

From the Study of E. J. A. Koch

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Dear Meredith:

I am enclosing herewith \$8.00 for THE URANTIA BOOK, as you suggested. I am afraid you are going to come out short on this. I will speak to you about this again at Synod.... Haven't had much time to read. Sort of envy you the experience! That is the day my brother will be installed as minister of St. Peter's, Detroit, successor to David Schlundt. I will be going to Chicago for Dr. Stanger's inauguration the day before Synod starts.

I believe I mentioned that my organist at Elmhurst (she still plays at St. Peter's), handed me THE URANTIA BOOK to read. Had it only a few days. About the time when this book was being prepared I had a strange experience. At the time I didn't think anything of it. A strange man and his wife attended my Lenten service at St. Peter's. After church they lingered. The man wanted to talk. I said some things in my sermon which prompted him to enquire about my insights. I don't recall how answered him, but our conversation led to matters which prompted me to tell him a few things

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from my experience--of an "extra curricular" nature. In this context he asked me if I had any close acquaintance with one of our Eden professors. All I could say, was that I had met him but that I didn't claim him as a personal acquaintance; nor had he been my teacher. (He happens to be one of the faculty soon to retire and who, in so far as I had heard, has not enjoyed top rating--a detail I did not mention, of course.) Well, he confided that he had been very closely associated with him in a series of meetings, Indianapolis, I believe. He spoke very highly of him, as a very extraordinary person, and then added, that these were very important and unique meetings, and that the world would sooner or later be hearing about them. Evidently they had been dealing with some important data. He was reluctant about saying more. It was obvious though, that some ideas expressed by me caused him to mention both this professor, and these meetings. The context of our conversation and the mysteriousness (both nearly forgotten) came back to me when I read of the manner in which this book was prepared. It's merely a hunch. My memory even is vague. The man lived in Lehigh or Glen Ellen, and he was a layman. I don't remember meeting him after that. The incident may be utterly irrelevant to the book in question. But it popped into my mind. I thought you would be interested in this. Sincerely,
J. S.

Thanks.