wanted another interview at that time. There were many other interesting contacts.

I know I am coming over to see you this spring, because I have so many things to ask you. I want to know more of the progress there. Everyone at 535 Diversey asks about you and they all expect me to know what is going on in Culver. I know I would know more if I had been more attentive to my correspondence. But, believe me, I do a pile of it every week following up on the placing of the Urantia Book.

My very best regards to you and your family,
Sincerely,

Harold Farrer