

Jan. 14, 1957

Rev. Bernice Brook
1804 Andrews St.
Fort Wayne 7, Indiana

Dear Rev. Brook:

Following our telephone conversation, I have decided to send the Urantia Book to you instead of waiting until Jan. 30th to deliver it to you. You know that it is from Ruth Yost, Ruth Anguish, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and ourselves. I think you will be much impressed with the Life of Christ and what it has to say about the amazing career of mortals following death. I see nothing in the book that would be out of harmony with spiritualism providing spiritualistic phenomena are regarded as natural or evolutionary and not supernatural or Divine Revelation. This does not mean that Divine Revelation on a smaller or individual scale does not occur sometimes through mediumistic channels or even the higher mental channels of the so called average person. Cosmic consciousness is something which we are only beginning to learn about through our evolutionary channels of knowledge.

In addition to the information given in the accompanying papers I might say that I have made a rather thorough study of the content and origins of the Urantia Book and am convinced of its authenticity. These revelations were completed around 1934 and were placed in the custody of a select group of people known as the Urantia Forum. You will find these people of highest caliber and unquestioned integrity. This first group was composed of seventy people under the leadership of Dr. William S. Sadler and his wife, Dr. Lena Kellogg Sadler. They were a nationally known medical team until Dr. Lena's death in 1939. As you may know, Dr. Sadler was a pioneer in the development of American Psychiatry. He has written over twenty-five books some of which have been standard text books in medical schools for many years. He was professor in the Post-Graduate Medical School of Chicago University and lecturer in psychiatry at McCormick Theological Seminary for almost thirty years.

Other men of international reputation who studied the Urantia Papers before publication and fully accepted them were the famous magician, Edward Thurston, and the noted explorer Sir Herbert Wilkins. Thurston, who took delight in exposing all sorts of fraud, became so absorbed with the Urantia Papers that he dropped his work for a whole year to make an intensive study of the Urantia Papers. Wilkins likewise took three months out of his busy career to study the papers.

Finally permission was given to publish the Urantia Papers and the Urantia Book was released to the public in October, 1955. At this time the Urantia Forum was organized into the Urantia Brotherhood with a constitution and by-laws. This was done largely as a defensive measure against fanatics who might get hold of the book and attempt to start a new cult.

William S. Sadler, Jr. is the current president of the Urantia Brotherhood. Mr. Sadler is an outstanding business man heading an agency which evaluates business executives and general plant efficiency of industrial institutions through out North America.

I Was personally introduced to the Urantia Book by Louis M. Hammerschmidt, a prominent lawyer, churchman and public minded citizen of South Bend; and W. F. Harrah, co-founder and honorary president of the board of the National-Standard Co. (a large industrial firm of the United States, Canada and England), a man of exceptional ability, character and integrity. All of these men and many others have approached the Urantia Papers with considerable skepticism but after careful study have become thoroughly convinced of their authenticity.

Obviously, not everyone is ready for the Urantia Book. It would disturb some people. I would recommend that you do not speak to others about it until you can do so from personal conviction growing out of a first hand study of the book. And then only to those who you feel are ready for it.

We shall look forward to seeing you Wednesday, Jan. 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Cordially yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger