



M. "Sek" Seklemian

Sek at the "Art of Living" URANTIA Book Conference Santa Barbara, California, August 19-21, 1983.

Sek was able to live such a life because he was unafraid; he had consecrated his will to God's Will; he was certain of his eternal survival. He had learned that in the next life he would be reunited with Henriette, his beloved wife of 48 years. And he himself was prepared everyday to follow the Father's divine plan; he was ever ready for the next step in his eternal career.

Thank you, Sek, for allowing us to witness your faith in keeping with the Will of our Creator. We all know we shall be working with you.

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Photo by Richard Voss

Sek was in his venerable eighties when he completed his earthly career on Tuesday, August 23, 1983. His life long work was a distinguished one, diversified and varied, full of professional knowledge and spiritual wisdom. His service motive was high and he was always ready to give his fullest by sharing right up to his last hour in the flesh.

In numerous ways and over many years he showed us with his words and his actions that the finding and exploring of the URANTIA Book was the crowning and most useful experience of his entire life. And it is through, and by sharing the extraordinary teachings and disclosures of this unique book, that many of us entered into an inspirational and rewarding relationship with Mr. M. "Sek" Seklemian. We are all grateful for this fruitful opportunity to serve and learn with Sek during the last years of his life on earth.

As Sek passed by his fellows, he conveyed truths he had found in his long life, and he comforted many. His matchless business career as a noted advertising consultant, author and executive took him all over this planet. Some years he travelled in excess of 150,000 miles. And on all of these wearisome plane rides and repetitious airport waits, he always carried the precious weight of his beloved teachings, the big blue URANTIA Book.

As Sek passed by, he ceaselessly helped his fellows, whether they were attracted by this beautiful man teaching friendship with God, or whether they, as so frequently happened, desired a welcome listener to hear about their life's opportunities and challenges, or whether they were merely attracted by his concentric-circle lapel pin, which a friend had presented him with recently. Sek was always a patient and loyal communicator, ever ready to share from his inner guidance and expose the source of the momentous teachings he studied.

In a URANTIA workshop Sek gave just three days before his departure he emphasized:

(People) are crying for help. How can we sit still? We have what the world is searching for and how can we reach them? How can we have these glad tidings of great joy and not explode? I heard one of our readers say, 'It is the message of the book . . . you don't need to mention the book at all. As long as you give them hope and love, and the essence of God's message.' I say 'Okay, let's do that. Let's forever be ready to give the glad tidings. But let's do more.' . . . You talk to a man about the glad tidings, and you give him food for a day, but you get that man into The URANTIA Book and you have given him food for the rest of his life . . .

Sek engaged in unselfish ministry to the many thirsty souls he encountered, and he fearlessly introduced those with spiritual curiosity to the epochal teachings. And during the six years Sek was with the Book he became one of the most successful personal promulgators introducing The URANTIA Book to ever so many truthseekers on his path. He felt that one out of every two of his associates was prepared to receive a greater revelation of the First Source and Center of all beings and all things, our Creator, and to hear about the matchless Godliness and manliness of Jesus' life on this world and his complete and undistorted teachings.

Sek ministered actively and worked tirelessly until his last moment. He was a founding director of the Center for URANTIA Book Synergy. He was keenly interested in the wise use of media to reach the great number who are even now prepared to receive a higher revelation of truth. In fact, during the last 48 hours of his life, he continued to finalize plans for several major outreach projects with The URANTIA Book, utilizing the media he knew so well.